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New phone books

This year's Thunder Mountaineer Unofficial Guide and Fort Telephone Directory has arrived. To reserve your copies, call Angela Moncur, command information chief, at 533-1985. Phonebooks may be picked up at the Public Affairs Office, Building 21115 on Brown Parade Field across from the gazebo.

April dinner meeting

The Coronado Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, formerly the Retired Officers Association, will hold its monthly dinner meeting starting at 6 p.m. Friday at LakeSide Activity Centre.

Cocktails will be from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner served at 7. The dinner meeting is open to MOAA members, spouses and guests.

For more information, call Chapter Secretary Joe Gill at 458-4099 or e-mail joegill1@cox.net.

Child care training

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is now accepting applications for the next training class that begins Monday. The training is from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 533-2498 or send an e-mail to fcc@hua.army.mil.

Gatewood meeting

The next Gatewood housing area Town Hall meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on April 26 at Murr Recreation Community Center. The main topic will be the new mayoral program, its impact on residents, and how business will be conducted in the future. All residents of Hall, Kautz, Brown, Patch, Fuller and Hanna are encouraged to attend.

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Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Life as a kid

Month of the Military Child celebrates kids in our community. On Saturday, Sydney Icenhower, 3, joined hundreds of other tykes who had their faces painted, visited with the Easter Bunny, and played in inflatable obstacles at Veteran's Memorial Park. For more on Month of the Military Child see Pages 4 and 5.

Portouw prepares to depart Commander will miss history of fort

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Col. Lawrence Portouw, garrison commander at Fort Huachuca for the past two years, is getting ready to pack his bags and head to Fort McPherson, Ga., where he will take the G2 position for Third Army. Portouw will hand over command on Wednesday to Col. Jonathan B. Hunter, the current G2 of U.S. Army South at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Portouw said he was both "disappointed and relieved" to be leaving a position he had put his heart and soul into for the last two years.

One of the biggest changes that occurred during his command was the placement of installation management under the authority of the Installation Management Agency about a year and a half ago, the departing colonel said.

"It's the biggest field operating agency in the U.S. Army with the biggest budget," Portouw said. "It's a staggering amount of change."

He said IMA has created more uniform services and funding levels across installations.

Other changes Portouw said he's seen under his watch have been the opening of the Time Out, an overhaul of Morale, Welfare and Recreation business operations and the remodeling of La Hacienda. Further, he predicted major changes to the LakeSide Activity Centre and a possible public/private venture to bring a bowling alley inside the post near the main gate.

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Smith band achieves highest rating

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

The Smith Middle School band traveled on April 3 to Phoenix to participate in Arizona's Pageant of Bands to be judged in their performance by music teachers and professional musicians. This year, Smith's band re-

ceived the highest rating, superior with distinction, which is like getting an A+, said Smith's band director Daniel Howdeshell.

He said he takes the band there to get an objective evaluation to make sure the band is doing what it's expected. Each band gets a rating ranging from poor to superior. The bands

are told what their rating is, but not what other bands' ratings are, so the pageant is not a competition, Howdeshell said. The bands get 30 minutes to play two pieces of music at the pageant, Howdeshell said.

"I knew we were going to do well," he said. "Every year it's different with different judges. This year was excep-

tionally wonderful for us."

Howdeshell said his 80 or so band members come in before school to practice from 7 to 7:55 a.m.

"The kids are real dedicated," Howdeshell said. "Even at that hour we have few problems with attendance."

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Photo by Sgt. Kristi T. Jaeger

Heroic actions were recognized when Corporal Edward N. Beal was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Frances English, Beal's sister, accepted the award on behalf of her brother who was killed more than 50 years ago in the Korean War.

Korean War Soldier honored

Distinguished Service Cross awarded more than 50 years after heroic action

BY SGT.
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More than 50 years ago a war was fought on foreign soil. It claimed the lives of more than 33,000 troops. A Soldier, who selflessly gave his life, has now been rec-

ognized for his heroic contributions during the Korean War.

The Distinguished Service Cross was presented Tuesday in a ceremony held at Brown Parade Field.

The award was presented by Congressman Jim Kolbe to Frances English, the sister of Corporal Edward Beal.

The DSC is second only to the Medal of Honor. Since the end of the Vietnam War, the U.S. Army has only awarded one DSC.

Beal, a native of Dou-

glas, Ariz., was posthumously awarded the DSC for his extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy near Chudong-ni, Korea while assigned to Company A, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

"This is the way it should be, an appropriate tribute," said Major Gen. James Hylton, commanding general Network Enterprise Technology Command.

English recalled when Beal enlisted in the military. Beal dropped out of

school in order to serve his country and threatened to lie about his age if their mother didn't sign for him to enlist, she said.

English, whose father and older brother served in World War II, was around 16 or 17 when her family was notified that Beal was missing in action.

He was later reported killed in action. "It doesn't set in until well after," she said. "I was quite young."

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TeamTalk

April is Month of Military Child



BY
MAJ. GEN. JAMES
"SPIDER"
AND MARTY
MARKS

This is Month of the Military Child. The kids have been having lots of good times with all kinds of special activities planned in their honor, and the excitement continues with another two weeks' worth of all sorts of fun things to do.

For instance, New Beginnings Child Development Center has a very special parade scheduled for 9 a.m. April 22. The children and their parents will be dressing up as their favorite children's storybook characters and walking through specific neighborhoods. This event is open to everyone, so you're welcome to participate, or come out to watch our storybook characters on parade. If you'd like more information about the parade route and times or any other events planned at the CDC for Month of the Military Child, call 533-3694/5209.

Speaking of our children – are you interested in caring for children in your home? This might be the perfect way for you to have a career you love while being able to work out of your own home. Our Family Child Care office provides free training, and classes begin this Monday. If you are interested in this super program, call 533-2498. On behalf of the entire community, our thanks to all the much needed, hard-working FCC providers on post.

Do you need a little help with check-book management or budgeting issues? Our Army Community Services folks are here to lend a hand. Throughout this month, they are offering lunchtime financial readiness classes from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at Murr Community Center. These classes are here to help you, and I applaud everyone who takes advantage of this program. The classes are a great tool you can use to hone skills you already have, learn new ones, and make sure you're on the right track with important financial issues before they become real problems for you. For more information, call 533-6884.

The ICW Superstars of Wrestling are headed for Barnes Field House Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 (children 6 and under are free); you can save \$2 by buying your tickets in advance. The card includes Disco Inferno, the Navaho Warrior, Lady Satan, and Hawaiian Lion. If you'd like an autograph or photo of one of your wrestling heroes, be at the Post Exchange from 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information on this super event, call 533-2404.

On Wednesday, we'll say farewell to Col. Larry and Charlotte Portouw, with the garrison commander's change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. on Brown Parade Field. Under Portouw's leadership, the Fort Huachuca garrison has continued to stay in the forefront of innovation and efficiency within the Army. Charlotte's involvement in community activities, including the Fort Huachuca Spouses' Club, has been a real blessing for all of us. We will surely miss them, and we wish them well in their next home and assignment. And, we know you all join with us in welcoming the new garrison commander, Col. Jonathan Hunter, and his wife, Judy.

One more reminder... spring clean up is set for April 26-30 and will focus on the cantonment area. Also, April 29 is set aside for all of us living in government quarters to pick up around our own homes. All organizations and directorates should also use clean up week to conduct a thorough police call around their buildings.

We have developed a list of community service projects available on post, including trimming roadside mesquite trees, weeding xeriscape areas, maintaining trails, and repairing picnic tables and benches. I ask all units to select a project from the list so that we can all – together – work to beautify and enhance the appearance of Fort Huachuca. Call 533-2619 for information on the complete list of community service projects, to select one to carry out, or to add a project that's not on the list but that you and your unit would like to do.

While our concerted clean up efforts take place just twice a year, I appreciate each and every thing you all do on a daily, individual basis to keep this great place we all call home neat and clean. Thanks!

Commentary

Your mother wears combat boots why not combat arms insignia?

BY SPC. KARIMAL MARES
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

In the scorching heat on June 28, 1778, a young woman carried pitcher after pitcher of water into the mist of cannon-fire during the Battle of Monmouth, searching for comrades in need of aid.

Seeing a Soldier fall to the ground, wounded by British fire, the woman, who had no experience as a gunner, picked up the gunners' rammer staff, and without hesitation manned the gun during heavy enemy fire.

This woman fought bravely in the face of danger.

This woman happened to be an artilleryman's wife — Mary Hays McCauly, better known as Molly Pitcher.

Even before Pitcher's time, women have fought alongside their male counterparts. Most of the time they have had to disguise themselves

as men so they could fight for our country, but nevertheless they fought.

Although women have been fighting for a long time, we weren't officially recognized as service members until Feb. 28, 1901. On that day, the U.S. military established the first permanent role for women, as

nurses in the Army, and 202 previously contracted nurses were inducted into the Army Nurse Corps.

By the time the 1940s rolled

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Scout On The Street

What is the best thing about your service branch?



"Situational awareness."

U.S. Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. Frank Cattle, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment



"Espirit de Corps. I see Soldiers doing nasty things and other Soldiers from different companies don't correct them because they're from a different unit. If it was any other Marine, I'd let them know and square them away."

Lance Cpl. Tyler Harlow
MARDET



"The thing I admire most about my service is the values that the Army represents."

U.S. Army Sgt. Tim Holley
Army Substance Abuse Program, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison



"The chance to have seen the world. I've seen everything except Europe. If it hadn't been for the Navy, I wouldn't have seen everything I've seen."

Petty Officer 1st Class
Jason McKay
U.S. Navy Cencryptology Detachment



"The opportunity to travel. Definitely."

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jill Schweigert
304th Military Intelligence Battalion



"The way the Air Force looks out for their families."

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Quentin Sereal
304th MI Bn

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Boardman new commander, Komo retires from IEWTD

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The Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Division, U.S. Army Operational Test Command at Fort Huachuca witnessed the passing of command to Col. Michael W. Boardman, from retiring Commander Col. Eugene Komo Jr. in a ceremony on Brown Parade Field April 8.

Brig. Gen. James R. Myles, OTC commander, said in his speech at the ceremony that success starts with putting the right person in a leadership position because the unit will begin to take on characteristics of the commander.

He said OTC's mission is to look at every piece of equipment and conduct operational tests using Soldiers in real-world conditions to ensure that the equipment the Army is using will work in theater. He also said the equipment needs to be tested fast so that it can get to the Soldiers in the field fast.

"It's about making sure that what is fielded in the future is the right piece of equipment," Myles said.

Myles made his confidence in the new commander clear in his remarks at the ceremony.

"I believe we have the right person in the right post to continue the mission," he said. "One of your own is in command and I wouldn't have it any other way."

Boardman served as garrison commander on Fort Huachuca for three years.

Komo said he started his Army career on Fort Huachuca as a young second lieutenant studying military intelligence and that it is fitting that his career

brought him back to re-same post.

During his remarks, Komo acknowledged the great support he's gotten from his family throughout his military career.

"You have always been there for me," he told his wife, Linda, with emotion evident in his voice.

The talent and people working at OTC here can't be found anywhere else in the world, Komo said. He also said the goal of OTC is to make sure Soldiers have the best equipment because it is the key to success in winning on the battlefield.

Komo invoked the MI creed several times during his speech.

In closing, he said, "...I am a Soldier first, but an intelligence professional second to none."

Boardman said his experience in Afghanistan showed him that today's Army includes not only Soldiers, but contract civilians and that both groups are working toward a common goal. He said the Army of today is highly mixed, but it still is one team with one mission and one focus.

The incoming commander reflected on the privilege he felt for taking on com-



Photo by Spc. Susan Redwine

Col. Eugene Komo Jr., right, received the Legion of Merit and the Knowlton Award for his years of distinguished service.

mand of the organization.

"I can't tell you how good it is to be back and accept the challenge and privilege of command," he said. "A command is something special, a privilege and an honor that I gratefully accept."

Komo also expressed his high regard for the incoming commander.

"Boardman is a super officer and will take IEWTD to a new height and new level of excellence."

Protazoan plague hits local birds

Arizona trichomoniasis outbreak not a concern for humans, however

BY 1LT.
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HEALTH

Fort Huachuca recently received a message from the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Arizona Department of Public Health regarding a plague in the bird community in selected areas of Arizona in 2003. There is an outbreak of trichomoniasis in western Arizona that affects the bird community.

The Preventive Medicine Environmental Health section of the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center is concerned with this latest news because trichomoniasis can be mistaken for the West Nile Virus. Generally, we monitor the presence of WNV in the area through the mosquito population as well as the dead birds the beginning of summer until around October every year. An increased number of dead birds found in the area can send a wrong signal to the community.

What is trichomoniasis?

Trichomoniasis is an infection caused by a protozoan *Trichomonas gallinae* - a single-celled animal - that generally poses little threat until tem-

peratures exceed 75 0F and evening lows are above 50. It can infect pigeons, doves, turkeys, chicken, quail, hawks, eagles, falcons, canaries,

keets, parrots, sparrows, swallow, goldfinches, and cardinals. Birds may become infected by ingesting the parasite in contaminated water. An infected bird may have a loss of appetite, vomiting, ruffled feathers, diarrhea, dysphagia (difficulty in swallowing), dyspnea (difficulty in breathing), weight loss, and increased thirst. Young birds are most frequently infected and can die from the parasite. Some birds may be carriers and show no sign of the disease.

Can this affect humans?

There are only three strains of trichomonas that are known to affect humans. These are the *Trichomonas tenax* (mouth to mouth), *T. huminis* (liver), and *T. vaginalis* (through intercourse).

What to do if you see a sick bird?

If you find a diseased bird, it's best to report it to the

installation's wildlife biologist at 533-7083 or to the state or local wildlife agency if you live off post. If you are advised to take the bird in for an examination, try to catch the bird by throwing a light towel over it and placing it in a box with airholes. If you find a dead bird, place it in a double



plastic bag and into the garbage (wear gloves).

Preventing outbreaks

Outbreaks can be prevented by following these easy steps.

1. Minimize the risk of infecting other birds by cleaning your feeder area thoroughly. Infected birds can contaminate water containers (bird baths) with their oral secretions, which may expose many other birds to the disease.
2. If you see several diseased birds, take down all your feeders for at least a week to give the birds a chance to disperse.
3. Keep the feeders down until you no longer see diseased individuals. And remember that prevention is the key to avoiding the spread of disease.
4. Anyone feeling the need

to feed birds, you should put out only a small amount of food out at a time.

5. Regularly clean your feeders even when there are no signs of disease and prevent overcrowding by adding more feeders or setting up different types of feeders that allow only a few birds to visit at one time.

Cutting off an easy food supply is healthy for the bird population. Allowing the birds to forage is a best course of action because it forces birds to distribute throughout the habitat during the nesting season.

This actually reduces stress of trying to defend a feeding territory with all the other birds in the area that are using the bird feeder. In addition, leaving a feeder and birdbath empty doesn't mean birds won't frequent homes. Birds can be attracted to property if owners take the time to do landscaping with native vegetation.

While feeders and birdbaths are not the only methods for this protozoan to spread in the bird community, Game and Fish Department biologists, believe these simple precautions can help prevent a similar outbreak this year.

A smile came across English's face when she spoke of the fondest memory she has of her brother. "We used to find wild burrows by the smelter," she said. "We would get up a gang and ride them into the yard, raising kane." Our mother would throw a fit about the siblings bringing the burrows into the yard, she said.

Beal also came to his sister's rescue when they were riding horses one day, she said. A horse English was riding took off, and although she was scared, Beal encouraged her to hang on. "After that I told him to never let me ride again," English said jokingly.

"I didn't expect this," English said through tears. "It feels wonderful. It is a closure," she said. "I was wondering when and where I was going to get this for him."

With a bit of help and determination, English has given her brother the recognition he deserved, identifying him as one of the military's finest.



Service News

Units commended with two new medals

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche approved two new medals recognizing units for outstanding heroism in combat and for achievement or service in direct support of combat operations.

The Gallant Unit Citation and the Meritorious Unit Award can be awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard units for actions or service while directly supporting combat operations.

Both medals are currently in the design phase, which may take several months before they are ready for wear, AFPC officials said.

Air Force recognized for ethics program

The Air Force was recognized April 7 at the Pentagon for outstanding achievement in developing and managing its ethics program.

The program is one of 12 federal programs recognized this year. Selection was based on a review during 2003.

"You have ethics training that goes way beyond the minimum requirements," said Marilyn L. Glynn, acting director and general council of the Office of Government Ethic.

FMF warfare changes affect junior sailors

Navy officials approved changes to the enlisted Fleet Marine Force warfare specialist program in late February, now requiring all active duty junior enlisted Sailors assigned to FMF commands to complete qualifications within their first 18 months aboard. The change affects junior corpsmen, dental technicians and religious programs specialists.

Under previous regulations, E-1s through E-4s in these ratings were not required to earn the FMF warfare designation; this was only mandatory for 2nd class petty officers and above.

Other changes to the FMF instruction allow medical and dental treatment facility personnel assigned to operational platforms augmenting Marine Corps commands to participate in the FMF warfare program. All full-time support personnel assigned to Marine Forces Reserve commands can earn their FMF warfare devices now.

Realistic lessons at Balikatan 2004

Members of the 9th Naval Construction Regiment and the Philippine Army's 51st Engineer Brigade practiced lessons learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom in exercise "Kedge Hammer," as part of an annual U.S. and Republic of the Philippines bilateral, combined exercise called Balikatan 2004 in March.

Officers from the Philippine Navy Seabees also participated. Members of the 30th NCR/1st Naval Construction Division Forward, who were actually on the battlefield in Iraq in 2003, led the exercise control group.

The unique combined exercise provided realistic training based on lessons learned during OIF, tailoring real-world concepts to realistic scenarios that could potentially occur in the Philippines.

Scenarios included building a forward-area replenishment point, assessing a site for possible bridge construction, drilling a water well, constructing a base camp, and conducting humanitarian assistance projects against a backdrop of hostile conditions tailored to the local geographical and political environment.

DOS kicks butt Marine Corps style

Marines of Marine Security Guard Detachment Colombo are taking no chances when it comes to the safety of Americans and Embassy employees.

The Marines of Colombo have taken providing security to a whole new level by providing the American Embassy Colombo community with their very own Marine Corps-based self-defense program.

Department of State personnel and their families are learning the skills to get themselves out of sticky situations.

"Colombo is rated as a high-threat post for both terrorism and crime. This training gives members of our embassy community the confidence and skills necessary to react in a crisis situation," said Regional Security officer Bill Inman.

The self-defense program is targeted for the basic novice student and teaches the skills to evade an attacker. The classes are taught by hands-on instruction with techniques derived from different styles of Martial Arts and the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

Marines take the fight to the streets

Marines battling enemy forces in Iraq pushed into the Fallujah after several days of violent and deadly clashes.

Marines with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, established a forward base of operations inside Fallujah in order to battle back the foreign terrorists and former regime loyalists holed up in pockets throughout the city.

"Our mission is to get rid of all the insurgents in the city," said Staff Sgt. Pedro Marrufo, the platoon sergeant for 1st Platoon. "There's a lot of fighting going on, but my boys are still motivated. We've been successful."

The Company E grunts first moved into Fallujah on April 6. The push into the urban area came after enemy forces from a nearby mosque targeted the Marines' defensive positions on the city's edge. By sunset, Marines moved their foothold into the city.

The Marines have also been working with soldiers from the Army's Company A, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, in order to communicate with the people around the area.

"We're making our presence known and letting them know we don't plan to leave anytime soon," Rettenberger explained. "We're being successful because we've had families greet us - so we are making an impact here."

Beal, from Page 1

On the night of Dec. 31, 1950, Chinese communist forces attacked the 19th Infantry Division. Moving his machine gun to an exposed position, Beal fired back, resulting in the enemy's withdrawal from the frontal assault. Unable to achieve their objective, enemy forces moved to the side to make another attempt.

Anticipating this maneuver, Beal moved his machine gun to a more advantageous location. His gunfire was so precise and effective that the enemy was again forced back.

An estimated 150 enemy combatants were killed. The next morning his company was ordered to withdraw, but Beal volunteered to stay behind and was last seen delivering heavy gunfire on the enemy.

"He literally gave his life so fellow comrades could live," Kolbe said. Most of the family members present never had the chance to meet Beal, he said. "It is appropriate to recognize this Soldier."



Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

Dallas Robinson holds a gopher snake during a visit from the Wildlife Office as part the activites at the School-Ages Services center for Month of the Military Child.

KIDS GO WILD

Wildlife office visits School-Age Services in support of Month Of Military Child

BY AMANDA BAILLIE
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It may be a top military base, but did you also know that Fort Huachuca is a wildlife lover's paradise?

Not only is it home to thousands of Soldiers and their families, it's also where some of America's rarest and most fascinating animals live.

So, if you're hoping to catch a glimpse of the majestic mountain lion, or spy a wandering black bear, then you've come to the right place, even if your chances of actually seeing one are fairly slim.

"I've been here for 15 years and I've never seen a mountain lion in the wild," admits Tom Cochran, the man at the helm of Fort Huachuca's Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

"But some of my staff has seen them and they have even been known to come onto the Fort over the years."

Cochran heads up a small, but specialized team, which is responsible for looking after the vast 73,000 acres of land belonging to the military at Fort Huachuca.

Among his 17 staff are wildlife experts, air quality specialists, biologists and even archae-

ologists.

It is their job to protect and conserve the land, the plants, the animals and even the air that we breathe, not to mention the upkeep of the many historic buildings on the Fort.

"Ever since the 1950s there have been professional wildlife people here," said Cochran. "Then in the 80s a couple of environmental people arrived and eventually, in the late 80s, a separate Division was established.

"Our aim here is to comply with the environmental laws and regulations while supporting sustainable training. We also have a strong conservation mission, which includes protecting the area's natural resources and controlling the hunting program."

Until the 1930s, anyone could hunt down the many animals that lived on and around the Huachuca Mountains.

However, the introduction of new laws put a stop to this and over the years hunting has become a strictly controlled past time, with only active or retired military, or civilians working on the Fort, being granted licences.

The wildlife targeted by hunters includes the lions, bears, deer, quail and javelinias (a type of wild pig), which freely roam the area.

Cochran and his team, however, carry out regular surveys to control the number of animals killed every year to ensure they maintain a healthy population.

Fort Huachuca is also known as a national historic site, mainly because of the establishment of the military base in the 19th century.

But the area has actually been continuously inhabited for some 12,000 years and archaeologists are constantly working in the area to find out more about some of Arizona's long forgotten people.

In fact, the Fort became the focus of the archaeological world last year, following the discovery of a 50,000-year-old fossilized mammoth tusk on one of the training ranges.

"The military is very accommodating when things like that happen and will change their training programs if we ask them," said Cochran. "I think the area is better managed because the military is here.

"When water resources are low for example, as they have been with the drought, the Fort will reduce its water usage. They are very good land stewards."



Hessil agrees that having the military in this part of the world can have its advantages.

"We look at the military activities and what effect they may have on the wildlife,"

he said. "If we explain to them that a particular activity may be harmful, they will change it. They also abide by regulations which are there to protect the wildlife, such as low-level flying restrictions, limits on night time training and no off-road training."

Hessil has been working at Fort Huachuca for the past seven years, where part of his job is to help manage and conserve threatened and endangered species.

Currently, these include the Mexican spotted owl, the lesser long-nosed bat, the Senora tiger salamander, the Ramsey Canyon leopard frog and the Huachuca water umbel (a plant).

Years of drought conditions have had a major impact on the area's wildlife, which means the recent rain has been very welcome indeed.

Lack of rain also increases the chances of fires, which again cause a massive threat to the local wildlife.

"We've recently been staging controlled burns on the mountains to reduce the risk of fire later in the year, which could potentially be catastrophic" explained Hessil.

The loss of trees means the loss of habitat for many animals, including the now endangered Mexican spotted owl.

Illegal immigrants hiding in, or travelling across, the mountains also present a big problem for Hessil and his colleagues.

"They can physically disturb the animals by being there but the biggest impact they have is on what they do to the land," said Hessil. "They create trails and destroy the vegetation or they leave rubbish behind. There is also a risk of fire when they light a warming blaze on cooler nights."

In spite of these problems, for someone like Hessil, Fort Huachuca is a wildlife expert's dream.

The area boasts no less than 80 different mammals, 315 birds, 180 butterflies, 80 reptiles, 15 amphibians and around 1,000 types of plants.

Some of the wildlife is extremely rare, or even unique to this part of Arizona, and attracts

visitors from around the world who want the excitement of spotting an elusive animal, or to carry out scientific research.

And for those worried about the potential hazards of coming across a venomous snake (there are seven here), poisonous scorpion or deadly spider, then Hessil has some advice.

"If people are aware of what is out there and use common sense then they will minimize their chances of encountering a potentially harmful animal," he said.

And if you happen to come across a snake, a hungry bear or a wandering javelina in your backyard, then don't panic, help is at hand.

"Although I spend much of my time in the office I occasionally get out to respond to calls from people who have an animal causing problems," said Hessil. "We go out and trap the animal and remove it to an appropriate area. Members of the military police have also been trained to deal with such a situation."



Alexis Alegre examines the teeth of a javelina.



Jim Hessil, wildlife biologist, explains about the wildlife on the fort to children at the School-Aged Services center Tuesday.

Month of Military Child Children's Champions

Those who go extra mile for kids hailed at ceremony

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Fort Huachuca Child and Youth Services recognized community adults who go the extra mile for children in the Children's Champions reception April 5 at LakeSide Activity Centre.

This ceremony is the first Children's Champions acknowledgement in four years, said Marty Johnston, CYS Outreach Services director. Fort Huachuca's CYS is the only Army organization who presents this award.

Fifteen groups and individuals from across post, including Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks, commanding general U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, Marty Marks, Col. Lawrence J. Portouw, garrison commander, and

Jim Chambers, deputy garrison commander were recognized. "The support we've gotten from them is tremendous," Johnston said. "We've gotten more support [for CYS] from these four individuals than we've gotten from any past commanders."

The Champions received a crystal desk clock engraved with "Fort Huachuca Child and Youth Services Children's Champion 2004."

Offices across post were invited to nominate someone who gives selflessly of themselves to help children, Johnston said. But, it's not only direct support of children that Children's Champions are recognized for, she added. Some were acknowledged for their volunteer work, one for her clerical work within the CYS and one for his repair work at the Child Development Center.

"It's important to recognize those who help children because it's one of those areas everybody takes for granted," Johnston said. "Everybody

assumes people will take care of children, but that's not always so."

The reception served as a kick off for a month of child friendly activities across post, Johnston said. CYS organizations including the CDC, Youth Services and School Age Services are hosting events such as a visit from Fort Huachuca's B-Troop, an Easter egg hunt, a Scholastic book fair, a performance by the 36th Army Band and a tae kwon do demonstration. The proclamation declaring April as the Month of the Military Child was read by Portouw.

"Month of the Military Child lets military families know what we care and there are things out there to do, places to go and activities for their children," Johnston said. "It's good for military members to know, in this day and age, that someone is looking out for their kids."

"People should work with children because they're the only absolute good thing you can invest in."

June Bishop, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing
Children's Champion award recipient

"I feel it's important to work with children because it makes you a good role model. They can see what they can achieve and that there's something out there for them to strive for."

Andrea Wagener, Girl Scouts of America
Children's Champion award recipient

Children's futures in their hands

Editor's note : The following are the Fort Huachuca Child and Youth Services Children's Champions for 2004. Company C, 305th MI BN

Company C, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion was nominated by the Kino Youth Ministry from Kino Chapel. According to the nomination letter, "they are always there when we need them. No tasking is too great or too small for this fine group of Soldiers."

Candy Candlish

Candy Candlish, supply technician, Garrison Property Office, was nominated by the Youth Sports Program. According to the nomination letter, she "provides excellent customer service in all areas of property inventory, procurement and turn-in. Her dedication to duty and her willingness to help has allowed the Youth Services staff to improve all programs."

Ginger Volkman

Ginger Volkman, third-grade teacher, Johnston Elementary School, was nominated by Johnston Elementary School. "She is a prime mover and shaker for school events and clubs," said Rick Morrison, principal, Johnston Elementary School.

Dianna Beatty

Dianna Beatty, counselor, Myer Elementary School was nominated by Myer, where she's been a counselor for the past 16 years. She developed a citizenship program for the children at Myer to teach them life skills such as problem solving, anger management, friendship and good citizenship. Beatty also works with military students who have trouble resolving conflicts and dealing with deployments and relocations.

Virginia Wickizer

Virginia Wickizer, sixth-grade teacher, Smith Middle School, was nominated by Smith Middle School where she has been a "truly exceptional educator" for science and language arts for the

past 17 years. According to the nomination letter, Wickizer has "very high performance expectations for her students and will go the extra mile to ensure her students are successful in achieving those standards."

Orville and Brenda Bonner

Orville and Brenda Bonner, Christian Home Educators of Cochise County were nominated by the CHECC for their six dedicated years as the volunteer sports directors for CHECC. They are responsible for keeping coaches informed, fund raising to cover costs, setting up practices, running tournaments and awards parties, ordering uniforms and trophies and making sure everything else runs smoothly.

Andrea Wagener

Andrea Wagener, service unit manager, Girl Scouts of America, was nominated by the Girl Scouts of America because she "always puts the needs of the girls ahead of her own." Wagener is also involved in other children's activities and is a full-time Family Child Care provider.

Bob Baden

Bob Baden, maintenance for New Beginnings Child Development Center, was nominated by the CDC for his professionalism and his "ingenious ways to repair everything imaginable." Baden no longer works for the CDC, but employers said he always adjusted his work schedule around the children and took time to explain to them everything he was working on.

Joe Torre

Joe Torre, Department of Installation Security, is the work order coordinator for DIS and was nominated by Family Child Care. Ac-

cording to the nomination letter, he stays in regular contact with the FCC program managers to ensure all FCC providers' housing matters are taken care of promptly. "His dedication to keeping the health, safety and welfare of Fort Huachuca's children at top priority is critical to the overall success of our program."

Darcy Tessman

Darcy Tessman, assistant agent, Cochise County Cooperative Extension Office, University of Arizona, was nominated by School Age Services for her assistance in establishing a 4-H Club on post. Tessman also helped write a grant which over the next three years will bring quality 4-H Club training and programming to the four military installations in Arizona.

June Bishop and Kathy Miller

June Bishop and Kathy Miller, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing, were nominated by Youth Services and Outreach Services for "always being there for children and Child and Youth Services."

CYS said that Bishop and Miller are always willing to put together articles or flyers on a short suspense for child-related activities around post. According to the nomination letter, "although they do not work directly with children, without their help we would have a difficult time doing the activities we do for our children and youth."

"It's important to work with children because they are our future and we have to take care of them. If we don't take care of them, we have no future."

Joe Torre, Department of Installation Security
Children's Champion award recipient

Photo of Kyle Varley, 8, by Pfc. Joy Pariente

Community Updates

Range closures

Today – AC, AD, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

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

Saturday – AC, AD, AL, AM, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AC, AD, AM, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2

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

Tuesday – AA, AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday – AA, AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

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

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Service will offer lunch-time financial readiness classes Wednesdays in April, noon - 1 p.m. at Murr Community Center. The upcoming topics will be: Tuesday, checkbook management (this class will end at 1:30 p.m.); and April 28, budget/family supplemental subsistence allowance.

You are invited to bring your lunch to these classes and listen.

AFTB level III class to be offered

Army Community Service will present Army Family Team Building Level III (Advanced Leadership Skills) classes 5:30 - 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 22 and April 27 - 29 at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

Register by calling ACS, 533-2330, or for more information, call Andrea Sovern at 533-3686.

ASMC luncheon

Jack Blair will speak to the Cochise Chapter of American Society of Military Comptrollers on the Sierra Vista School District Override in a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. April 22 at LakeSide Activity Centre in the Skyler Room.

Cost is \$9 for ASMC members and \$10 for nonmembers. To purchase tickets, ASMC members and guests should contact organizational representatives.

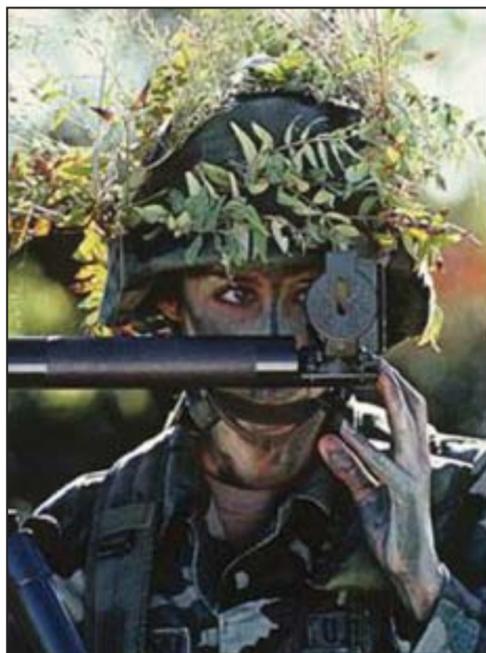
For more information, call Linda Guinter at 456-2961.

UA South offers CISSP Class

University of Arizona South Continuing Education will offer an IT security class April 26-30 in Sierra Vista. The CISSP is a certification for those who work in IT security.

For more information and to enroll, call John DeLalla at 266-1715.

WOMEN, from page 2



Courtesy photo

around, more than 150,000 women joined the Women's Army Corps to support the Soldiers during World War II.

Although our roles in the military were limited to gender-specific jobs, they expanded from cook and nurse to include secretary, cartographer and driver.

After more than 100 years of women in the military, limitations on the kinds of jobs we can do are still in place.

Today, in the new millennium, we are allowed to hold many combat-related jobs.

In the Gulf War, women guarded perimeters, flew troop transport helicopters and even fired Patriots that destroyed Scud missiles, and we still don't have the choice to serve in direct combat missions.

Women take the same oath of enlistment as men, they go to Basic Combat Training and the Basic Officers Course and they qualify with their weapons, yet women do not have the choice to be in direct ground combat.

I don't really understand the reasoning for this, although I've heard and read many excuses for it; such as, women aren't strong enough to endure combat, women can't shoot to injure — never

DTC to host an industry day

The Army Developmental Test Command will have its annual technology symposium April 28 - 29 and industry day April 27 at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in Mission Valley just north of San Diego. For more information and registration, visit www.dtc.army.mil. More information is available at www.tts2004.com.

Fellowship opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The International Foundation for Election Systems is accepting applications for the 2004 William and Kathy Hybl Democracy Studies Fellowship Program, which was designed to bring outstanding graduate students to Washington, D.C. for research in democratic development, elections administration and civic participation in the political process. Hybl Fellows receive a stipend of \$1,800.

Application information may be found online at http://www.ifes.org/research_comm/hybl.htm. All applications must be received by April 22. Fellowships shall be awarded in June.

For more information, go to <http://www.ifes.org> or call Jeff Brady, IFES Fellowship Coordinator, at 202-872-4806 or by email at jbrady@ifes.org.

Scholarship for JROTC

The San Pedro Chapter #95 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association wants to remind senior JROTC students at Buena High School to get a scholarship application from their counselor as soon as possible. The scholarship will be awarded in May.

Save your organization money

The Hazardous Material Control Center, Logistics Management Division, Directorate of Installation Support, has an inventory of hazardous materials available for issue at no charge. Organizations having valid requirements for hazardous materials may contact the HMCC to coordinate issue.

For more information, call Larry Brooks at 533-1263.

Retirees wanted

The U.S. Army Arizona Retiree Council is looking for retirees that would like to serve a four-year term on the council. Retired enlisted and retired officer members are welcome, and we especially would like a retiree who can do web pages.

The purpose of the group is to communicate with the Active Army; to receive advice on, analyze, and provide input to those decisions, policies, and laws that affect the retired community; to review ongoing Army programs, proposals, and initiative and pro-

vide retiree comments; to institute programs that will create a strong communication link between the Active Army and the retired community; and to develop public support for Army programs.

For more information, call Gail Desmond at 533-1120 or Harlan Bradford at 458-6728, or e-mail them at gail.desmond@hua.army.mil or hbradfor@aol.com.

Armed Forces Bank changing hours

Hours for the main branch of the Armed Forces Bank are changing May 1. Lobby and Drive thru will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The branch in the exchange will not change.

Fort will host GIPC

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Communications Security Logistics Activity is hosting its 13th annual Global Information Security Partnership Conference May 4-6 on post.

For Web site information: Sydney Torres, 538-7529, e-mail: sydney.torres@csla.army.mil or Gloria Henderson, 538-8341, e-mail: gloria.henderson@csla.army.mil. For lodging, airlines, and rental car information: David Ingram, 533-8771, e-mail: david.ingram@csla.army.mil.

For workshop information: David Ingram, 533-8771, e-mail: david.ingram@csla.army.mil. To be a vendor exhibitor: Mike Calabrese, 538-6924, e-mail: michael.calabrese@csla.army.mil. For all other inquiries: Sydney Torres, 538-7529, e-mail: sydney.torres@csla.army.mil.

Scholarship honors local soldier killed in Iraq

A new scholarship fund held by the Cochise College Foundation honors Sgt. M. Matthew Merila, a Buena High School graduate who died recently while serving in Iraq.

The Sgt. M. Matthew Merila Memorial Scholarship was established by an anonymous donor. It will award \$1,000 per year — or one \$500 scholarship per semester — to a Buena High School graduating senior who demonstrates financial need, holds a 3.0 or higher grade point average and plans to attend Cochise College.

To contribute to or apply for the Sgt. M. Matthew Merila Memorial Scholarship, call the Cochise College Foundation at 417-4100.

New members wanted

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club, a non-profit organization that provides money for scholarships and community support is looking for new members. Call Wendy Breen at 378-1763 for membership information or sign up at an FHSC event.

Kudos



photo by Spc. Nathan Ludwig

Award winners

Air Force Noncommissioned officer of first quarter Tech. Sgt. Keith Wilson, Sailor of first quarter Petty Officer 1st Class William B. Mullis, and Civilian of the month (March), Trent Fields.

Cost Warriors



GEORGE FLORA
SAFETY OFFICE

Flora grouped non-essential or priority evaluations enabling him to consolidate trips, saving both time and resources.



PHIL MAXEY
STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE OFFICE

Maxey devised templates of legal forms for use by clients at no cost. The cost for developing this template is negligible. The savings to the client in time, stress, effort, and money is substantial. The cost per client to the OSJA for attorney services, drops by nearly 66 percent. There is a cost increase associated with hiring a paralegal to assist the process..



SANDY BRUCE
ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

Bruce is saving ASAP money by smart shopping for unit prevention leaders and lab staff. She save about \$213 per year on gloves for UPLs and lab staff, and about \$25 per year on specimen cups for an annual savings of \$463.



TERRALISSA LEE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Lee networked PAO's leased, fixed usage office copier to all desktop computers to be used as a printer. The contract allows for 5,000 copies per month, and the office averages 2,500 copies per month. Using this leased copier as an office printer does not save paper, but saves toner and ink cartridges, and wear and tear on purchased printers.

BILLY BARNES

DIRECTORATE OF INSTALLATION
SECURITY

On Feb. 4, Safety Kleen serviced four manhole sumps at four different buildings in the 11th Signal Brigade motor pool. Disposal of the sludge and oily water were reduced by using this service over existing options.

RAY ARMENTA

DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT

Armenta developed a color-coding initiative for equipment issue and turn-in saving 2.5 hours per issue or an annual cost savings of \$7,305.

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Boosts in American intelligence capabilities will aide success

BY JOE BURLAS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

While more than 100 fixes are already in place to boost Army intelligence capabilities in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, more initiatives are on the way.

The priority of effort on the initiatives will go to those units that have returned from deployments and are resetting into modular units of action, according to Army officials.

“Transformation is a journey along a continual path of change,” said Lt. Col. Steve Iwicki, Task Force Actionable Intelligence deputy director. “You can always do better — find a way (to improve things) through initiative and sheer determination. It’s about ramping up capabilities.”

The critical Actionable Intelligence initiatives are centered on four overarching concepts: changing the intelligence culture and mindset of all Soldiers; improving battlespace intelligence capabilities; providing tactical overwatch capabilities; and creating a network centric environment.

Culture/Mindset

No matter how well Army intelligence transforms, commanders will rarely be given perfect intelligence, Iwicki said. Changing the Army culture and mindset, in regards to intelligence, means training commanders to fight for knowledge by exploiting windows of opportunity, despite the lack of perfect intelligence. “With today’s asymmetric threat, you often have to move quickly or lose that window of opportunity,” Iwicki said.

Soldiers and commanders must also understand that every Soldier is a sensor on the battlefield. Sol-

diers are our smartest collectors, but they are only effective if they report their observations of their piece of battlespace in a timely manner, Iwicki said. The other half of the “Every Soldier is a Sensor” initiative is to ensure the intelligence community also provides the correct information and intelligence to those Soldiers whenever and wherever they need it.

Everyone in the Army must understand that combat operations and intelligence operations are not exclusive of each other, Iwicki said. Rather, they go hand-in-hand with each other. This requires training leaders to underwrite calculated risk-taking in an ambiguous environment as part of the fight for knowledge.

Red Teaming, viewing ourselves through the enemy’s eyes, is another key initiative. The concept was recently tested in Iraq as the Army and Central Command began planning the recent rotation of forces in and out of theater.

“What we found was the planners did a great job of building an efficient plan to move those forces quickly,” Iwicki said. “However, the plan was predictable in some cases — same flight times from the same location; same convoy routes. When this was pointed out, the plan changed.”

Battlespace capabilities

Situational Awareness on the complex battlefield of the 21st Century demands greater access to information with increased fidelity at every level, starting with the Soldier. Battlespace capabilities represent what is in the hands of our Soldiers or organic to their unit.

As the Army moves to modular units of action, the units that reset are being manned with a larger organic contingent of intelligence specialists—including human intelligence assets and unmanned aerial vehicles, capabilities normally found in the cur-

rent force at division or higher level.

Tactical Overwatch

Tactical Overwatch is creating standing, fixed analytical intelligence capabilities that provide dedicated intelligence support and overwatch to committed maneuver units.

Traditionally, theater intelligence assets support the corps and division commanders’ intelligence priorities, which often outweigh satisfying maneuver brigade requirements, Iwicki said. The tactical overwatch cell would be connected via a shared intelligence network that can pull information from multiple sources and provide succinct answers (vice megabytes of information) directly to supported units when time is of the essence.

Project Foundry will station selected tactical intelligence Soldiers with the Army Intelligence and Security Command and national intelligence organizations, to provide a foundation of regional and subject-matter expertise developed through daily training in a live mission environment.

The Army intelligence community is expanding the Information Dominance Center to operate as a test bed for emerging advanced technologies and best business practices. These new capabilities will then be fielded across the Army.

Today, any new technology that has intelligence applications must be promptly incorporated into the intelligence system. To that end, the Pantheon Project is reaching out to academia and industry to assist in solving information management challenges, Iwicki said.



U.S. Army photo

Network centric environment

The intelligence enterprise is intended to provide information transparency made possible by a common network which integrates people with shared databases, advanced analytical tools, knowledge centers, and sensors/collectors that are accessible by all. An assured network centric environment is the key enabler and the glue that binds all these concepts.

An optimal network centric environment will mean Soldiers thinking faster, making decisions faster and generating combat power faster than any adversary, Iwicki said.

“It’s about being situational aware through shared and timely information,” Iwicki said.

The Network Centric Environment begins by digitally connecting the Soldier to the Battle Command system. We must provide Soldiers the capabil-

ity to receive common situational awareness of their operating environment and enable them to easily and digitally report the valuable information they collect. That means getting digital systems to the point of origin of information— into Soldiers’ hands.

It also means creating a robust and seamless network from the Soldier to national level intelligence agencies. With that network, the distance between operators in Iraq with analysts in the United States is not a factor in sharing information quickly.

“There is a lot of information out there and no single person knows it all,” Iwicki said. “We have to work as a team to get more complete answers to what we want to know and get in the hands of the Soldiers who need it.”

BAND, from Page 1

Howdeshell said of all the years he’s taken the Smith band to the Pageant of the Bands, they’ve never received a lower rating than Excellent because of the quality of the students and the support of the parents.

“That’s what it takes for success — great parental support,” he said.

Howdeshell said the audience at the pageant in Phoenix was filled with par-

ents from Fort Huachuca, and noted that some bands that didn’t have to travel as far had many fewer parents in the audience.

“It was amazing,” Howdeshell said. “That does a lot for us.”

Howdeshell said the best part of the experience was performing, being together as a group and enjoying each other.

“It’s big doings for us when we go up to Phoenix,” Howdeshell said. “It’s a big

adventure.”

Cody Akers, 12, a sixth-grader who plays clarinet in the band said he typically practices 30 minutes a day, but practiced about an hour a day for a month before the pageant. He also said he had to learn new music that wasn’t hard, but was “a little confusing.”

Akers said his parents were surprised and really happy that the band received such

a high rating.

“It made the school proud,” he said.

Emily Moxley, 14, an eighth-grader, has played the flute for 4 years and practices every day for about 30 minutes.

She said she wasn’t expecting to get such a high rating, but said, “I’m very happy.”

She said her parents and friends think their success is, “really, really cool.”

PORTOUW, from Page 1

“A lot of what you start, you don’t see come to fruition,” Portouw said, regarding projects begun as garrison commander. He said the projects are often begun under one command and the changes resulting are seen under subsequent commands.

One thing Portouw said he is proud of is how well activity based costing, which was implemented on post three or four commands ago, has been working. He said Fort Huachuca is recognized Army-wide and throughout the federal government as a leader in activity based costing.

“We’ve been doing a good job of stretching our dollars and making the taxpayers’ money go a long way,” he said.

Among his favorite cost-saving initiatives on post include the hot water mining that uses sunlight to heat water, thus eliminating a substantial electricity bill; and shipping unmanned aerial vehicles directly from post to theatre which results in a savings of \$200 per engine and a delivery time of three to four

fewer days than was previously done. Additionally, accreditation of classes taken on post through Cochise College helps spread Army assistance money across more Soldiers.

Portouw credits the workers on post with coming up with many ideas for saving money.

Environmental initiatives have also been important to Portouw, who pointed out that the fort is getting more environmental awards now than it had been in the past. He said this does not necessarily reflect a change in the way environmental issues are handled on post, but simply that the awards are now being applied for. Water usage stands out as one environmental initiative that is paying off. Portouw said there are about 400 more jobs on post than 10 years ago, and the fort is pumping half as much water as back then.

Portouw said the one thing he would have liked to work

more on is the roads on post.

“I would have liked to have done more to improve the infrastructure on the fort,” he said.

Portouw also said commanding has been a good experience because of the command climate here.

“The command climate has been very collegial in trying to work things out,” he said.

Portouw commented on the uniqueness of the fort.

“If you really want to know what’s going on at Fort Huachuca, you’ve got to go see it,” he said. “You can’t just see it in a briefing.”

As he reports in at Fort McPherson, the memory that most stands out for Portouw is being a part of the history of the post.

“I will miss the infectious nature of the history of this place,” he said.