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New moves set stage for stronger, combat-ready force

BY R.L. BROWNLEE AND
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ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The last few weeks have seen a lot of discussion — much of it confusing or inaccurate — about the condition and future readiness of the U.S. Army. We owe it to our men and women in uniform, their families, and our country to get the facts right.

No one disputes that there are currently strains on certain segments of our armed forces. A solution some offer is to increase the permanent end strength of our Army. But simply adding to the total number of people in uniform does not really get to the heart of the problem.

Let us explain. Today our Army has a total force of more than 1 million Soldiers. Yet the vast majority of our Army is

not currently deployed.

Approximately 123,000 — or less than 12 percent of the total force — support operations in Iraq or Afghanistan. In fact, 123,000 members of the 350,000-strong Army National Guard have not been called up.

Overall, 270,000 Soldiers are forward deployed in more than 120 countries, but with a total force in excess of 1 million, this should not stretch the force. Yet, it does. The strain on the force is caused by a force structure that was built for the Cold War. The solution to the problem is to create the right number of deployable Soldiers with the right skills in the right component.

This is why Army transformation is so critical. And so today, our Army is in the midst of the most sweeping transformation since World War II to significantly increase the number of deployable Soldiers and

units available around the world.

Army transformation is proceeding along three main avenues.

First, we are restructuring the force into modular formations with the right capabilities for our current and future security environment.

This restructuring increases the number of active-duty combat brigades from 33 to 43 or more, using a combination of new recruits and Soldiers drawn from other parts of our Army. Our goal is an Army with more cohesive and combat-ready formations.

Second, we are stabilizing the force with initiatives that will eventually allow most Soldiers to remain based at a single installation for longer periods of time. Stabilization will yield a more predictable lifestyle for our Soldiers and their families.

Third, we are rebalancing our force between the active component of the

Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. This initiative will give our Army more troops available with the skills we need to fight the Global War on Terrorism.

The Department of Defense is expanding our active Army rapidly without sacrificing standards or quality, using emergency authorities. And we plan to grow the active component of the Army by a total of 30,000 troops over the next three years. It is important to note the difference between growing our Army — a temporary measure granted under the Global War on Terrorism authorities and paid for with supplemental dollars — and increasing permanent end strength.

A mandated increase in permanent end strength means that

the U.S. Army would be required by law to maintain tens of thousands of additional troops on the payrolls, regardless of the need or the cost, and pay for them out of the Army's core budget. A mandated increase in permanent end strength would take away dollars needed for current and future programs, and threaten our transformation.

We are already growing our Army about as fast as we can. Our Soldiers are highly skilled and well trained, and it takes time and a significant training base to develop them. This deliberate growth will allow us to transform our Army in a way that gets at the heart of the problem, relieves the stress on the force, and does not sacrifice our Army's future.

We are able to grow our Army today because retention

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Scout on the Street

How much water is safe to drive through on the road?



JAMES BALENTINE
U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

“A foot or a inch, no problem.”



SPC. BROOKE BOYD
COMPANY A 309TH MILITARY
INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

“I would say about two inches, but it depends on your vehicle.”



SPC. JUSTIN PECK
COMPANY E, 309TH MIBN

“Depends on how big your truck is.”



SPC. CHRIS SHEFFIELD
COMPANY E, 309TH MIBN

“It would depend on the clearance of the vehicle from the ground.”

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Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, Commanding General NETCOM, presents the 11th Signal Brigade Colors to the new Thunderbird Commander, Col. Michael S. Yarmie.

New top Thunderbird

Yarmie takes command; Hurley bids farewell

1ST LT. BILL KNOTT

11TH SIGNAL BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On a day that went back and forth between rain and sunshine, Col. Brian R. Hurley relinquished command of the 11th Signal Brigade Thunderbirds to Col. Michael S. Yarmie.

As the Thunderbird Brigade stood at attention, the brigade colors, symbolizing the mantle of leadership for the brigade, were entrusted to Yarmie by Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, commanding general, Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command.

Hylton presided over the change of command that took place Aug. 5. He described the Thunderbirds at the end of Hurley's tenure as a "combat tested and combat ready signal brigade."

Hylton also commended Hurley on his superb performance as the wartime commander of a signal brigade that was the back-

bone of all communications in Southwest Asia during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Hylton then warmly welcomed Yarmie as the new 11th Signal Brigade commander.

"[Yarmie] brings a wealth of experience, talent and dedication to his new position," Hylton said.

Hurley, the commander of the Thunderbirds since August 2002, will move on to Washington, D.C. to be the chief of J6A, the Joint Staff. In his farewell speech Hurley reflected upon his two years as the commander of the Thunderbirds.

"Commanding the Thunderbirds has been the highlight of 31 years of military service," said Hurley. "The Soldiers before you are all heroes."

Yarmie, a former commander of the 86th Signal Battalion – a subordinate unit of the 11th Sig. Bde. – said he was "greatly humbled by receiving again the privilege of command."

"It is great to be wearing a Thunderbird patch again," said Yarmie.

Yarmie was most recently the chief of staff, G-3, NETCOM/9th Army Signal Command.

Keller named new deputy commander for USAIC&FH

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca is getting a new deputy commander. Col. Brian A. Keller reported for his first day on the job Monday, coming from Fort Bragg, N.C. where he was director of intelligence (J-2) at the Joint Special Operations Command.

Having been deployed for about 21 of the last 36 months in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, Keller said he plans on using lessons learned in the field to augment his new role at the intelligence center.

"I think our primary response now is to realize that our nation and our army are at war," Keller said.

"We're at war. And because we are at war, our value added is to provide Soldiers and leaders the skill sets they need to be effective in support of their commanders."

Keller said the intelligence center's role in the Global War on Terrorism is to help train leaders and Soldiers so they have all the capabilities that to execute their tasks in both a tactical and joint environment.

He added that initial entry Soldiers at Fort Huachuca should not only train in intelligence, but should also sustain the soldiering they received at basic combat training.

"When they go to basic training, they're going to get that very important combat savvy, that combat fieldcraft," he said. "We have to sustain that here, while at the same time, really fine tuning and building technical capabilities. It's a balance."

The process of becoming a Soldier doesn't stop after advanced individual training. The units that



COL. BRIAN KELLER

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High school faculty, supporters, parents meet at fort forum

BY AMANDA BAILLIE
SCOUT STAFF

Fort Huachuca's parents have been assured children attending Buena High School will receive the best education in Arizona.

"I believe Buena High is the best school in this state and we have a damned good staff," principal Tad Bloss told a meeting of parents, whose children will be attending the school for the first time this week.

He added, "I also believe that all the kids can be successful. This will be my fourth year as principal and so far it has been a great ex-

perience."

Parents with any fears, concerns or questions about the Sierra Vista school were invited to an open forum at the fort's Fitch Auditorium, where they had the chance to meet Bloss, Buena High's lead counselor Mark Boggie, assistant principal Kriss Hagerl, community resource officer Jerry Wolfe, transportation director Sue Durbin and Javier Barron, Fort Huachuca's school liaison officer.

Also attending was Col. Timothy Quinn, chief of staff U.S. Army Intelligence

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New civilian personnel system to add efficiency, satisfaction

BY DONNA MILES
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SERVICE

The new National Security Personnel System will improve the working environment within the Defense Department

while creating a more satisfied, more productive workforce, Navy Secretary Gordon England said at a town hall meeting in July.

"That's what this is about: great job satisfaction," England

told his audience of Pentagon workers and Web and Pentagon Channel viewers. "We want everybody to go home every night and brag about the great job they accomplished that day. That is what we are trying to

accomplish."

Congress authorized the new personnel system as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. It will introduce sweeping changes to the way the department hires, pays,

promotes, disciplines and fires its 700,000 civilian workers, doing away with antiquated practices England said have bogged down the department for decades.

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Battlefield experience assists in training

BY SGT. KRISTI T. SAAVEDRA
SCOUT STAFF

When initial entry training Soldiers conduct field training exercise, there is another group of Soldiers training alongside them.

Most of these Soldiers wear combat patches on their right shoulder, having already been deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Their real world experience can help educate those who are new to the Army.

During a recent FTX for Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, common task training was incorporated into the five-day exercise.

Prior service Soldiers, from Company E, 305th MI Bn. assisted in training the IET Soldiers in land mines recognition, as well as reacting to different kinds of mines, basic first aid, reacting to a casualties, communication on radios, land navigation and tactical troop movement.

"When they (Soldiers) get out on



Photos by Sgt. Kristi T. Saavedra

Soldiers from Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion are trained extensively in common task training while out on their field training exercise. Skills include commo, buddy aid, land navigation and tactical troop movement, which can be used when trying to get from one point on a map to another.

the battlefield, they'll know what to expect and what to look for," said Sgt. Jimmy Griffin, who was previously stationed with 801st Maintenance Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Griffin said the best part of helping train Soldiers is knowing that they are the future of the Army. With proper training, they'll know how to react to situations around the globe.

"You want to have them trained up so when stuff hits the fan their reaction is quick," said Sgt. David Routen, previously with 112th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

Soldiers will need to possess the skills of communication in order to keep the chain of command informed, said Spc. William Woodruff, previously with 235th Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Woodruff, who assisted in commo training, said skills such as radio communicating, should become second nature to the Soldiers. "It is important to get their basic skill levels up so they can carry their weight on the battle-

field," Woodruff said.

Soldiers in early stages of training not only learn from their drill sergeants and instructors, they also learn from their peers.

"It's different when it comes from a book than a person who's seen it and done it for real," said Sgt. Joshua Cecil, previously stationed with the Rakkasans, 187th Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Ky. "It gives them a feel of realism."

Pfc. Calvin Price, a Soldier who attended advanced individual training at Fort Huachuca, helped teach first aid, a skill that is possibly the most important on the battlefield.

"Soldiers need to know what to do ahead of time so they don't get out there and panic," Price said.

The Soldiers respond well to training and receive extensive instructions



Applying a field dressing is one of the valuable skills taught for first aid.

on the Soldier skills they must possess, said Woodruff.

"Basic soldiering skills not only help out in the military, but also in life," said Cecil. "Expect the worst and hope for the best." Cecil also feels that the reaction and response to the training is successful.

"They have to respond, because either they listen or they don't come back," he said.



Being able to shoot an azimuth, as Soldiers such as Spc. Frank Stella, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, learned, is one of the keys to finding a point on a map.

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and recruiting remain very strong. Despite the obvious dangers, hardships, and sacrifices, tens of thousands of qualified Soldiers choose to join or stay in the U.S. Army every year. In the active Army, Reserves and National Guard, we are meeting our retention goals for this fiscal year. We are also close to meeting our recruitment targets, even as our

Army increased those recruiting targets by several thousand this year.

Transforming the force while fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters in the war on terror is a tough management and leadership challenge. It is not unlike tuning an engine while the car is moving — complex, and potentially dangerous.

But when large organizations face demanding new circumstances, they must change to meet those challenges. Our circumstances today, as an Army serving our nation at war, are providing a tremendous strategic opportunity. The convergence of our current momentum, our focus and the increased resources provided by Congress, over our core bud-

get, in this time of war provide an opportunity for change that we cannot afford to miss.

Simply stated, we have an ambitious task ahead, but with the continued support of the American people, we will get it done. As we overcome these challenges, our all-volunteer Army of active, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers are serving with tremendous skill and courage around the

world. We are honored to serve with each and every one of them.

Rest assured that our Army is not only taking actions to be successful today, but we are seizing an opportunity to remain relevant and ready tomorrow.

(Editor's note: R.L. Brownlee is the acting secretary of the Army. Gen. Peter J. Schoemaker is chief of staff of the Army.)

Pre-course sets Soldiers up for success

111th MI Bde started class to help Soldiers

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Attending the Primary Leadership Development Course is most future noncommissioned officers' first chance to be put in a leadership position. The stress, pressure and task requirements are often a little more than Soldiers can handle, but the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade has created a program to set Soldiers up for PLDC success.

The pre-PLDC course, sponsored and taught by the 111th, was originally created two years ago to prepare the brigade's own Soldiers for PLDC, said Sgt. William R. Price, pre-PLDC instructor. "We wanted our Sol-

diers to not only succeed, but to excel and go beyond the standard of just passing."

The class began as just a review of leading physical training, drill and ceremony, map reading and land navigation. "The reason we focus on these subjects is because that is what Soldiers have the hardest time with when they go to PLDC," Price said. "At PLDC they expect you to know this stuff already so they don't spend very much time reviewing this information. It may seem like really basic stuff, but you would be surprised at how many Soldiers really need help with it."

The four-day course is now open to Soldiers across post and begins with a 6:30 a.m. briefing telling Soldiers what to expect from their prep course. Recent PLDC graduates are on hand during the briefing to answer any questions about the school and during the training

to help the Soldiers train to Fort Bliss PLDC standards, Price said.

At about 8:30 a.m., the Soldiers head out to work on PT, but they won't be running or doing push ups and sit ups. In PLDC, the focus is for Soldiers to learn to lead. For more recent and future PLDC Soldiers, a whole new PT program is being taught to the future leaders, Price said. The new, and soon to be universal, PT program consists of a series of exercises combined to make Soldiers more physically combat ready. PLDC focuses on correct instruction of the exercises and stretches and correct movements of the PT formation.

The days following are filled with drill and ceremony practice and land navigation. In drill and ceremony, the Soldiers are tested on how well they give commands and march a formation, Price said.

During land navigation segments, Price said he introduces everything from how to read a map, to resection, intersection and polar coordinates. "I try to cover everything that they will be tested on in PLDC."

At the end of the course, Soldiers can focus on what they don't feel confident in, Price said. "I go over whatever the Soldiers feel they need more training on."

So far, the course has been serving its purpose. According to Price, about 99 percent of the Soldiers from Fort Huachuca have graduated the PLDC course and about 40 percent have received recognition on the Commandant's List or higher.

Pre-PLDC courses are offered monthly, usually scheduled about two weeks before PLDC begins. For more information, call 1st Sgt. Russell Carey, 111th MI Bde. at 533-2089.

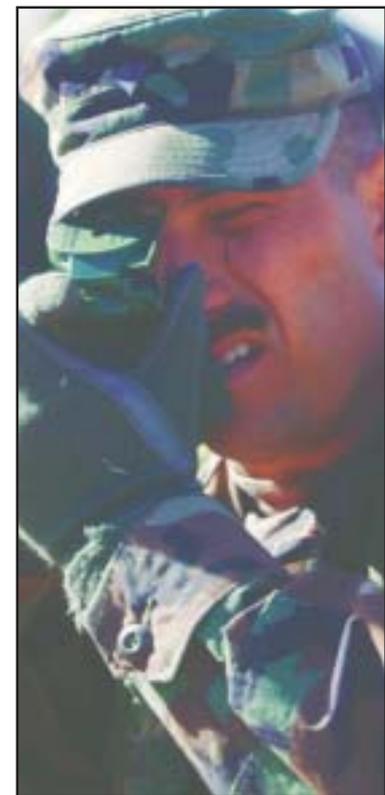


Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Land Navigation is part of the pre-PLDC training.

Transitional benefits ease health care concerns for returning servicemembers

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As many military men and women return home from wartime deployments and prepare to end their active duty service, one of their prime concerns will be to ensure that health care coverage for themselves and their families is not interrupted. Many of them will be eligible for TRICARE benefits available through the Transitional Assistance Management Program. These transitional benefits will help them maintain their coverage while bridging the gap between military service and civilian life.

Certain service members who served less than six years' total active federal military service are eligible to receive the TRICARE benefit for 60 days after their separation date, and those who served for six years or more are eligible for 120 days' of TRICARE coverage after their separation. These include

- members involuntarily separated from active duty.
- reservists separated from active duty who were called up or ordered in support of a contingency operation for an active duty period of more than 30 days.
- members separated from active duty and involuntarily

retained in support of a contingency operation.

• members separated from active duty following a voluntary agreement to stay on active duty for a period of less than one year in support of a contingency mission.

TRICARE eligibility is determined by the sponsor's Service branch and by information available in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

To make sure their family members are eligible for TRICARE transitional health care benefits programs, service members must be sure to update their information in the DEERS. This can be done at the local military personnel office or identification card issuing facility.

If the service members and their eligible family members want to keep their TRICARE Prime coverage under their Transitional Health Care Benefits, they will have to reenroll by submitting a new TRICARE Prime enrollment application. Otherwise, they may use their TRICARE Standard or Extra benefits. Information about these benefits can be found at www.triwest.com. The TRICARE Prime Remote and TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members Programs are not an option for beneficiaries eligible for TAMP.

More information about TAMP and the TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project can be found at

www.tricare.osd.mil or by contacting the TRICARE Information Center at 1-888-DOD-CARE (363-2273).

Continued health care benefit program

The Continued Health Care Benefit Program offers a private, conversion health plan, for 18 to 36-month transition periods, that's similar to, but not the same as, TRICARE Standard. CHCBP is not part of TRICARE but provides similar benefits and operates under most of TRICARE's rules. It is available to former service members and their families, to some former spouses who have not remarried, and to children who no longer qualify as dependents but who enroll and pay quarterly premiums.

To make use of the CHCBP, eligible individuals must enroll within 60 days after separation from active duty or loss of eligibility for military health care. For enrollment forms and specific eligibility and enrollment information, contact the DoD's CHCBP contractor:

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., Attn: CHCBP
P.O. Box 740072
Louisville, KY 40202
(800) 444-5445, option 4.
www.humana-military.com

Community, post recognize outstanding servicemembers

BY SPC.
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The Military Affairs Committee of the Greater Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their August luncheon Wednesday at the LakeSide Activity Centre where they took the time to honor the post's servicemembers of the quarter.

After an update about goings on in the Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca communities by Mayor



Spc. Heather Sterzick

Tom Hessler and Col. Jonathan B. Hunter, garrison commander, two Soldiers, an airman and a Marine were honored for

their outstanding performance in the second quarter.

"These honorees have done a great service to their country, Fort Huachuca and the Sierra Vista area," Hessler said.

Spc. Heather Sterzick and Sgt. Joseph Mueller, both from U.S. Army Garrison were recognized with plaques and prizes for their exceptional performance at the post Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Month boards. In the Army, Soldiers and NCOs



Sgt. Joseph Mueller

are recognized for their knowledge of the Army and their composure and presence before the board.

The Air Force NCO of the Quarter was Tech. Sgt. John Holcomb. "I was very proud to have the chance to shine for JITC [Joint Interoperability Test Command]."

"He's my right hand man," Holcomb's supervisor Senior Master Sgt. Mark Warren said. "I can give him a task and consider it done and that's very important. He's had a lot on his shoulders this past quarter and he rose to the challenge."

Marine of the Quarter, Lance Cpl. Benjamin



Tech. Sgt. John Holcomb

Greer had already left on orders at the time of the luncheon. His first sergeant

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Intelligence improvements saving lives

BY JOE BURLAS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

New military intelligence technology and improvements in tactics, techniques and procedures over the course of the last year are saving Soldiers' lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to Army G2 officials.

Lt. Col. Steve Iwicki, deputy director for Actionable Intelligence, G2, and Lynn Schnurr, G2 director of Information Management, updated the Pentagon press corps on military intelligence transformation efforts Aug. 5.

Iwicki related a recent incident in Afghanistan where a small U.S. patrol in a remote area started observing similar signs that a patrol in the same area had observed a year earlier just before being attacked by a significantly larger force. The earlier patrol suffered a number of casualties. With the help of new intelligence capabilities, the recent patrol was able to leave the area without incident in the face of a superior numerical force via the one avenue the enemy had left uncovered.

While stating he could not get too specific due to security reasons, Iwicki said the new ca-

pabilities included:

- A persistent sensor capability that kept the patrol and its surrounding area under observation for eight hours. That particular sensor was generally unavailable to support units at the patrol level a year ago.

- Intelligence analytical centers across the globe provided "real time" intelligence feedback. They viewed the feed from multiple collectors and helped the patrol avoid the enemy. This reach-back capability out of theater and the use of tactical intelligence overwatch are no longer just concepts, Iwicki said, but now are business as usual for the Army.

Schnurr talked about the new use of biometric systems that use unchangeable body characteristics such as fingerprints or retinal patterns to verify identities on the battlefield.

She talked about an Iraqi man briefly detained by the Army last September that was scanned with a biometric device, entered into a database and later released. The same man was detained in July under suspicious circumstances, looking radically different and using a different name. Another biomet-

ric scan and comparison to the database quickly tied him to the earlier incident, despite his denials.

The ability to make timely intelligence linkages in dealing with individuals is critical today as the Army is no longer operating in Cold War environment of force on force — it is about people, Schnurr said. "It is difficult to understand who the people are, and if they are really who they say they are," she said.

While significant progress has been made in sharing intelligence information all the way from the tactical to the national level, we can do better, Iwicki said. He related a year ago about 400,000 patrols were made in Iraq, but only 6,000 reports of those patrols made it into the system.

One fix is beefing up the intelligence sections at battalion and brigade level, something that is being done with divisions growing from three combat brigade teams to four units of action. Those force structure changes more than doubles the number of trained military intelligence operators and gives the S2 shops intelligence equipment normally found at the division or higher level.

Another fix to sharing infor-

mation is the creation of two-person intelligence liaison teams assigned to each battalion. Their job is to visit each company, find out what has happened of intelligence value with the unit in the previous 24 hours and then help the battalion S2 section to input the reports into a shareable database. This fix is in use in Afghanistan and Iraq, Iwicki said.

A third fix in the works is a handheld computer system, known as the Commander's Digital Assistant. It was initially developed as part of the red force/blue force tracking system. Dropdown menus allow Soldiers to quickly compile digital reports of what is going on in their area, and an integrated satellite-band modem gets it into the intelligence database.

The CDA is designed for use by military intelligence collection teams and normal infantry patrols.

CDA has already passed technical and user assessments. A final unit evaluation is scheduled for late August prior to 100 being sent to Iraq and Afghanistan in October. The initial needs assessment funds about 1,000 of the devices, though Iwicki believes that it will eventually become part

of every Soldier's alert bag in the future.

Division commanders have about 15,000 Soldiers, each a sensor that can report timely information on their parts of the battlefield if properly equipped, Iwicki said.

The Army has implemented fixes to some 120-plus intelligence issues it identified a year ago, Schnurr said. G2 continues to hold weekly teleconferences with Central Command commanders and intelligence professionals in Iraq and Afghanistan to assess how those fixes are working and determine what additional issues need to be addressed, she said.

Iwicki described many of the technology fixes as looking at what the Army needs the military intelligence field to do in the future and "spiraling" pieces of those technologies forward.

"We know we are not getting the final product," Iwicki said. "There are going to be versions two and three down the road, but the capabilities we can use today are saving lives."

(Editor's note: See earlier related articles, Initiatives seek to transform Army intelligence capabilities and Actionable Intelligence relies on every Soldier.)

Slow down**Military Police crack down on speeding**

BY AMANDA BAILLIE
SCOUT STAFF

Drivers on post have been warned to slow down – or face the consequences.

Military Police are stepping up their enforcement of local speed limits, with housing and school areas coming under the spotlight.

Now the new school year has arrived, following the long summer break, MPs are worried that many drivers will still fail to heed the 15mph speed limits.

“This is a major concern now that the kids are going back to school,” said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Ransford, from Law Enforcement Operations. “During the year we identify areas on post which will have problems with regards to speeding and there are always problems where there are homes and schools.

“Hall Circle, in particular, is always a big concern because there are a lot of cars and a lot of children there. Also, the houses are built very close together and nearly everyone has two cars, even though there is only parking for one.

“And even though the speed limit is 15mph, people are always in a hurry to get out, especially because it’s a one-way system.”

Although MPs enforce the speed limits throughout the year, over the coming weeks there will be more cars out on patrol, as well as a more prominent use of the electronic speed sign.

Ransford hopes that the higher visibility of patrol cars alone will make drivers slow down.

“Most people slow down as soon as they see one of the MP cars and we will be very visible during the start of the school year,” he said. “We would much rather

drivers just slow down rather than us have to issue a ticket.”

He added that it was not unusual for some drivers to regularly travel at 10-15 mph over the speed limit.

“And anyone caught doing twenty-one miles per hour over the legal limit is actually committing a criminal offence,” said Ransford. “Then things can get very serious. You could have your driving license suspended and a report will be forwarded to the Criminal Records Center. In some cases, depending on the circumstances, you could also be charged with reckless driving.”

Ransford went on to say, however, that he believed the standard of driving on post was better than off Fort Huachuca.

“I think that’s because we are more visible and a lot stricter in enforcing the law,” he said.

Local law enforcement state speeding #1 problem***Typical day for police shows multiple speeding stops***

BY AMANDA BAILLIE
SCOUT STAFF

“If drivers cut their speed by just ten miles per hour then there would be far fewer accidents on the roads. People are always in such a hurry to get somewhere,” said Officer Brian Summerfield, highway patrol officer with the Department of Public Safety, who

had just spent part of his eight-hour shift clocking speeds of up to 15mph above the highway limit.

Of the six people he stopped in two and a half hours, four were driving too fast.

“If someone is speeding over a short distance because they are in a rush to get somewhere, then they will probably only gain a minute or two,” he said. “So

what’s the point?”

Speeding is the most common violation committed by drivers in the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista area.

Speeding motorists can claim the top spot in the list of violations, closely followed by driving through a red light, ignoring a Stop sign and failing to come to a complete stop when turning right on a red light. Driving under the influence, illegal aliens and drug trafficking are also part of his routine.

During morning and afternoon rush hour

the DPS concentrates its efforts on busy Highway 92, the worst area for road accidents.

In the increased volume of traffic, as people made their way home from work between 4:30 and 7 p.m., Summerfield spotted a car failing to heed a stop sign, a driver traveling at 63 mph in a 55 mph zone, too close to the vehicle in front and not wearing a seatbelt, a truck breaking the speed limit by 10 mph, a badly cracked wind-

shield and two cars doing 70 mph in a 55 mph area.

He issued a few tickets, fines and warnings, before sending the offenders on their way.

His aim, and that of the DPS, is to reduce the number of traffic accidents on the local highways.

“Eighty per cent of our work is trying to be pro-active, rather than reactive,” he said.

“What we are trying to do is just be visible, slow traffic down and reduce the number of accidents. Most of it’s due to speeding to inattention. If people paid more attention to their driving, that would be great help.”



Photo illustration by Elizabeth Harlan

Range closures

Today – AA, AC, AD, AF, AG, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Friday – AA, AC, AD, AF, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Saturday – AB, AD, AF, AU, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Sunday – AD, AF, AU

Monday – AD, AF, AH, AK, AL, AP, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Tuesday – AD, AF, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AP, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday – AD, AF, AL, AM, AN, AP, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2

For more information, call 533-7095.

Sing like Toby?

The Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office is looking for a Soldier to sing Toby Keith's "American Soldier" for Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast's assumption of command ceremony planned later this summer. To schedule a voice audition/recording, call Angela Moncur, command information officer, at 533-1985 or Ken Robinson, public affairs specialist, at 533-1283.

Preschool screening

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District will be conducting a preschool screening today and Aug. 19 for all 3-, 4-, and non-kindergarten 5-year-olds residing on Fort Huachuca.

The screening instruments the schools intend to use are designed to survey gross-and-fine-motor skills, communication skills, cognitive development and socio-emotional development. In addition, they will be testing hearing and vision.

Through the screening process, the schools hope to identify those children in need of any type of early childhood special education services.

USAIC organization day

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center Organizational Day will be Friday.

Fort Huachuca Welcome

The Fort Huachuca Welcome briefing will be at 9 a.m., Friday, and Aug. 25 at the Murr Community Center. For more information, call Sara Ripley at 533-6874.

Resume, Resumix classes

There will be a Revive Your Resume and Resumix class, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday and 5:30 – 8 p.m., Tuesday at Army Community Services. For more information, call Roberta Sipes, 533-6870.

Welcome ceremony

The welcome ceremony for Col. Brian A. Keller will be at 7:15 a.m., Tuesday, on Brown Parade Field.

Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee will be 10 – 11:30 a.m., Wednesday in the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Conference Room, Building 51005. The chair for this quarterly conservation committee meeting will be Col. Jonathan B. Hunter, garrison commander.

The program for this meeting will be a presentation of the work on a collaborative, regional ecosystem monitoring program and its connection to the National Park Service's Vital Signs Monitoring Program.

For more information, call Robert Bridges at 533-1863.

FHCSC annual membership drive

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club will hold its annual membership drive 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesday at Murr Community Center. There is no charge to attend. Current members, as well as anyone interested in the activities of the FHCSC, are encouraged to attend.

Local businesses, crafters and community representatives will have individual booths. Information will be distributed and products may be purchased at the event.

For more information, call 378-3475.

BOSS meeting

There will be a Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meeting at 3 p.m., on Wednesday at Murr Community Center. The meeting agenda will include an overview of BOSS, and upcoming activities and plans. Food will be provided.

Child abuse class

There will be a Child Abuse Identification and Reporting Class, 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 19 at Army Community services.

For more information, call 533-6873.

College representative

A Southwestern College Representative will be on post, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Education Center, Building 52104.

For more information about Southwestern College, visit the Web site at www.sckans.edu, call a military advisor toll-free at 888-684-5335 ext. 220 or e-mail the advisors at military@sckans.edu.

AFTB Level I classes offered

Army Family Team Building will offer AFTB Level I classes 5:30 - 9 p.m., Aug. 24, 25 and 26 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, call 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.

Blood drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Aug. 25 at Eifler gym.

Change of command

Company C, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion will change command 7 a.m., Aug. 25 at Building 81305. Capt. Regina R. Nixon will relinquish command to Capt. Patricia C. Cawdrey.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Eifler Fitness Center.

DIS closure

The Directorate of Installation Support will be closed 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Aug. 26 to attend Organizational Day activities. However, there will be minimal assistance for service orders. Anyone with a priority service order can call 533-3151/2003. The Housing Office will be open 7:30 – 11 a.m.

Shoppette grand opening

The grand opening and ribbon cutting for the shoppette near the Main Gate will be a 9 a.m., Aug. 27.

Women's Equality Day

The Fort Huachuca Military Equal Opportunity Office is hosting an event to celebrate Women's Equality Day on at 9:30 a.m., Aug. 28. This event will begin with a re-enactment of the Women's Suffrage March of 1913 held in Washington DC. The route will begin at the main post chapel parking lot and end at the main entrance to the Main Exchange. There will be booths, displays, games and other re-enactments by the local Vigilante acting troupe centered on the theme of equality for women.

For more information, call the Military Equal Opportunity office at 533-1717.

Telephone work order deadline

The Information Management Agency has established an Aug. 30 cutoff for submitting new work orders to the Directorate of Information Management. Work orders received after Aug. 30 will be held until fiscal year 05. Emergency requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, call the chief, Network Support Division, 533-1937.

PX, Commissary meeting

The PX/Commissary Council meeting will be 1 – 3 p.m., Aug. 31 in Room 3, at the Murr Community Center.

AFTB Level II

The Army Family Team Building classes will be held 5:30 – 9 p.m., Aug. 31, Sept. 7, 14, 21, and 28, and Oct. 5.

For more information, call Andrea Sovern, 533-3686.

Golden Knights tryouts

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights" are currently accepting applications to attend their annual Assessment and Selection Program in September. A downloadable version of the application is available on the Golden Knights' Web site: www.armygoldenknights.com. To become a Golden Knight applicants must have a minimum of 150 freefall parachute jumps, a flawless civilian and military record and volunteer to become Airborne qualified.

Applications are now being accepted, packets can be sent to the U.S. Army Parachute Team P.O. Box 70126, Fort Bragg, NC 28307.

For more information, call Golden Knight Administration Office at 910-396-4800.

Contractor ID Card issuance

According to the Identification Card Section of the Adjutant General Directorate the Common Access Cards are not issued to contractors for the sole purpose of identification; they will only be issued to contract personnel who require network access. To meet verification requirements, a new statement must be added to block 36 (Remarks Section) of the DD Form 1172-2, application for Common Access Card, that states the contractor requires access to government computers. This statement must be signed by the Organization Information Assurance Security Officer.

This change requires the contractor to obtain two organization approval signatures. The DD FORM 1172-2 can only be presented to a DEERS/ ID Card Clerk after it has been completed and signed in front of the authorizing DoD contracting officer. The officer's original signature must be present on the DD FORM 1172-2 in section III block 45 and the IASO must sign after this to confirm the necessity for issuance of the CAC.

Both of these approval authorities require a DD FORM 577, signature card, on file at the ID Card Section.

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For example, the new system will consolidate nine separate personnel systems that now govern DoD civilian workers. England said streamlining these systems into one "will make it easier to manage and certainly better for our employees."

Responding to questions from the Pentagon audience and emails from as far away as Hawaii, England explained that the system will include faster procedures for hiring new workers, pay based on performance rather than tenure and "pay bands" to replace the current general-service pay scale.

Details of the new system are still being worked out, said England, who was tapped by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld earlier this year to put NSPS into place. He added that valuable input has come from a variety of pilot projects, which he called "learning exercises to make sure we've got it right before we start."

By the year's end, England said he expects to publish in the Federal Register proposed regulations for the new civilian human resources, labor-management relations and employee appeals and grievance systems.

The first DoD civilians are expected

to come under the new system in summer 2005, and DoD will phase in the system for the next three years, through late 2008, England said.

Despite these projected timetables, England stressed that the implementation will be "event-driven, not time-driven."

"When we are ready we will do it, and not before," he said.

In the meantime, England said DoD is seeking input from all corners to make sure it comes up with the best civilian personnel system possible. "It's a collaborative process, it's not negotiating to an answer," he said. "It is getting input from literally thousands of people around the country and around the world so we can understand their views."

England acknowledged that putting the new system into place while continuing DoD's mission will be a bit of a challenge. "It's a little like maintaining an airplane while it's flying," he said. "The process has to be thoughtful and reasonably measured."

He said the new system, when fully in place, will benefit employees while making the department better able to respond to the challenges ahead, includ-

ing the terrorism threat.

"The whole premise is to have a highly effective workforce ... that dearly loves to work for the Department of Defense, is well-trained and highly competitive," England noted. The result, he said, will be "a system that best represents our most valuable asset: our people."

Fort Huachuca will host an NSPS Town Hall meeting for Department of Army civilians Sept. 2 at Fitch Auditorium. Due to limited seating in the auditorium, two sessions are scheduled - one at 10 a.m. and another at 1:30 p.m. 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 at-

tend 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.

David Snyder, the Army's Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel Policy, will provide information about the current status of the NSPS, key milestones and will allow for a question and answer period. It is highly recommended that commanders, leaders, directors and their civilian employees take advantage of the opportunity to participate in this event.

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.

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accepted his awards for him.

Also recognized were the June and July Civilians of the Month. Linda Reed, New Beginnings Child Development Center, the June COM, was on vacation in Hawaii, but July's COM, Tanja Linton, media relations officer for the Public Affairs Office, was on hand.

"This is really heartwarming," Linton said. "It's a hard job, but it's a great job. This puts the spotlight on PAO and what we do."

Guest speaker, retired Maj. Gen. Gerd Grumbacher was also recognized for his volunteer work with the United Way since his retirement from the Army.

September's MAC luncheon will be the last held at the LakeSide. From October on, luncheons will

be held at the newly remodeled Thunder Mountain Activity Center, formerly La Hacienda.



Retired Maj. Gen. Gerd Grumbacher

Civilians of Month named for June, July

Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month for June was Linda Reed of the New Beginnings Child Development Center.

Other nominees were James Hocker, 11th Military Intelligence Brigade, Frederick McAfee, NETCOM, and Schenando Nason, MEDDAC.

Fort Huachuca's Civilian of the Month for July was Tanja Linton of the Public Affairs Office.

Other nominees were Shirley A. Hayden, Communications Security Logistics Activity; and Steven T. Wilson, 11th Military Intelli-

gence Brigade.

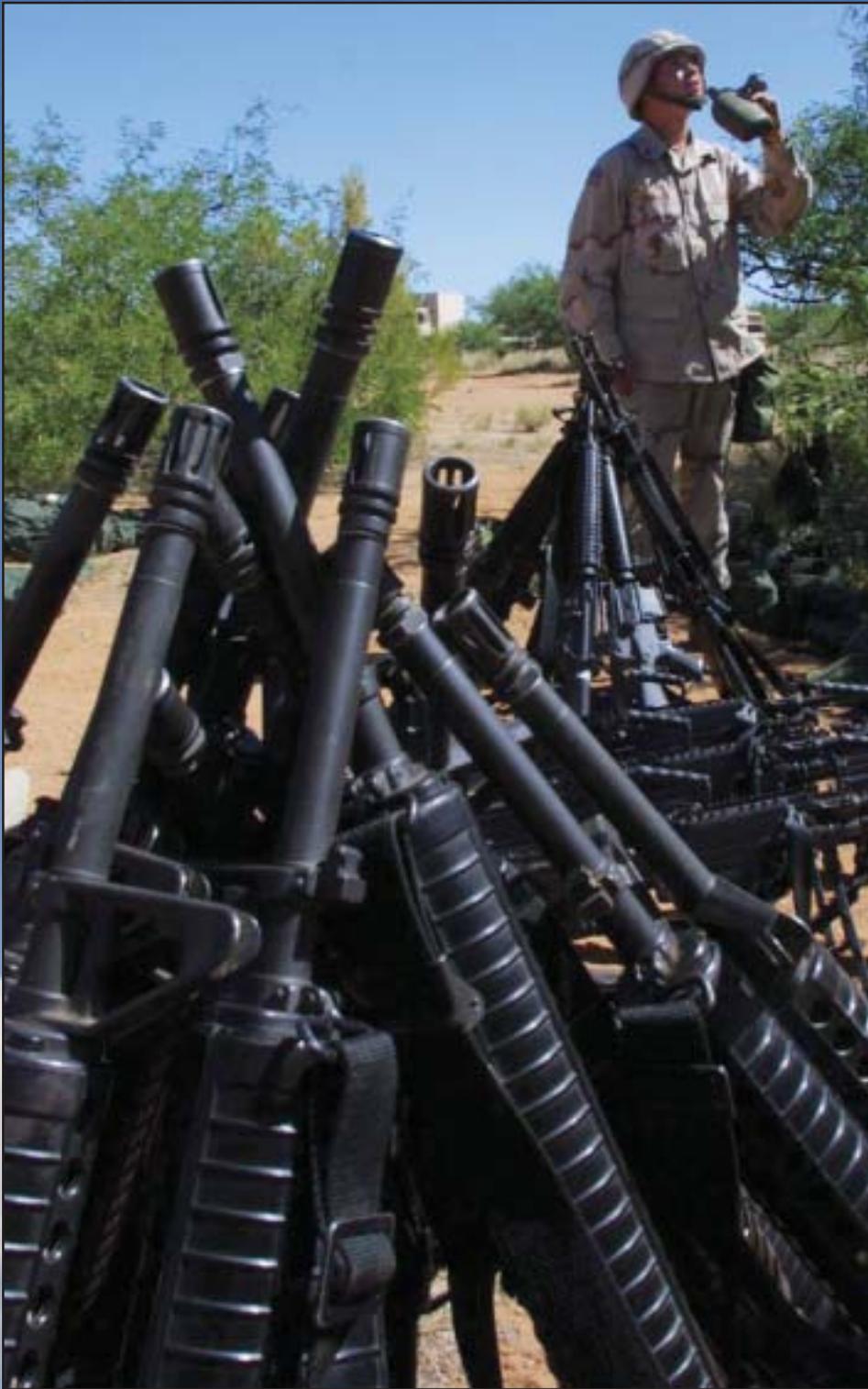
Civilians of the Month receive the use of a car for a month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; a Morale, Welfare and Recreation certificate for lunch or dinner from a Fort Huachuca establishment; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and their name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Nominate your deserving

civilian 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 CPAC at 533-1481.



Tanja M. Linton



Photos by Sgt. Mike Petersen

Even watching weapons is hot work in Arizona. A Soldier takes a drink during tear down.

Ready, reset, Thunderbirds prepare

BY: SGT. MIKE PETERSEN
11TH SIGNAL BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For the 11th Signal Brigade, the past year has been one of challenges met and overcome. As the Army's go-to signal unit, the Thunderbirds tested their training, experience and ingenuity on the battlefields of Iraq.

But what happens after "mission accomplished?"

The answer: reset. It's a word that has not only become commonplace around the brigade, but also has become the brigade's axis in preparing for tomorrow's missions.

As any veteran Thunderbird will attest, there will always be another mission.

A moment to rest

"As a commander of a redeploying unit, I have multiple priorities," said Col. Brian R. Hurley, 11th Sig. Bde. commander. "My key priorities are restoring the health of my Soldiers, the capability of my equipment, the training proficiency of my subordinate units and the capability of the brigade as a whole. We need to be ready for follow-on missions and any mission our national command authority may ask of us."

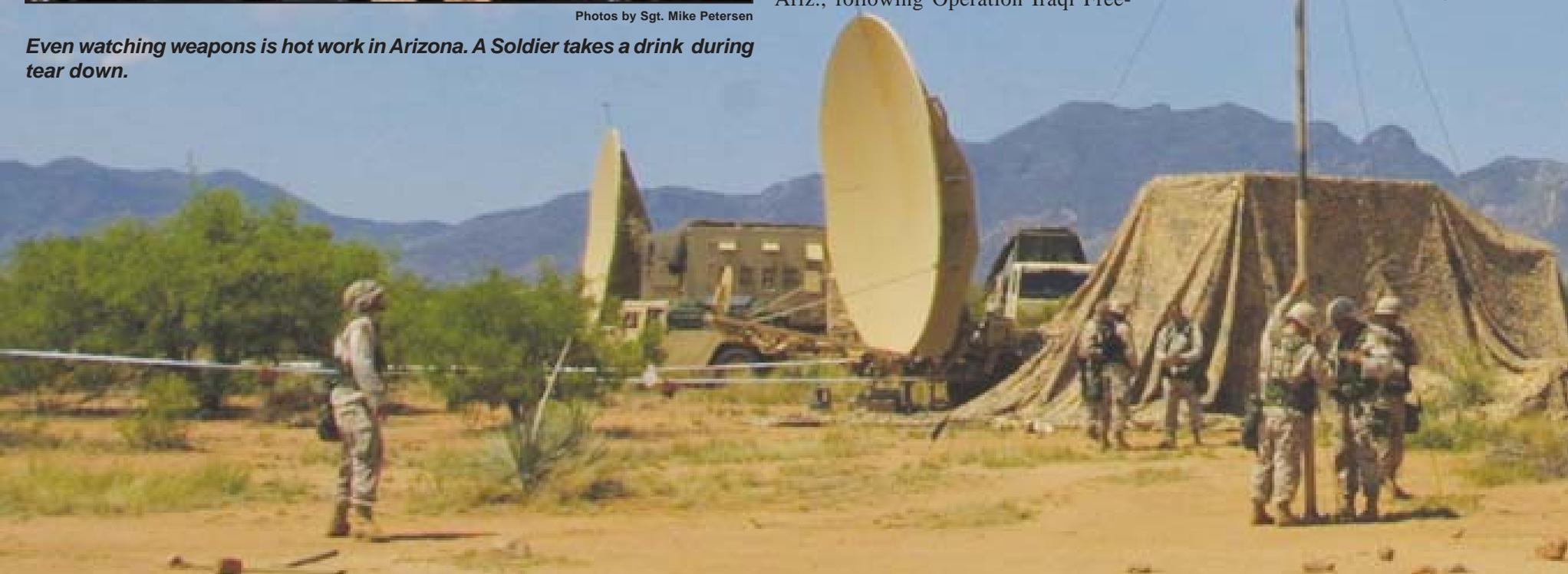
The first phase of reset began when Soldiers returned to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., following Operation Iraqi Free-

dom. Hurley immediately ensured the recuperation of his troops. Once Soldiers had received all mandatory briefings and counselings needed for redeploying troops, he gave them some much-needed family time.

Once the first phase was completed, work began at every level of the brigade to get people and equipment back into fighting shape. For the Soldiers this meant continuing training within their



Before each shift change, incoming Soldiers leave the enclosed area, ready for the next



go are for next mission

units. Common Task Testing, Sergeant's Time Training and qualification ranges resumed to keep troops current with their skills and equipment.

Applying lessons learned

As the Thunderbirds resumed the training they are accustomed to in a garrison environment, Hurley and his staff began applying the lessons learned overseas.

"Operation Iraqi Freedom taught us a lot. In addition to validating what we already knew, a lot of lessons were learned," said Hurley. "The purpose of a reset is to restore the condition of our people and equipment. It's also a chance to implement upgrades based on those lessons learned."

One facet of resetting equipment was upgrading the pieces of equipment that proved their worth in combat operations. Single Shelter Switches – the backbone of the OIF network, according to Hurley – are being given more capabilities from data packages to better air conditioning. Unique to the 11th Sig. Bde., the TriBand (AN/TSC-143) terminals also made a huge contribution and will be made even more capable than it has already proven itself to be.

While the top ranks of the brigade work on planning the reset, there are hundreds of Soldiers executing those plans to get the brigade ready for any new mission. 1st Lt. Joe Burzynski, an operations officer with 11th Sig. Bde. S-3, is the officer working to fill in the blanks and make things happen.



Soldiers must consume nutrients to be ready to fight, or train. Mobile dining facilities are used during training.

"My role is pretty much to compile from the battalions what is needed and overseeing the big picture," said Burzynski. "A lot of times I act as go-between among all the players involved, civilian and military, in the process. I try to bring them together and make their ideas work."

Whether running between offices and warehouses or checking on the status of hundreds of pieces of equipment, Burzynski finds that while the plan for reset seems like a complete picture, there are many elements that need attention.

"The hardest part of this is the depth of it. There are so many levels doing so

many things, I don't know every person and every plan," he said. "I'm learning more and more as I go along, and it's been fast and furious."

KICC me

In the cloud of dust behind the re-deploying Thunderbirds, the signal network in Iraq stayed operational with the help of commercial off-the-shelf communications equipment left behind. As part of the brigade's plan in OIF, the COTS equipment was used not only because it was the most modern, but also could be left in-system to speed the commercialization of the network.

"The Kuwait Iraq C4 Commercialization program was designed to commercialize the Iraqi theater in order to allow units to get out. We left a lot of commercial equipment in-system,

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Soldiers are briefed. Following a briefing Soldiers are in the briefing phase.





Service News



Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

The Department of Defense announced the deaths of nine Soldiers and 10 Marines in the Global War on Terrorism since Aug. 2.

Marine Sgt. Juan Calderon Jr., 26, of Weslaco, Texas, died Aug. 2 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Marine Cpl. Dean P. Pratt, 22, of Stevensville, Mont., died Aug. 2 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton.

Spc. Justin B. Onwordi, 28, of Chandler, Ariz. died on Aug. 2 and **Pfc. Harry N. Shondee, Jr.**, 19, of Ganado, Ariz. died on Aug. 3 from injuries sustained supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both were killed in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near the vehicle they were traveling in while on patrol. Both were assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 12th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Tommy L. Gray, 34, of Roswell, N.M., died Aug. 3 in Taji,

Iraq, when he became caught between two motor pool vehicles. Gray was assigned to the Army's 215th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.

Marine Capt. Gregory A Ratzlaff, 36, of Olympia, Wash., died Aug. 3 due to a non-combat related incident at Forward Operating Base Duke, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 166, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, Calif.

Gunnery Sgt. Elia P. Fontecchio, 30, of Milford, Mass., died Aug. 4 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Joseph L. Nice, 19, of Nicoma Park, Okla., died Aug. 4 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station Twentynine Palms.

Marine Sgt. Moses D. Rocha, 33, of Roswell, N.M., died August 5 due to injuries received from enemy action in An Najaf, Iraq. He was assigned to Battal-

ion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton.

Spc. Donald R. McCune, 20, of Ypsilanti, Mich., died August 5, in Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol on August 4 in Balad, Iraq. McCune was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment, 81st Brigade Combat Team, Moses Lake, Wash.

Pfc. Raymond J. Faulstich Jr., 24, of Leonardtown, Md., died Aug. 5 in Najaf, Iraq, when individuals using small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy. Faulstich was assigned to the 89th Transportation Company, 6th Transportation Battalion, 7th Transportation Group, Fort Eustis, Va.

Marine Sgt. Yadir G. Reynoso, 27, of Wapato, Wash., died Aug. 5 due to enemy action in An Najaf Province, Iraq. **Marine Cpl. Roberto Abad**, 22, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Friday due to enemy action in An Najaf Province, Iraq. Both Marines were assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton.

Spc. Joshua I. Bunch, 23, of Hattiesburg, Miss., died Friday in Baghdad, when individuals using small

arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his vehicle. Bunch was assigned to the 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.

Lance Cpl. Larry L. Wells, 22, of Mount Hermon, La., died Friday due to enemy action in An Najaf Province. He was assigned to Unit Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton.

Pfc. David L. Potter, 22, of Johnson City, Tenn., died Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries. Potter was assigned to the 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.

Staff Sgt. Craig W. Cherry, 39, of Winchester, Va. and **Sgt. Bobby E. Beasley**, 36, of Inwood, W.Va. died on Saturday, in Ghazikel, Afghanistan, when their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. Both Soldiers were assigned to the Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 29th Infantry Division (Light Infantry), Winchester, Va.

Lance Cpl. Jonathan W. Collins, 19, of Crystal Lake, Ill., died Monday due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton.

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Center and Fort Huachuca, and the Buena High military liaison officer.

Quinn, whose 14-year-old daughter will be attending the school for the first time this year, said, "Nothing is more important than my daughter's success in life and that starts with a great education.

"I've heard that this is a great school and that if any child is motivated and knows what they want to do in life, then they will do great

at Buena High.

"I was also told by a colonel that he turned down Fort Huachuca because his daughter would be enrolled in Buena High. But it is too easy to find the negative. Our thoughts should be about how we can get past any problems and make Buena High the best high school in Arizona. I think Buena High will be what the parents make it."

Parents were also assured that the school, which has up to 2,500

students and had an 86 percent graduation rate in 2002, is well equipped to deal with military children.

"We know more about military students today than we did three years ago," said Bloss. "And that's because we have been given the knowledge. We were especially pleased to welcome Major General and Mrs. Marks, who told us about the Military Child Education Coalition. We have opened up an honest dialogue and we do better

today than we ever have."

It was also acknowledged that some parents, and new students, would be alarmed to find an armed police officer permanently stationed at Buena High.

But Wolfe said he believed his presence had a very positive effect. "I'm there for three main reasons – to help the school administer juvenile law, to teach law related education and also to talk to all freshmen about what they can expect at Buena High,"

he told parents. "I work with the students and talk to them about any problems they may be having."

He added, "Although it's not my job to handcuff the students and haul them away, there will be occasions where I have to arrest someone. But sometimes it may be better for the student to be arrested.

"But Buena High is not going to ruin your child. It is a great school with great opportunities."

KELLER, from Page 3

Soldiers are deployed into also do a great deal to shape them and take them to the next level, he said.

Keller highlighted the importance of intelligence in the GWOT.

"The war we're in right now is definitely a function of fighting for intelligence and human intelligence is a key resource in gaining access to the enemy we face," Keller said. "We face an enemy today that is

very close knit, very OPSEC [operations security]-savvy, very sophisticated. We need to match that with very mature, seasoned leaders who are the best in the business."

"I'm very honored to be, for the first time in my short career, in the position where I will be responsible for doing that [training Soldiers] for the Army at large instead of a unit that I've been assigned to," he

said.

Keller expressed his gratitude to the Soldiers who have volunteered to serve in the Army today.

"Thank you for deciding to serve your nation while it's at war," he said. "They [today's Soldiers] are now the greatest generation because they have consciously decided to meet the national call to fight enemies that want to destroy us, make no mistake about it."

MISSION, from Page 11

In April 2003, Lt. Col. Joseph Schaefer, assistant project manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems/ KICC, took charge of the newly created KICC program before it had been chartered.

“At that time, we had very little as far as our staff. We relied very heavily on 11th Signal Brigade,” said Schaefer.

Once KICC was up and running, the program’s responsibilities grew. First, Schaefer and his team needed to replace \$37 million worth of communications equipment the Thunderbirds had installed, as well as buying an additional \$30 million worth of commercial satellite terminals in the OIF theater of operations to replace the tactical equipment the brigade took home.

At a small warehouse on Fort Huachuca, the first phase of the KICC program was made official April 25. Hurley and members of his staff toured the warehouse that would soon

equip the brigade for its next mission.

“We’ve finally been able to deliver on that promise to [provide new COTS] equipment that, due to operational requirements, was left in the network,” Schaefer said.

Their next responsibility is overseeing the commercialization of a permanent communications network in Iraq. Microwave towers, technical control facilities, manhole and duct systems and satellite parks will all be installed in-theater to provide high-level fixed communications in Kuwait and Iraq, Schaefer said.

Let’s take this outside

The capstone of all the maintenance and training in the reset process was the 11th Sig. Bde.’s field training exercise, Operation Banging Thunder.

The Thunderbirds spent the third week of July establishing a communications network from sites throughout Southern Arizona. Lt. Col. Mark D. Baxter, brigade S-3, joined the Thunderbirds June 14. While he hadn’t deployed

with the brigade for OIF, he knew the importance Banging Thunder would have on the Thunderbirds.

“In general terms, there’s been a realization of the change the brigade has gone through from conquering heroes to a unit ready to go overseas again,” Baxter said. “The Soldiers are using equipment they’ve never used before and have to learn about. It’s a natural progression from knowing everything in your lane to admitting ‘I don’t know.’”

“The turnover of personnel has been huge,” he said.

While the field exercise was not 100 percent successful as far as the communications network was concerned, Baxter recognized the value of getting the Soldiers in the field with their equipment and identifying problems.

“There is a lot of back-to-basics training and defining of roles and responsibilities to be done,” Baxter said. “The brigade was so cohesive for such a long time in the desert; with all the changes since then, it’s hard for the new people to pick up the ball and run

with it.”

Training exercises will be conducted at the battalion level prior to the brigade’s next outing as a whole, said Baxter, with each subordinate unit ironing out its problems prior to putting the whole network together again.

Tomorrow’s Thunderbirds

“Refit and reset are bringing the brigade back up to speed – not just one battalion, but the entire brigade is becoming state-of-the-

art,” said Burzynski. “It’s really positive for the brigade. Our capabilities will be greater wherever we go.”

“Resetting the brigade is probably as daunting a task as deploying,” said Hurley. “Without the unbelievably hard work and cooperation of all our Soldiers, this would not happen. They’re doing an amazing job, and our nation should be proud of them.”



Visiting senior enlisted Soldiers receive a briefing during the exercise.

Jeannie's Diner serves up meals

Nostalgic setting has free juke box, casual food

Jeannie's Diner is a casual, '50s and '60s theme restaurant that offers quick, friendly service and reasonable prices. The diner is conveniently located inside Desert Lanes Bowling Center. It's a great place to bring the entire family, for great food and an afternoon or evening of bowling.

To add to the nostalgic feel at the diner, the main jukebox is free and it's stocked with all your favorite "oldies" from the '50s and '60s.

The menu choices at the diner range from breakfast items like biscuits and gravy, French toast and omelets to thick, juicy burgers, or crisp, green salads, a variety of sandwiches, to fish, chicken and shrimp dinner platters, and deserts such as banana splits, hot fudge sundaes and root beer floats.

Be sure to check out the lunch specials at

Jeannie's Diner, served from 10:30 a.m. until they're gone, Monday - Friday. There's something different every day. A few of the specials coming up during the remainder of August include lasagna, open-faced turkey sandwiches, fried chicken salad, chicken tenders and bratwurst. All lunch specials are served with a 16 ounce drink.

A new feature at Jeannie's Diner is the "Burger of the Month."

During August, the special is the Hawaiian burger. In September, the special will be the pizza burger.

The diner offers savings cards for their regular customers. The Coffee Club card, the Salad Club card and the Breakfast Club card are available to any authorized MWR patron. The card holder will receive a free cup of coffee, salad or breakfast after purchasing five qualifying items.

Hours at Jeannie's Diner are: 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday - Thursday; 6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., Friday; noon - 11 p.m., Saturday, and noon - 5 p.m., Sunday.

Beginning Sept. 1, the following hours will go into effect at the diner: 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Monday - Saturday, and noon - 8:30 p.m., Sunday.

Take-out menus are available, and call-in orders are accepted. Call 533-5759.



Boating safety class Saturday

A boating safety class will be offered 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday at the MWR Rents Building 70914, Irwin Street. The class is free and open to the public.

Completion of a boating safety class is required for anyone who wishes to rent a boat from MWR Rents. For more information, call 533-6707.

Monsoon Open skeet shoot

The Arizona Skeet Shooting Association will present the "Monsoon Open" skeet shoot, beginning at 8 a.m., Aug. 27-29 at the Sportsman's Center. The club championships will be determined by this competition.

For more information, call Mick Gue at 533-7085.

MVGC to hold Post Championship

Mountain View Golf Course will host the 2004 Post Championship beginning at 8 a.m., Aug. 28 and 29. Last year's winner, Brendon Denker will be there to defend his title.

There is a \$30 entry fee and \$18 cart fee for both days. Participation will be limited to the first 144 paid

entrants. Deadline to sign up for the tournament is 5:30 p.m., Aug. 26 at MVGC Pro Shop.

For more information, call 533-7088.

Fun Fest vendor applications available

Vendor applications are now available for the 2004 Fun Festival, to be held Sept. 17 - 19 at Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista. The festival is open to the public and an attendance of approximately 5,000 is anticipated.

Military units, private organizations and individuals from the surrounding community have an opportunity to raise funds at the 2004 Fun Festival. Applications can be picked up at Barnes Field House, and must be postmarked before Sept. 7.

For more information, call 538-2022.

Up to six guests now allowed 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

Box Office

Discounted tickets available

The MWR Box Office has discount tickets for several water parks, including: Waterworld and Breakers in Tucson, Ariz.; Big Surf, Tempe, Ariz.; Sunsplash, Mesa, Ariz.; and Waterworld, Phoenix, Ariz.

Other offers available at the Box Office include:

- Tickets for the following attractions at Tucson Convention Center: Sept. 6, the Kumbia Kings; Sept. 7 - 12, the Broadway musical, "Movin' Out;" Sept. 17, Nancy Wilson in concert for the NAACP Freedom Fund Gala; Sept. 23 - 26, El Tiradito. These tickets may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., only.

- Discount tickets for the Tucson Sidewinders baseball games, on selected dates, now - Sept.

- Discount tickets for Seaworld, hotel reservations and other attractions in San Diego.

- Buy one day, get a second day free at Universal Studios, Hollywood. The Box Office can also assist you in making reservations at the Sheraton Universal Hotel.

The MWR Box Office is available to help you get the best prices and deals possible for your travel and leisure activities. They can help plan your vacation, a weekend getaway or get tickets for that special event you'd like to attend.

The Box Office can also assist you in making hotel reservations for Tucson or Phoenix. They can book rooms at reduced rates that can save you money.

For more information, call 533-2404, or drop by the MWR Box Office located in Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary. The Box Office is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

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.

2004 Army Soldier Show survey

Army MWR is soliciting feedback about the 2004 Army Soldier Show. Comments and feedback are instrumental when planning for the future. The survey is at <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/entertainment/soldiershow/survey/>.

Free art classes for active duty, families

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts Center offers free art and craft classes to active duty military and their immediate family members, all day Saturday and every other Saturday thereafter. All participants must produce a military identification card.

Attendees will have their choice of classes, including: pottery, sculpting, watercolor, ceramics, silhouette cuts, scrapbooking, stained glass and framing.

Please register in advance at the MWR Arts Center, located on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary. For more information, call 533-2015.



Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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Movies

Spiderman 2 plays at 7p.m. Saturday at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 18.

Border Patrol detains 111th

Border Patrol ends season undefeated, 111th makes it to tournament too

BY SPC. MATTHEW E. CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF

The Department of Homeland Security Reservists and Affiliated Contractors Gladiators cruised to another Commander's Cup volleyball win and secured the League 1 regular season crown by crushing Headquarters and Headquarters Company 111th Military Intelligence Brigade in a 7 p.m. game on Aug. 4 at Barnes Field House.

Before the game both coaches reflected on the past season and their upcoming playoff bound teams' chances.

"They're pretty good," said Gladiators' coach Dave Escobar. "We've got some challenges there, but I think we can overcome them. We started off the season a little shaky but we're improving as we go. Our main competition in the playoffs will be MEDDAC, Marine/Navy Detachment and USAG."

Escobar said his team keeps from getting complacent by showing up at least a half-hour before each game so they can

get focused.

"We've been playing together for three years," Escobar said. "We practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Eifler Gym all year round."

Even if we don't win the title our season will still be considered a success, Escobar said.

"Our strategy is no mistakes, they're a good team," said Coyotes' coach Steven Marteo. "We should be locked in for the playoffs. After each game we work on our weaknesses in the next practice. We have some players with talent. The others without experience are learning from the guys with experience."

The first game started as a route and ended the same way. After the Gladiators jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead, the Coyotes called timeout to regroup.

It was too little, too late as the Gladiators pushed their lead to 9-1, which forced the Coyotes to call another timeout to try to slowdown the onslaught.

It didn't happen as the

Gladiators were led by the good hands of setters Escobar and J.J. Ramage who placed the balls for the hitters to smash spike after spike down the throats of the Coyotes' front court.

The first game's final tally was Gladiators 15, Coyotes 1.

The teams switched sides for the second game and initially it looked like the Coyotes would turn things around as they jumped out to an early lead over the Gladiators.

Once again the Gladiators showed their mettle and caught the Coyotes from behind to knot the game at 7 all. The Coyotes called a timeout to refocus.

The Gladiators came back from the short rest firing on all cylinders. The Gladiators finished off the listing Coyotes with a relentless 8-1 run behind the outstanding all-around play of Gladiators' Charles Rossman and Jason Bryan.

After Gladiators' Micah Hill smoked the final serve over the net, the second game and the match were over. Final score for game 2 was Gladiators 15, Coyotes 8 and the



Photo by Matthew E. Chlosta

Department of Homeland Security Gladiator Steven Haubner, left, helped his team defeat the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Coyotes including Mark Ridlon, center and Jim Vigg, right, in Commander's Cup volleyball Aug. 4 at Barnes Field House.

Gladiators got one step closer to an undefeated season.

Both coaches were thinking playoffs in their post game comments.

"First game they just straight outplayed us," said Marteo. "Second game we had better chemistry and stayed close. They're a good team. They're all aces. We will work on serving, covering dinks and spiking. Our blocking was

good, a lot better than other games."

"We tried our rotation in the first game and it worked well," Escobar said. "So we'll save that for the best teams in the playoffs. We can always use work on our passing."

Editor's note: The Gladiators won their second match of the night against JITC, to complete their undefeated regular season.

Cadence in housing areas is a no go!

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Physical training is an Army fixture. The armed services of the United States can't fight when called upon if its members aren't physically ready to meet the demands of battle. That's why the first thing Soldiers do every morning is PT.

While most PT is conducted with units, it is still important to know so basic regulations and keep safety in mind.

Officially designated PT areas are in the Apache Flats and Military Intelligence Village areas, according to Fort Huachuca Regulation 600-2. The regulation states road guards for these areas are assigned for duty from 5 to 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

in the Apache Flats area, and at the discretion of the 111th MI Brigade commander in the MI Village area.

For units to run on roadways outside of these areas, leaders need to request an exception to policy to the G-3 Operations Center at least two weeks prior. When units are running outside of the designated areas, they must run no more than three abreast and have at least two road guards with reflective vests at the front and the rear of the formation. Formations running with more than three abreast must also have additional safety personnel and exit all major roadways before 6:30 a.m.

"Units/individuals running on roads through or near housing areas will do so without calling cadence or making loud noises," the regulation says.

Runners also need to be aware and accountable

for their personal safety to avoid injury.

"Know your limitations, listen to your body," said Bruce Heran, Fort Huachuca safety manager. "If something starts to hurt, take heed. It is far better to slow down or stop than to be out of action for an extended period of time."

Heran added that it's important to check the weather, run with a buddy or a cell phone, avoid drugs and alcohol beforehand, stay away from known hazards, warm up and cool down and carry identification.

"Variation of acclimatization among runners is an important concern," Heran said. "Fort Huachuca is a high altitude location that has some pretty hot days. The combination can be lethal to individuals that haven't had time to acclimatize."



Pfc. Clarence Reeves III of Fort Sill Okla., spends his time between numbers getting ready for his next song.

Army Soldier Show rocks Sierra Vista

BY SPC.
MATTHEW E. CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF



Sgt. Kevin Cherry, of Fort Lee Va., sings an OutKast tune to Sgt. Tara Montgomery of Camp Humphreys, Korea.

The US Army Soldier Show blew the roof off the Buena Performing Arts Center with their performances on Aug. 2 and 3.

The show Aug. 3, led by performer and former Sierra Vista resident Pfc. Clarence Reeves III, Fort Sill, Okla. and Chandler, Ariz. native, performer Sgt. Abimael Leon, Fort Hood, Texas, won over the hearts and minds of the raucous crowd with their performance of "The Heart of a Soldier."

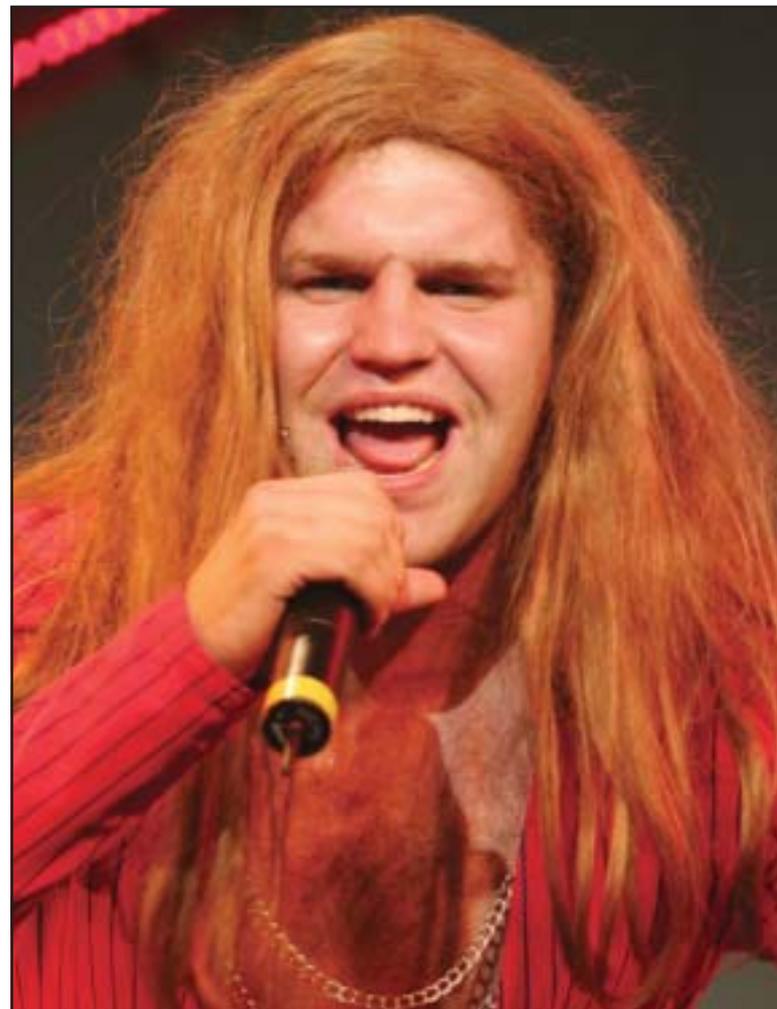
"I've always loved to sing," Reeves said.



The auditorium was filled from wall to wall.

"I've been a performer my whole life," said show performer Pfc. Heather Jenkins, Fort Drum, N.Y. "I learned how you can affect people by singing and performing. We show you can still have fun, being in the Army is not all just being deployed."

The show kicked off with a musical rendition of the Soldier's Creed and never let



Pfc. Kevin Allen of Ft. McPherson, Ga., rocks the audience with a hit from the '80s.

up for the face-paced high-energy 90-minute MTV style musical showcase.

"It makes a difference seeing and knowing that the families can enjoy what we do and take their minds off of their family members who are deployed," Jenkins said.

The show had the flavor of a professional Broadway production as the numbers ranged from tearjerker solo performances to duets to group dance numbers.

Early in the show a performer came on stage as a drill sergeant before he broke

into the classic song, "My Girl."

The positive energy was flying all around the packed auditorium during the climactic middle portion of the show.

With the audience totally mesmerized, clapping and singing along, the performers did a continuous musical medley blitz. They interwove renditions of rock and roll, alternative and rhythm and blues songs from the 70's, 80's, 90's and today.

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As the final number the cast performs patriotic songs in their dress blues.

Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

Soldiers aim for gold in Athens

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

BY TIM HIPPS

Eighteen Soldiers and four competitors from other U.S. military branches will represent Team USA in the Summer Olympic Games at Athens, Greece, Friday through Aug. 29.

The U.S. Army is providing eight shooters, two modern pentathletes, a race walker, a rower, a wrestler, a marathoner who may double in the 10,000 meters, a head coach for boxing, a Greco-Roman wrestling coach, a rifle coach and a gunsmith for the world's largest sporting event. The Air Force will be represented by a hammer thrower, race walker and fencer. The Navy will provide a rower.

Chad Senior, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, will compete Aug. 26 in modern pentathlon, a five-sport event that includes pistol shooting, fencing, swimming, equestrian riding and cross-country running.

Senior, 29, of North Fort Myers, Fla., finished sixth in the event in the 2000

Olympics at Sydney, Australia. He was leading after three events before a skittish horse refused two jumps in the equestrian event, ruining his golden moment.

"I don't think the same thing can happen now; I'm a much stronger rider than I was in 2000," said Senior, who returned to the sport after 18 months of soul searching following his heartbreaker in Australia. "I just hope I can have the same day I had in Sydney, aside from the ride."

One day after Senior's grueling event, Anita Allen, 26, of Star City, Ind., will compete in the women's modern pentathlon.

Oscar Wood, 29, an Army WCAP wrestler from Gresham, Ore., defeated five-time national champion and 2000 Olympian Kevin Bracken of New York Athletic Club in the finals of the 66-kilogram/145.5-pound Greco-Roman division of the U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team Trials to earn an Olympic berth.

Wood, who will wrestle Aug. 24 and 25, will have another Soldier in his corner. Shon Lewis, 37, of Oakland, Calif.,

is one of three Greco-Roman coaches for Team USA. He has led All-Army wrestlers to three of the past four Greco national team titles and twice been named Greco-Roman Coach of the Year by USA Wrestling.

Basheer Abdullah, 41, of St. Louis, is the head coach for Team USA's boxers. He served as technical coach in the 2000 Sydney Games and will be assisted in Athens by Newport News, Va.'s, Anthony Bradley, a retired Army master sergeant and former WCAP coach who handled Abdullah during his career in the ring.

Matt Smith, 26, an Army WCAP rower from Woodbridge, Va., will team with civilians Steve Warner of Livonia, Mich., two-time Olympian Paul Teti of Upper Darby, Pa., and Cincinnati's Pat Todd on Team USA's lightweight four that begins rowing Sunday with a chance to compete again Tuesday, Aug. 19 and 21 in the B final or Aug. 22 in the A final.

"I hope to succeed on the water but

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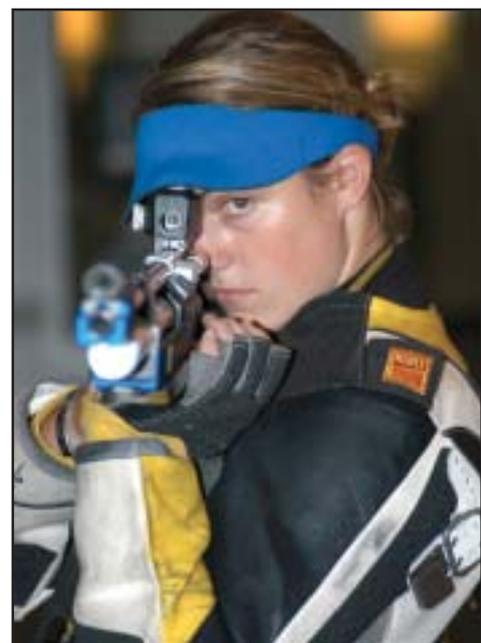


Photo by Tim Hipps

Hattie Johnson, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit from Athol, Idaho, will compete Saturday in 10-meter air rifle shooting in the Summer Olympic Games.

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Some of the diverse musical groups in the montage included: KISS, OutKast, Bon Jovi, the Beatles, Evanescence, No Doubt and the Beatles.

The show ended with a furious flurry of dancing and singing.

The beginning of the end started with the show's first ever Latin number, sung entirely in Spanish.

"I bring an eclectic

flavor," said Leon. "I do the show's first ever Latin number. I feel it represents the true multicultural and diversity of the Army."

After the Latin number, the show's finale included the song "I'm an American," an encore of a song by Charles Strauss, a final salute by the entire cast and the show ending with the Army song, after which the cast spilled out into the aisles of the

auditorium to meet and greet their enthusiastic fans.

"We've been watching them (Soldier shows) for years," said ecstatic fan and Sierra Vista resident Hank Schaeffer. "They've all been excellent. This was the top of the list. It was an excellent show, just awesome. It is the best talent in the Army, that is what makes it so great."

"It was wonderful," said Sierra Vista resident and wife

of a retired military member Monika Clinch, who was tearing up throughout the evening's extravaganza.

The Army Soldier Show is in the middle of their seven-month tour of Army installations worldwide.

We're like family, we're all very close, Jenkins said of her fellow cast and crew members, who are all Soldiers.

"Everyone has taught me something," Leon said. "I

would go to war with any one of them."

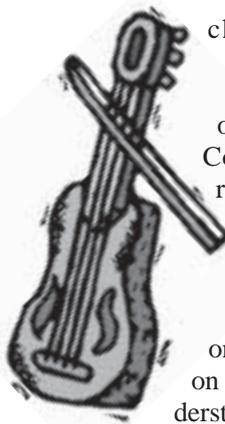
The show has performed in Germany, Italy and Cuba. By the end of their tour they will have visited 21 states and performed more than 110 shows.

"It's a family," said performer Spc. Emily Plasterer, 38th Infantry Division Band, Indiana National Guard. "I love every single one of them."

Mount Graham field trip

The City of Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Services invites the public to its Mount Graham Geology-Ecology field trip Aug. 21. Participants will depart from the Ethel Berger Center at 7 a.m. and travel to the Pinaleno Mountains and return to the center at 7 p.m. This trip examines the concept of sky islands in Arizona, how the mountain range evolved, the ecology of the Mount Graham Red Squirrel and the recovery of old growth forests after wildfires. Cost of the trip is \$28 per person. Pre-registration is required by Friday. For more information, call 458-7922 or log onto www.ci.sierra-vista.az.us.

Youth orchestra tryouts



The Cochise County Youth Orchestra announces that the orchestra's fall semester will begin Saturday. Current elementary or high school students from Cochise or Santa Cruz counties who read music and play the violin, viola, cello or string bass are invited to join the orchestra. To become a member, young musicians will be expected to be able to play one octave G, D, C and F major scales on their chosen instrument, and to understand whole, half, and quarter notes.

The orchestra meets weekly 4 - 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Catholic Church, 800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista. The tuition for the 18-week semester is \$75. Registration is now open. For more information, call Paula Dorrell at 439-0409.

Youth soccer registration

Registration is open now through Wednesday, for youth, 4 - 13, for the Fort Huachuca Soccer Club. Cost of the soccer program is \$35 for the first child; \$30 for the second child; and \$25 for each additional member of the same family.

Participants must be Child and Youth Services members. For CYS registration, call 533-0738.

To register for the soccer program, stop by the Youth Center, Building 49013, or call 533-3212.

Free breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will host a free, full breakfast to family members of Soldiers deployed to Iraq, 8-11 a.m., Aug. 21. The breakfast will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 156 West Kayetan Dr., Sierra Vista (off Taylor Dr., not far from the Main Gate).

Cross country coaches' meeting

The coaches' meeting for the 2004 Commander's Cup cross country season will be held at 10 a.m., Aug. 24 at Barnes Field House. All letters of intent to participate are due at that time. Letters of intent should include team coach's name, duty phone and e-mail address.

Team rosters are due Sept. 6. The season will begin Sept. 11. For more information, call George Thompson at 533-0040.

Military golf day

The Greater Huachuca Men's Golf Club and Turquoise Valley Golf Course will host a Military Appreciation Day Aug. 29. The shotgun start begins at 9 a.m. The \$25 fee includes golf, cart and lunch. Sign up no later than 4 p.m., Aug. 24.

Book recommended at library

If you're a warrior, more than one military authority recommends you read Pentagon's New Map. Its author, Thomas Barnett, is a senior military analyst with the U.S. Naval War College. He sees globalization and the U.S. superpower as the not so invisible hand in making war and peace in the 21st century. Check it out along with other hot and controversial books at your Main Library on Smith Avenue next to the Main Post Chapel. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 am to 7:30 pm and Saturday from 8:30 pm to



5:30 pm. For more information, call 533-3041.

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, ACS FAP Kids of the Block program coordinator, at 533-2993 or 533-2330.

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.

Pets Of The Week



Gretchen is an 8-10-week-old orange and white tabby domestic shorthair.



Dolly is an 8-10-week-old grey and white tabby domestic shorthair.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forhuachucapetfinder.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.**
White Chicks
PG-13
- Friday -7 p.m.**
Sleepover
PG
- Saturday -7 p.m.**
Spidernan 2
PG-13
- Sunday -2 p.m.**
Sleepover
PG
- Monday - Wednesday**
closed

Closed Monday through Wednesday. Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

Tune in to the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) for up-to-date community news, the latest in service news and information from Fort Huachuca and around the military.

The Fort Report airs at 6 and 10 p.m. weekdays with video highlights of local events. Other programming includes Army Newswatch at 6:30 and 10:30 p.m., Air Force News at 7 and 11 p.m. and Navy/Marine Corps News at 7:30 and 11:30 p.m.

The CAC is experiencing technical difficulties and will have limited programming options.

The lineup for the Commander's Fort Report includes: 11th Signal Brigade change of command, traffic construction, first day of school and Conseil du International Sports Militaire officials visit.

To get your message on the Commander's Access Channel, e-mail channel97@hua.army.mil.

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also to represent the Army, MWR and WCAP in a positive light and show the world that the U.S. is one of the better countries out there in rowing and in general - to show what freedom will do for you," Smith said. "It allows you to succeed."

Team USA also will feature Navy Ensign Henry Nuzum, 27, a two-time Olympian from Chapel Hill, N.C., who will team with Aquil Abdullah of Washington, D.C., in men's double sculls. They begin rowing Monday with the A final Aug. 22.

Dan Browne, 29, Oregon National Guard, of Portland, qualified for the Olympics by finishing third in the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes and 2 seconds. He will run the marathon, the final competitive event of the Games, Aug. 29.

Browne, a West Point graduate and former member of Army's WCAP, secured a second Olympic berth by finishing third in the 10,000 meters with a time of 28:07.47 in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team Trials at Sacramento, Calif. Should he decide to double in Greece, Browne will run the 10K Aug. 20.

John Nunn, 26, of Evansville, Ind., earned an Olympic berth with a second-place finish in the 20-kilometer race walk

with a time of 1:26:23 in the U.S. Track and Field Team Trials. Kevin Eastler, 26, a missile combat crew commander stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., also made the team by finishing third in 1:28:49. They will compete Aug. 20.

Also in track and field, James Parker, 28, a native of Great Falls, Mont., stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, will throw the hammer in qualifying rounds Aug. 20 with the final Aug. 22. Parker won the event in the U.S. Track and Field Team Trials with a throw of 77.58 meters/254 feet, 6 inches and will be the only American in the field.

Weston "Seth" Kelsey, 22, of Santa Monica, Calif., will fence in men's individual epee Tuesday and team epee Aug. 22. Kelsey, a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, is a two-time national champion.

David Johnson, 40, Army Reserves, a native of Mount Holly, N.J., who lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., is a WCAP shooting coach and 15-year member of the U.S. National Rifle Team who competed in the 1992 Barcelona Games. He will serve as Team USA's rifle coach Saturday through Aug. 22 at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Volleyball heads to finals

BY NELL DRUMHELLER

SCOUT STAFF

The Commander's Cup Volleyball tournament began Monday at Barnes Field House with one upset and two predictable wins. In game one Border Patrol easily sent Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion to the losers' bracket. In game two U.S. Army Garrison, who was tied for first in League two with a 6-1 regular season fell to Company B, MI Bn. who had finished the regular season in league one with a 4-3 record. The final game on Monday was between Medical Department Activity and Company E, 309 MI Bn. MEDDAC, with

a regular season record of 6-1 bounced the 5-2 MI team to the losers' bracket.

On Tuesday Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th MI, with a 4-3 regular season, beat the Marine/Navy, 6-1, team in the first game and then played Border Patrol in the third game of the night. The MI team lost to Border Patrol at 8 p.m., but the game is under player eligibility protest according to George Thompson of the sports' office. The second game of the night saw MEDDAC top Company B, 305th.

The tournament continues through Friday. For more information, call Thompson at 533-3180.

Toby Keith to play Phoenix

Toby Keith will bring his "Big Throwdown" concert tour to the Glendale Arena 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 20. Special guests Terri Clark and Scotty Emerick will

open the show.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Glendale Arena Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets or via the Internet at www.cc.com.

