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Photo by Sgt 1st Class Donald Sparks

*From personal experience*

# Most Iraqis want U.S. help, contrary to news

BY BONNIE MURPHY  
BALAD, IRAQ

I'm appalled at the "news" as it's reported from Iraq.

Just as disturbing is the lack of knowledge a lot of people have about what's really going on, why we're there, and what it's really like. I'd like to set the record straight.

My job as an environmentalist is primarily the protection of the environment and the disposal of Department of Defense-generated hazardous wastes. I volunteered to go to Iraq, and last December I was selected to set up the first disposal operations in the forward deployed area.

I have been stationed at Balad Air Base, LSA Anaconda, since Dec. 28.

On several occasions, my work has taken me to Baghdad. I extended my initial tour from 120 days to 155 days, and June 7 I went back to Baghdad for six more months.

Ninety-five percent of the Iraqi people want us there, and it's only a handful of insurgents with weapons who are attacking our bases, convoys and troops. The older generations say that although they may never see the freedoms we're trying to bring to their country, they know their children will enjoy the rights that we take for granted in this country.

I've had the opportunity to meet and speak with day laborers coming on Anaconda. They are grateful for the work and pay they receive. Men have taken my hand with tear-filled eyes and thanked me because they can now provide for their families — something they couldn't do when Saddam was in power. I've met engineers, pilots and well-educated men who, for the first time since Saddam took office, are returning from self-imposed exile to their homeland and are able to find work on our many U.S. bases.

Before I left Balad, I was able to coordinate the donation of

\$3,500 of hospital disinfectant and dental amalgam to the local hospital from the DRMS inventory of excess property. Our Balad team of doctors and medics make regular visits to the surrounding communities to provide medical care and assistance to the people and teach new technologies to Iraqi medical personnel.

People are being taught field sanitation and hand-washing techniques to prevent the spread of germs. About 400,000 children have now received up-to-date immunizations. And 100 percent of the existing hospitals are now open and staffed, compared to 35 percent before the war.

On behalf of my organization, the Defense Logistics Agency, and its partner, Army Materiel Command, we're sponsoring a local secondary school. We've received \$65,500 of Saddam's money to completely rebuild the school. Our school is only one of 11 schools being sponsored by different units on LSA Anaconda. School

attendance is up 80 percent, and for the first time girls are allowed to attend classes.

Our facility engineers and

Seabees are rebuilding outdated sewer lines and constructing a new

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee A. Osberry Jr.

**A young Iraqi girl looks away from the needle as she receives a shot from Spc. Joshua Swensen, a medic assigned to Task Force 1-63, in Kirkuk, Iraq. Soldiers and other coalition forces helped inoculate Iraq's children during the country's national immunization day.**



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**thescout@hua.army.mil.**

## Letter To The Editor

BY COL. TOMMY KELLEY  
COMMANDER, 111TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE

My congratulations to the folks running the Virginia Hall Dining facility. Col. Jonathan Hunter presented the Virginia Hall Dining Facility with the Fort Huachuca Best Dining Facility Award Wednesday for Fiscal Year 04.

In what might be called the battle of the chow lines, Fort Huachuca's Virginia Hall dining facility has completed the Southwest Region's Connelly evaluation and will be going head to head with five other regional dining facilities later this year.

Arvell Howell, Southwest Region Food Advisor, also presented three certificates of recognition to food service personnel who went above and be-

yond their normal scope of work. The following personnel were recognized for the outstanding work during the evaluation: Lisa Hill, Jake Bishop, Anita Aguon.

My thanks to Chief Warrant Officer Kendall Brown and all his staff for the absolutely magnificent work they do everyday feeding and caring for over 3,500 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

Thanks guys for all you do.

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# Warrant collars see changes

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SCOUT STAFF

Warrant officers of Fort Huachuca updated their collars Friday in a ceremony announcing a transformation in the branch and rank insignia worn in the Warrant Officer Corps.

The entire Warrant Officer Corps began wearing their branch insignia on their collars instead of the "eagle rising" insignia they've been wearing.

The "eagle rising" represented the strength, achievement and prowess in combat of

warrant officers, said Chief Warrant Officer Keith Steinman, narrator at the ceremony.

Although they'll be wearing one of 15 branch insignias, the "eagle rising" will always represent warrant officers, said Chief Warrant Officer Lon Castleton, chief warrant officer of the Military Intelligence Corps. Warrant officer candidates and junior warrant officers will continue to wear the "eagle rising" until they complete technical school.

The change in collar insig-

nia is part of a movement to fully integrate warrant officers with their appropriate officer branches, Castleton said.

Warrant officers previously stood alone, Castleton said. "We said we'd take care of ourselves."

But, with the Army's technical aspect changing faster than ever before, warrant officers have to change with it in order to maintain their place as technical leaders of the military, Castleton said. In joining with their branches, warrant officers are gaining an advo-

cate to assist getting the training and professional development they need to stay proficient. Warrant officers will fall under Total Officer Management, which handles training and development in the officer ranks,

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Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

**Chief Warrant Officer Fives are now wearing the silver bar with black stripe rank and all warrant officers are wearing their branch insignia in place of the "eagle rising."**

# Beware of using GPC for cartridge purchases

BY WILMA J. ROSE

CHIEF, DIRECTORATE OF CONTRACTING OPERATIONS  
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The Government Purchase Card office recently became aware of a possible scam by some laser/ink jet and toner cartridge suppliers. The individuals behind this scam have contacted many organizations on the installation offering a deal that "sounds too good to be true."

Although in some cases the vendor may be honest, it is recommended that all buyers of office supplies remain skeptical of any calls received offering a "free" or "30-day free trial offer" on new or remanufactured cartridges. Telemarketers normally make these calls and you can hear other calls in the background. When questioned, the telemarketer already has your name, address and telephone number, but does not usually have information regarding your organization; i.e., whether your organization is a government or commercial entity or whether or not you are a soldier or civilian.

Our experience at Fort Huachuca has been that once you agree to accept a "free" or "free 30-day trial" cartridge you are sent several cartridges. Once the 30 days is up, you will receive a bill for all of the cartridges shipped to you. When you call the company and explain that you did not order these cartridges, the company argues they can't take the cartridges back without your paying a restocking fee or because you did not return the unused or defective cartridges within 30 days of receipt.

Of course, they don't bill you until the 30 days is up and their records of your organization's receipt of the cartridge differs from when you actually received the cartridges. They may then tell you that if payment is not received within five days, the account will be referred to legal collections for action and that failure to pay may affect your credit rating.

This is a scare tactic used by some companies to coerce an individual into paying the bill rather than chance having their credit rating damaged. Please note that social security numbers for cardholders and billing officials are not provided to the bank when setting up the GPC accounts.

The master GSA contract expressly prohibits the bank from providing information to credit bureaus/organizations. The financial relationship for a GPC account exists between the government Agency and the card-issu-

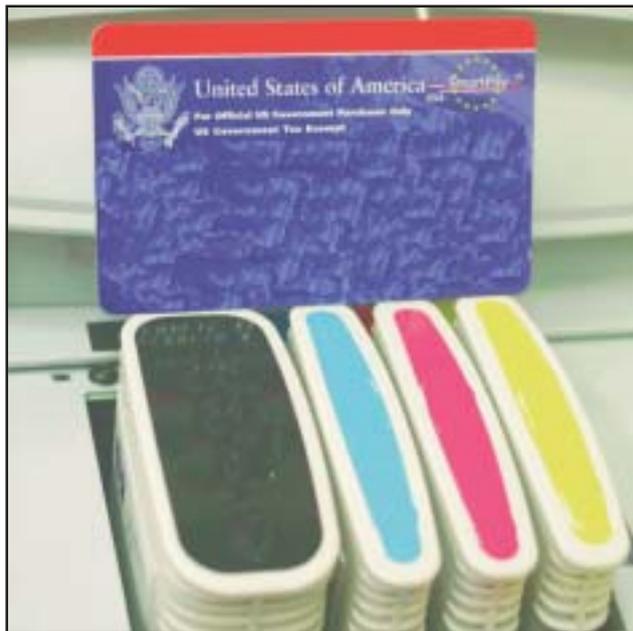


Photo illustration by Spc. Joy Pariente

**A new scam by ink and toner cartridge suppliers is targeting Government Purchasing Card holders.**

ing bank.

Some companies will let you return the cartridges only after obtaining an authorization number. You are given a phone number to call to obtain this authorization number. When you call the number you normally end up in an automated system that asks you to leave a number because "all available customer service representatives are helping other clients and we will get back to you as soon as possible." Bottom line, no one ever calls you back.

We have also found that the price of these "free" cartridges may also be two to four times higher than cartridges available through GSA contracts or local vendors because they claim they are giving you "jumbo" cartridges that contain more toner than "normal" cartridges. Tests on these cartridges show that they typically contain only as much or less toner than "normal" cartridges obtained from a reputable dealer.

In another twist to the scam, the companies change names and pass along your GPC information from company to company. The name changes but the address or POC remain the same. We have found that most of the companies are located in the Los Angeles or Van Nuys,

Calif. areas.

The Department of the Army has blanket purchase agreements in place with vendors specializing in toner/inkjet products. You can get more information on these vendors by going to the DoD EMALL Web site at [www.emall.dla.mil/](http://www.emall.dla.mil/). Other reputable firms that hold GSA contracts are available through GSA Advantage. We have also identified several reputable local firms who provide remanufactured cartridges at a very reasonable price.

Based on the above, we strongly believe there really is no need for a cardholder to become a victim of one of these scams. Unless you make the initial contact with the vendor, a good rule of thumb is to "just say no" to any telemarketer who offers to provide you with sample cartridges. If pressed, just explain that it is the office policy not to accept samples.

If they send you samples anyway, according to the Federal Trade Commission, you are under no obligation to accept or pay for anything you did not order. According to the FTC Business Alert bulletin Five Steps to Avoiding Office Supply Fraud, "unordered merchandise may be treated as a gift and you don't have to return it. It is illegal for a seller to send you bills for merchandise that you didn't order."

This bulletin can be obtained by contacting Laurie Packard at 533-3223 or [laurie.packard@hua.army.mil](mailto:laurie.packard@hua.army.mil). You can also get a copy of the bulleting at the FTC Consumer Alert website Web site, <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/alerts/suppalrt.htm>.

Please note that in accordance with a number of executive orders related to Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention and Recycling, agencies are required to incorporate into their recycling program efforts to recycle, reuse and collect toner cartridges for remanufacturing and to maximize the number of recycled products purchases. Purchases of replacement toner cartridges should be of remanufactured cartridges rather than new ones.

If you have had a similar experience with cartridge suppliers, contact Laurie Packard at 533-3223 or [laurie.packard@hua.army.mil](mailto:laurie.packard@hua.army.mil) so that we can make sure our growing list of suspect companies includes the one you've had an experience with. She can also provide you with information about these companies or about local or GSA vendors who provide remanufactured cartridges at fair and reasonable prices.

## Change of Charter

# TSM receives new mission

SPC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

Wednesday was a busy day for the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System and Distributed Common Ground System-Army team when they gathered at Brown Parade Field to change managers, change missions and bid farewell to a retiring comrade.

The change of charter between the Training and Doctrine Command Systems Manager for JSTARS and DCGS-A, Col. Stephen J. Bond and the new TSM for Sensor Processing, Col. James A. Harper.

According to charter, the Army TSM performs as the Army's centralized manager for all combat developments user activities associated with the Future Force sensor processing capabilities, specifically the DCGS-A. The group is also responsible for the Army JSTARS system, the common ground station, joint tactical terminal, multi-platform

radar technology insertion program and its associated data links.

The TSMs are user representative, Bond explained. They develop and field systems for Soldier use and then listen to the users' voices on what they should improve and what they should sustain regarding the system.

The change of charter ceremony is similar to a change of command, except in the absence of a guidon, a charter from the commanding general of TRADOC defines the unit and defines its roles, management, responsibilities and authority of the position of the TSM.

With this change of charter, the TSM's roles were redefined, moving the focus from the JSTARS system to sensor processing and DCGS-A. The change is due to transformation from a systems based Army to a capabilities based Army and TRADOC is realigning their missions and elements,

said Chris Friend, deputy TSM.

After the charter changed hands, Bond retired after 29 years of service. "I enjoyed every day of being a Soldier," Bond said. "You feel like you're doing something important when you put on a uniform."

"Now I just have to decide what I'm going to be when I grow up," he joked.

Harper is gaining a "wonderful, high performing team," Bond said. "Just do what's right for the Soldiers and the rest will fall into place," he advised Harper.

Harper comes to Fort Huachuca from the Pentagon and hopes to bring knowledge to assist with these transitions.

"[He's] the right officer to lead the TSM," said Brig. Gen. Warner Sumpter, acting commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

**The passing of the charter to Col. James Harper marked the changing of the mission of the TSM.**

# Ceremony hails Soldiers, spouses

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE  
SCOUT STAFF

Noncommissioned officers and military spouses were recognized during an award ceremony at Greely Hall July 8. Drill Sergeant Michael D. Jenkins, Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion and Sgt. Lacey C. Enyart, NCO Academy, were both honored as new members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Renee C. Bate, Barbara Costello, Jerilyn Hardaway and Dawn Lesieur, all military spouses, were recognized for their support through volunteer activities and family readiness with the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award.

"To get the award takes a recommendation from the chain of command for leader-

ship and many, many months of study," Jenkins said. "It's a great honor to be in this club and I'm more than happy to be in a club with those NCOs who are highly respected."

Enyart advised NCOs who would like to be a member of the SAMC to read not just the study

guides, but to go into the regulations themselves while studying.

"I feel very honored to get this award today," Enyart said. "It's a chance to strengthen the NCO corps and I'm proud to be a part of that."

Costello, a Walker award recipient, said it was a wonderful surprise when she found out several months ago that she would be receiving the award. She also said she felt comfortable on stage at the ceremony along

side the three other awardees because she knows them from her volunteer work on post.

"We've bounced ideas off of each other for several years," she said. "It's important [to get involved] for a lot of reasons. What goes around comes around. I've been helped countless times by families in the military."

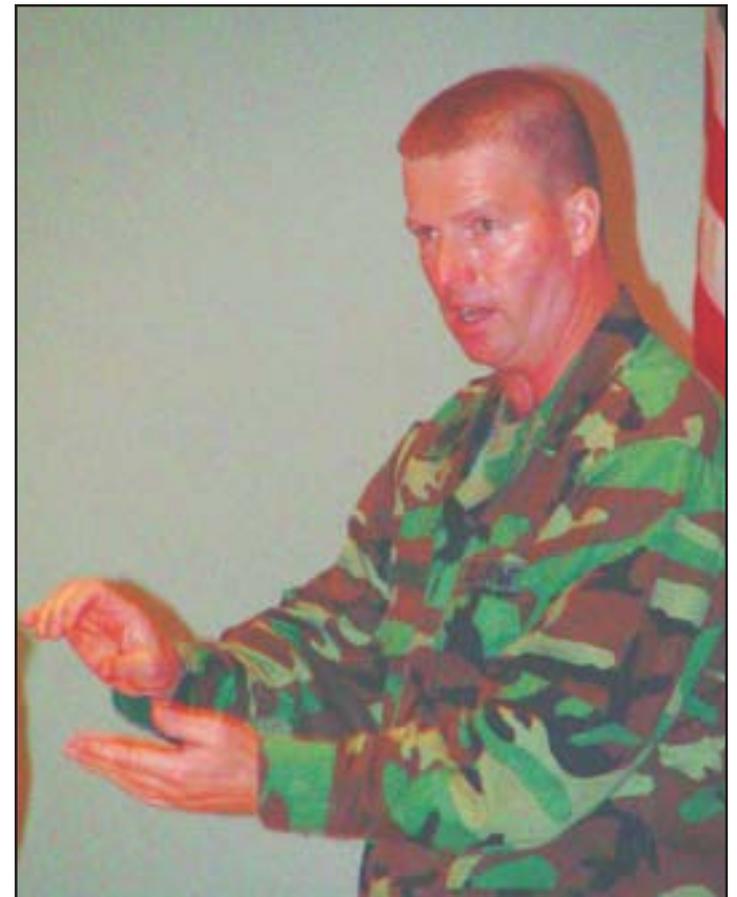
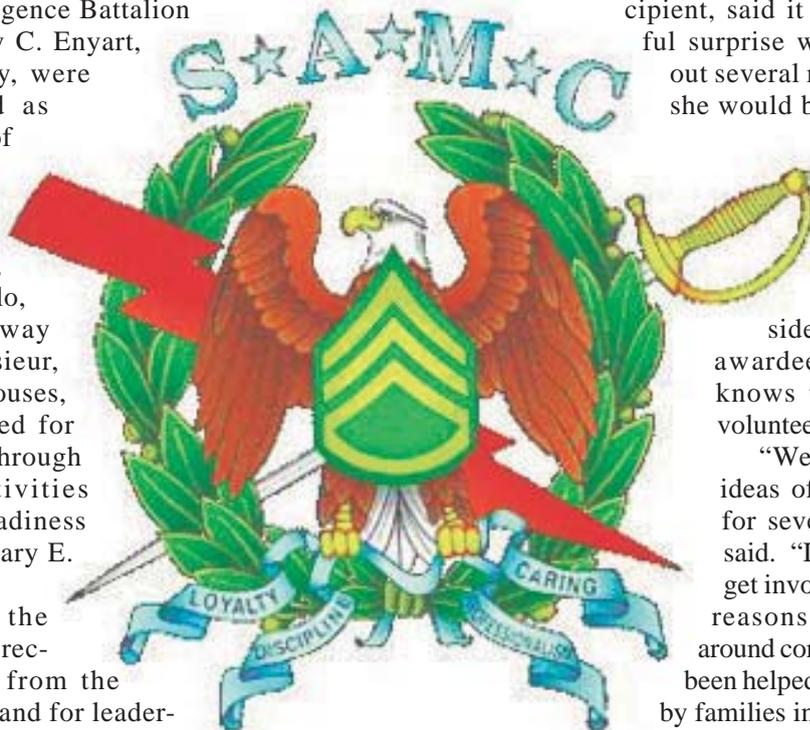


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## Hooah!

**Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, the sergeant major of the Army, gives some advice during a speech at the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command's Sergeant Major Conference, which kicked off Monday and runs through today. Preston told the visiting NETCOM/9th ASC sergeant majors that the main focus for all of today's leaders is getting the Army's transformation in motion, which in turn will create more stability for the Soldier.**

# West Nile Virus – will it bug my dog, cat?

BY CAPT.  
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CHIEF, FORT HUACHUCA VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY

With several recently confirmed equine cases in Pima and Cochise counties, West Nile Virus has become a household name in Sierra Vista. Many pet owners are wondering, could my dog or cat be next?

Initially implicated in an Israeli outbreak in 1951, the first cases of West Nile Virus in the United States were documented in New York in 1999. Since then, it has slowly spread across the U.S., finally reaching Arizona this summer.

Carried by wild birds and transmitted by more than 28 mosquito species, its natural life cycle can spill over into animal and human populations by bites from infected mosqui-

toes.

It can cause mortality in humans, wildlife and domestic animals. Birds in the Corvid family, such as blue jays and crows, are particularly susceptible, although the virus has been identified in more than 138 bird species.

Horses are the most prone to the effects of the virus, resulting in death in about 40 percent of cases. There have also been a few reports of infection in bats, chipmunks, squirrels and rabbits.

Dogs and cats can be infected by the virus, but disease from a WNV infection has never been documented in pets. This means that even though the virus is circulating in their bodies, they are not becoming sick. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the only cases of WNV isolation from pets were from a dog in Botswana in 1982 and a dead

cat in 1999. Currently, there is no vaccine for dogs or cats, and protection against the disease is not necessary. Also, there is no evidence that WNV can be transmitted from animals to people.

Even though pet owners need not worry about their dogs

and cats contracting the disease, mosquito control should still be a part of every family's backyard. Eliminate standing water, where mosquitoes breed and consider planting mosquito-repelling plants around play areas and patios.

Horse owners should be the

most concerned. The approved vaccine should be administered yearly in most cases and semi-annually for horses that travel frequently to mosquito infested areas.

It is important to remember that the vaccine does not provide immediate immunity, so it should be administered at least six weeks before the start of the mosquito season.

Although there is no evidence that WNV can be transmitted from handling live or dead infected birds, bare-handed contact should be avoided.

Dead birds found on post can be submitted to the Veterinary Treatment Facility packaged in a sealed plastic bag or double bagged. Submission is not mandatory, and birds found off-post will not be accepted. Grossly decayed or partially eaten birds also will not be accepted.



Courtesy photo

**Dogs and cats are virtually risk free from West Nile Virus.**

# Fort, children need family care providers

BY AMANDA BAILLIE  
SCOUT STAFF

Members of the Fort Huachuca community are being urged to help improve childcare facilities at the installation.

A lack of home childcare providers on the post means that less than half of the authorized provider positions currently available have been filled.

"We have 15 providers at the moment but we would like to have 35," said Syretha Storey, Family Child Care director. "Unfortunately, we have been in this situation for some time."

Uncertainty surrounding Soldiers' deployments and problems with on-post housing seem to be the two main causes for the low number of home providers, said Storey.

"We know from surveys we have carried out that many wives like to go back to their families if their spouse is deployed," she explained. "And the reconstruction of houses on-post means that more families are moving down town. Once we discovered that these were the main reasons we set about trying to resolve at least one of them.

"The problem of spouses leaving when

a Soldier is deployed is something we have started to address in our training. We partner people up with spouses going through the same thing, or have already been through it, and try and show them that it can be done," she said. "We do have a lot of young spouses here and they don't always know what is available to help them."

Anyone 18 and over can become a provider and they can live on or off post.

All the training is provided by the FCC and courses, which involve a week of half-day sessions, followed by a week's break and then another week of classes, are held every three months.

"Family Child Care providers are a vital part of child care on Fort Huachuca. Our Child Development Center can only handle about 65-70 percent of the child care requirement," said Col. Jonathan Hunter, commander, U.S. Army Garrison.

"Trained and certified FCC providers are designed to meet the remaining requirement. They provide the same high quality care, meeting the same standards as the CDC, but

in a home environment which many prefer. This gives the families the choice between two types of care, both focused on providing unparalleled child care in a safe nurturing environment," he added.

"If you really love children then this could be for you," Storey said. "We will handle the rest and teach everything from child development issues and safety to fi-

nances and contract writing. It's not like attending a college class. We try and make it as fun as possible."

All providers must, however, go through strict background checks before beginning the course, which is free of charge.

Their home is also checked for safety requirements and once they complete their training and begin caring for children, they receive constant support and monitoring.

Providers are also given an activities program to follow, which ensures a continuity and standard of care.

Fees are set by the providers, although they are given guidelines by FCC. Subsidies are also available to lower income parents who want to place their child with a home provider.

Kelly Bockbrader has been a home provider at Fort Huachuca for 18 months. She currently cares for six children, the maximum a provider can take, in age groups 16 months to five years.

The 39-year-old, who has three



Photo by Sgt. Kristi T. Jaeger

**Family Child Care providers can help meet the child care requirements on post, giving families more than one option of care to select for their children.**

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# Oklahomans bring music to Arizona



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

**Members of the 145th Army Band has traveled across the country providing support to the troops.**

BY AMANDA BAILLIE  
SCOUTSTAFF

The 36th Army Band may be taking a well-deserved break, but the music still plays on.

Stepping in for the music maestros is the 145th Army Band, of the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

The 35 musicians are spending two weeks at Fort Huachuca, entertaining both the military and civilian communities.

"We go wherever we are needed," said Sgt. 1st Class

Chris Westhof. "We travel all over the States stepping in for other Army bands and it's our job to support the troops, as well as to perform at military ceremonies and civilian events."

Members of 145th, originally the 45th Infantry Division Band, have just one weekend a month to get together and practice their musical scores.

But their skills have given them the opportunity to perform for many distinguished audience members, including Vice President Al Gore, the Duchess of York Sarah Ferguson, President

George Bush and President George W. Bush.

Most recently, the band travelled to Washington, D.C. to perform at the Pentagon and the National Guard Readiness Center.

"We usually get to see the local sights of wherever we go and that was a particularly wonderful two weeks," said tuba player Westhof, a band member for 37 years.

The musicians, who must be trained before they join the band, come from all over America and include college students, teachers, bankers, plumbers and computer

specialists, as well as many other civilian professions.

Their bandmaster is Chief Warrant Officer Martin A. Marks, who currently serves on the music faculty of the University of Central Oklahoma and has more than 18 years' of military service.

In spite of their extensive travels, however, the band has never been to Fort Huachuca before.

"This is our first time here and it's been wonderful," said Westhof, who is due to retire in a year's time. "The weather has been outstanding and we're looking forward to our performances here."

## Simple steps ease gate entrance slow down

BY SGT. JIM A. HOLLY  
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

If you work, live, play or shop on Fort Huachuca, you've no doubt come in contact with Department of the Army civilian guards stationed at the Main Gate and/or the Vance Security Guards contracted to work the East and West Gates. These guards, working in defense of Fort Huachuca, have been directed by the De-

partment of Defense to check your identification cards (issued if you're ten years old or older) to ensure your authorization to enter the installation.

Army Regulation 600-8-14, Identification Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Eligible Family Members, and Other Eligible Personnel, states that your ID card must be surrendered when "a military authority requires it for identification or investigation."

The Directorate of Public Safety has issued the following helpful hints to those wishing to gain access to Fort Huachuca.

1) Take all ID cards out of wallets and carrying cases so the gate guards can physically handle the ID card as required. This saves the time it may take for the guard to request this of you.

2) If traveling with passenger(s) in your vehicle, have all ID cards ready.

This saves time as well, since the guard is required to check everyone's ID card.

3) Remember to be courteous and respectful to those individuals tasked with the first line of defense in safeguarding our homes/workplaces.

Any further questions regarding any other requirements for accessing Fort Huachuca may be directed to the Directorate of Public Safety at 533-3232.

### WARRANT, from Page 3

Michael Guzy, who works with military intelligence course planning for Reservists.

Being part of the officer branch will also offer more visibility to the often misunderstood warrant officers. "They'll be able to see what we bring to

the table for mission accomplishment and mission success," Castleton said. "There will be a significant enrichment of the Army's officer corps by the introduction of warrant officers to their branches," said Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, commanding general of the U.S. Army Network

Enterprise Technology Command.

According to Hylton, Friday marked the most significant change in the Warrant Officer Corps since its inception in 1918, to include a change in the chief warrant officer five rank.

The four square rank chief warrant officer

fives have been wearing, which is actually the rank for the now defunct master chief warrant officer position, was replaced today with the same silver bar but with a black line running down it. Chief warrant officer fives are now wearing the same style rank as their Navy and Marine counterparts.

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older children of her own, said, "I just love working with children. It's the only thing I've ever wanted to do."

Bockbrader has the children from 5:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., which she admits is hard

work, but also very rewarding.

"I get a lot of job satisfaction," she said. "When they come running to my door and then don't want to leave I know I have done a good job.

"I get a lot of support from the parents and FCC and I personally can see no disadvantages to doing this job."

"It's also a great second income opportunity for a spouse who is responsible, loves

children and wants to work out of the home," Hunter said.

Anyone interested in becoming a home child care provider can call Family Child Care at 533-2494.

# TRADOC allows IET Soldiers to don beret

BY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS DONALD SPARKS  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

When the U.S. Army switched headgear from the patrol cap to the black beret in 2001, the beret became standard issue and wear for all Soldiers except for those in initial entry training and cadets.

The policy was changed by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command in mid-May allowing all IET Soldiers to officially begin wear of the beret as of June 1.

However, the Soldiers are not allowed to wear a distinctive unit insignia on the flash of the beret.

“The question was brought up, ‘when actually is a recruit considered a Soldier?’” said Command Sgt. Maj. Kurt Richter, 111<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade command sergeant major. “The answer was once they completed the rigors of basic training, therefore they should be allowed to wear the beret.”

All IET Soldiers arriving to Fort Huachuca should have had a beret issued to them prior to leaving basic training according to Richter. Yet there are many who arrived before the policy became official.

“We’re issuing berets to those Soldiers who are already here,” Richter said.

The responsibility of ensuring IET Soldiers wear the beret correctly is in the hands of the drill sergeants throughout 111<sup>th</sup> MI Bde.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

**Staff Sgt. Stratie Young, Drill Sgt. with Company E, 309th, adjusts Spc. Stacy Mooney's beret during an inspection. IET Soldiers were given beret wearing privileges on June 1.**

## Beret 101: Proper wear, care

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The following tips are provided to ensure Soldiers properly wear and take care of the black issue beret.

#### Correct wear

- Ensure the beret is the correct size. Soldiers should typically wear berets the same size as their BDU caps.

- Don the beret so that the edge binding (headband) is one inch above the eyebrows and fits straight across the forehead. The beret should be form-fitting across the head.

- Center the flash and the stiffener above the left eye.

- Pull the excess material down to the right side so that it touches the right ear but does not extend below the middle of the ear.

- Tighten or loosen the adjusting ribbon for a secure fit.

- Tie the adjusting ribbon into

a non-slip knot and cut off the ends.

- Tuck the ribbon knot inside the edge binding at the back of the beret.

- Hair may not be packed into the beret, nor should it extend below the bottom edge of the front of the headgear or below the bottom edge of the back collar.

- All headgear must be carried when not worn. It may not be hung from the belt or stored inside uniform pockets.

#### Incorrect wear

- In the front, the edge binding is not straight across. Excess material is not pulled down between the top and middle of the right ear.

- In the rear, the edge binding is not straight across. The knot of the adjusting ribbon is exposed.

- Additionally, the adjusting ribbon is not tightened for a secure fit and the beret is not form-fitted to the head.

#### Caring for beret

Methods of grooming or prepar-

ing the beret for wear that are not advised by the manufacturer cannot be outlined in Army Regulation 670-1. “Wear and Appearance of Army Uniform and Insignia.” The manufacturer recommends dry cleaning only.

Since Soldiers will not be reimbursed or reissued berets for damage caused by unauthorized preparation methods, Soldiers should be careful if choosing such methods of shaping and shaving the beret.

These suggestions are provided by the 18th Airborne Corps and are based on years of Soldiers’ experience of wearing the beret:

- Be cautious about wetting, soaking and freezing the beret, because the flash can become distorted and colors may bleed or fade.

- Do not use warm water to wet the beret, because it could shrink.

- Use a lint or soft-bristle brush to remove lint. Use of a razor may cut through the wool.



# IRR Soldiers mobilized

## U.S. ARMY NEWS RELEASE

On July 6, the Army began notifying approximately 5,600 Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers of their pending mobilization to active duty in support of the Global War on Terror.

Current plans call for IRR Soldiers to be brought on active duty over an extended period in several phased groups, from July through December 2004. The Soldiers will be assigned to designated mobilizing Army Reserve and National Guard units based upon the needs of the Army. Soldiers will be given a minimum 30 days advance notice to report.

The IRR Soldiers will be called up for a minimum of 18 months under Partial Mobilization authority as outlined in Title 10 of the U.S. Code. However, actual periods of service may be adjusted based on the needs of the Army for service of up to 24 cumulative months.

The IRR consists of over 111,000 trained Soldiers (as of May 31, 2004), who are eligible to be called upon to fill vacancies in Army units and may replace Soldiers in Active and Reserve Component units. Part of the Army's Ready Reserve, the IRR includes individuals who have had training and served

previously in the Active Component or the Selected Reserve (such as a member of an Army Reserve unit). Unlike new recruits, these are seasoned, experienced Soldiers who can contribute significantly to Army readiness and operational capabilities. Congress under Title 10 of the U.S. Code mandates the IRR.

Although the Secretary of Defense authorized an involuntary mobilization of IRR Soldiers in January 2004, the Army has made every effort to minimize the call-up's impact by first contacting individual IRR Soldiers and soliciting volunteers, prior to initiating mandatory call-ups. To date, over 1,000 IRR Soldiers have volunteered to mobilize in support of the GWOT. However, all IRR members may be called upon to serve, at any time, subject to the needs of the Army.

This is not the first time the IRR has been called. During the Gulf War, over 20,000 IRR Soldiers were mobilized and deployed. Since then, there have been several other voluntary and involuntary IRR Soldier call-ups, including 2,533 IRR Soldiers mobilized since Sep. 11, 2001 in the GWOT (226 of which were involuntary mobilizations). The all-volunteer Army is entering one of the most demanding pe-

riods in its modern history. Sustained operations are the norm and the need to organize and balance the force between the active and reserve components is critical to meet current mission requirements.

If Soldiers in the IRR desire to volunteer to join a Reserve unit, they may call the Army's Human Resources Command—St Louis at 1-800-318-5298, or send an email to the appropriate office through the volunteer link on the HRC-STL Web site at [www.hrc.army.mil](http://www.hrc.army.mil). Soldiers can also contact HRC-STL for a variety of other reasons, for example to update their records, determine their remaining MSO, and learn where vacancies exist in their grade and specialty.

Army Family Online ([www.wblo.org](http://www.wblo.org)) offers one-stop access to information valuable to Soldiers and their families before, during and after deployment. The toll-free information line (1-800-833-6622) provides useful resources and referral services.

Congressional inquiries should be directed to Maj. Craig Greene, Office of Congressional Legislative Liaison, (703) 697-1244.



Photo illustration by Elizabeth Harlan



### Convoy training for Airmen

Riding in a truck through Iraq, manning a weapon and facing armed adversaries is not a scenario many Air Force vehicle operators thought they would see.

But that is exactly what more than 500 of these Airmen are doing — driving convoys for the Army supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Tate, Air Force vehicle operations career field manager, said a tasking for Air Force drivers to lend a hand came about during a sourcing conference attended by each of the four services.

As soon as the operators complete the course, they will form into units of about 150 Airmen and deploy to Kuwait for convoy live-fire training.

Once fully trained, vehicle operators deploy into Iraq for a six-month rotation, Tate

said. Air Force officials have committed about 300 Airmen through March 2006, he said.

### Hejlik takes command of 1st MEB

Brig. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik took command of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade in a change of command ceremony Tuesday at the Camp Fallujah, Iraq chapel.

Hejlik, who also serves as the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force deputy commanding general, received the brigade's colors from Maj. Gen. Keith M. Stalder, who now commands the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

A Marine Expeditionary Brigade, which falls between a Marine Expeditionary Unit and a Marine Expeditionary Force in size, generally consists of a reinforced infantry regiment, combat service support battalion and composite Marine aircraft group. 1st MEB's command element is drawn from members of the 1st MEF command element, and can operate either as the lead element for a deployment of the MEF or as a stand-alone unit.

### Navy tests rapid response system

A new Navy rapid-response surgical system, which will provide critical medical care for Sailors and Marines who are injured during maritime interdiction operations, made its first appearance on a foreign ship July 10 during the 2004 Rim of the Pacific exercises.

The Naval Health Research Center developed the concept of a shipboard surgical team in January after Rear Adm. (sel.) Christine Hunter, U.S. Pacific Fleet surgeon, realized that Sailors and Marines aboard smaller ships were going to be taking casualties during maritime interdictions, shipboard seizures and other operations. The new rapid response surgical system was unveiled during an open house July 1, aboard Tarawa during a RIMPAC port visit to the Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

RIMPAC 2004 is a major international maritime exercise, conducted June 29 through July 27 off the coast of Hawaii. In addition to Chile and the United States, the participating countries include: Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan and the Republic of Korea.



## Range closures

Today - AA, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AM, AN, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Friday - AA, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AM, AR, AU, AW

Saturday - AB, AD, AF, AG, AH, AM, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday - AD, AF, AG, AH, AU, AW

Monday - AA, AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AL, AU, AW

Tuesday - AA, AB, AC, AD, AF, AH, AL, AM, AR, AT, T1A, T2

Wednesday - AA, AB, AC, AD, AF, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AW

For more information, call 533-7095.

## Scholarship applicants

The Military Intelligence Corp Association scholarship deadline is today. Applicants or their immediate family members must be a member of MICA.

For more information visit the Web site <http://www.micorps.org/scholar.html> or call Sgt. Maj. Maurice Mitchell, 533-1174.



## Employer visit day

ACAP will sponsor an Employer Visit Day 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., today at the ACAP Center, Building 22420 on Butler Road. Local employers will be on site to discuss possible employment opportunities and to take resumes.

## Revive your resume

Get hands-on instruction on writing a traditional resume, Internet or Resumix version of your resume and more at the Revive Your Resume workshop 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday at Army Community Service (Building 50010). To reserve a seat, call 533-6870. This class is sponsored by the Employment Readiness Program.

## Red Cross blood drive

Fort Huachuca will host an American Red Cross blood drive sponsored by Network Enterprise Technology Command 4-8 p.m., July 22 at Eifler Fitness Center (Building 82401).

Red Cross blood donor card or photo identification is needed. Remember to drink extra water and eat a small, low-fat meal or a snack two to four hours before donating.

To schedule your appointment, call Jo Richter at 452-7987. Enter the Summer Superhero drawing for gifts from local merchants, including a grand price vacation package.

## Welcome to Fort Huachuca

Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program offers the Huachuca Welcome, an orientation for newcomers to the Fort Huachuca area. The Huachuca Welcome is set for 9 a.m. July 27, Aug. 13 and 25.

To register, call ACS at 533-2330. Child care may be acquired by calling at least one week in advance to the New Beginnings Child Development Center at 533-5209 for reservations.

Costs incurred for child care are the responsibility of the attendee.

## College credits count

Earn college credit for full-time work experience and military occupational specialties and schools at Wayland Baptist University. Fall registration begins July 28 with classes beginning Aug. 16. For more information, call 459-6111.

## Family Readiness Training

Family Readiness Group Training will be conducted 1:30 - 3 p.m., July 29 at the Army Community Service Building 50010.

The training will cover the basics of running an FRG and the recruitment of volunteers, and provide ideas on how to enhance FRG participation.

Registration is required. Call ACS at 533-2330 or e-mail [pamela.j.allen@us.army.mil](mailto:pamela.j.allen@us.army.mil) for enrollment.

## RWBAHC, pharmacies closed July

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center and both pharmacies will close at noon, July 30 for its Organizational Day. The last appointment will be at 11:30 a.m.

Patients are asked to take care of their medication/refill needs earlier in the week or early that morning. The Medical Activity Command staff appreciate everyone's patience during the closure

## Installation retirement ceremony

The next Installation Retirement Ceremony is scheduled for 7 a.m., July 30 on Chaffee Parade Field.

Military and civilians retiring can stand in this ceremony and receive recognition for their great service to this nation. If you are military, and planning to retire, contact your S1 for coordination.

If you are a civilian, contact Suzette Krusemark, DPTMS, at 533-3185 or [suzette.krusemark@us.army.mil](mailto:suzette.krusemark@us.army.mil).

October's Installation Retirement Ceremony will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 15 on Brown Parade Field

## High school hosts town hall

Buena High School will host a town hall meeting 5:30 p.m., Aug. 4 at Fitch Auditorium (inside Alvarado Hall off Hatfield Street), Fort Huachuca. The town hall is designed to give new and returning parents and students up-to-date information directly from Tad Bloss, principal, and Mark Boggie, lead counselor, who will address myths and zero in on facts. The forum will solicit feedback and record questions/answers and actions to be taken if any. Army Family Action Plan issues will also be discussed.

## Calling screamin' eagles

The 101st Airborne Division Association National Convention will be held Aug. 4-8 in Hampton, Va., at the Hampton Holiday Inn and Convention Center.

This is the 59th annual reunion and will feature various activities around the Hampton Roads/Tide-water area. All members of the Division Association, both past and present, and their families are invited to attend.

For more information, call Jim Shamblen at 757-838-5654, fax 757-727-4070 or e-mail



[slick77@cox.net](mailto:slick77@cox.net).

## BSEP class begins

The Education Center will sponsor a Basic Skills Education Program class Aug. 4-20 to raise the General Technical score. For more information, call Bob Campbell at 533-5690 or e-mail [Robert.campbell@hua.army.mil](mailto:Robert.campbell@hua.army.mil).

## MEO to reenact suffrage march

The Military Equal Opportunity office is looking for units/directorates to participate in Women's Equality Day Aug. 28. The MEO office will host a reenactment of the 1913 Women's Suffrage March at 8 a.m., Aug. 28. Participants will march from the South Parking #1 (Kelly Operations) to the open area in front of the Main Post Exchange. Once at the PX, there will be actors representing and reenacting speakers of that time period.

Units/directorates interested in sponsoring a booth on Women's Equality Day (displays or information), food or games must have submissions to the MEO office by Aug. 6. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Suzanne Sueing at 533-3696 or 533-1717.

## Volunteers needed

Army Family Team Building needs a volunteer program manager to ensure the overall implementation of the administrative procedures in the AFTB office. The Army Family Action Plan is looking for volunteers to be part of the planning committee.

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

Army Community Service needs a Round Up editor/writer to attend meetings 10-11:30 a.m. the first

Tuesday of the month; gather information via note taking, handouts and e-mails; and write up the newsletter. For more information, call 533-2330.

The Chapel is looking for a receptionist Monday-Friday. For more information, call 533-4748.

Volunteer at any ACS organization, and you qualify for 10 hours per family of free childcare at the Child Development Center, School Age Services or Family Child Care home.

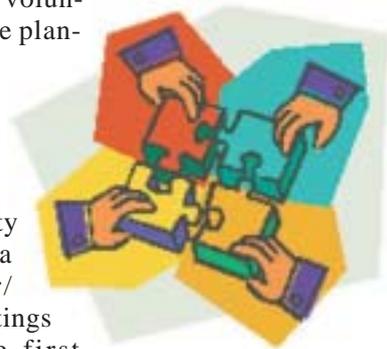
For more information, call the ACS volunteer coordinator at 533-6880.

## Family child care training

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is now accepting applications for the next FCC Training Class in August. Family members, 18 and older, interested in earning an extra income by caring for children in their home should plan to attend our next scheduled training.

Training is 8 a.m.- 1:30 p.m Monday through Friday. The training is free. Class sizes are limited; therefore, interested parties are urged to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible.

Prior to attendance in this training, interested personnel should contact the FCC Office in Murr Community Center, for an application. For more information, call the Fort Huachuca FCC program at 533-2498. The FCC Office is open 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



# Sixty years later POW, World War II vet awarded *Purple Heart*

BY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS DONALD SPARKS  
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For more than three years, as he was held captive as a prisoner of war during World War II, Albert Felsen remained determined to one day see freedom – and he did. The same determination which helped him survive countless brutal beatings and a broken nose by Japanese guards led him to see a day he'd been waiting for for more than 60 years – receiving his Purple Heart.

“Don’t think I’m too brash, but I earned it, and I don’t mind saying it,” the 84-year-old Felsen said prior to the ceremony Friday. Brig. Gen. Warner Sumpter, acting commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. “Today I feel I’ve earned my just reward,” Felsen said.

Sumpter also presented Felsen with a second Bronze Star Medal, the Philippine Defense Medal and a letter of gratitude and thanks from former U.S. President Harry Truman.

“What these gentlemen did in World War II, espe-

cially a gentleman like Felsen, is absolutely amazing,” Sumpter said. “What they endured, what they accomplished and what they did for our nation. Without their sacrifice, the demographics and the boundaries of the United States and the free world would probably be different. They honestly saved the world.”

Felsen, at age 18, initially served as an infantryman in the California National Guard and was discharged in January 1940. However his commitment to serving the country was overwhelming, and he joined the Army Air Corps July 8, 1941, five months before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

As a mechanic assigned to the Philippines, Felsen became a POW and was incarcerated at Mitzui and Kawasaki prison camps on the outskirts of Tokyo in November 1942. It was there where the savagery and barbarous atrocities became commonplace for him and other Americans held captive.

He was forced to work in the Japanese steel mills as a laborer from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. helping the Japanese war effort against his own country.

There were many days in which he was ill with dysentery, nausea and stomach pains and could not work, however, it only enraged the Japanese guards.

They would take turns beating him about the head, face, chest, back and legs. He was once beaten until he lay bleeding and unconscious on the ground. Unfortunately medical treatment and medication was minimal and there were no written documentation in the camp of his experiences.

“If I wasn’t crazy, I wouldn’t have survived it,” Felsen said. “I saw how evil the Japanese could be. You had to have will and determination – something a lot of the guys didn’t have. I just learned how to put up with it because I knew it couldn’t last forever.

Because of no documentation, Felsen was not deemed eligible for the Purple Heart and he’d lost faith of ever acquiring the medal he coveted and knew he earned. His story about his experiences was picked up by Korean War and Vietnam War veteran George Timmons.

Timmons, a member of Chapter 572 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, met Felsen at a parade in Sierra Vista and single handedly went to Alexandria, Va., to the Department of the Army Military Awards Branch to fight for his case.

“I told him I was going to get him his Purple Heart,” Timmons said.

Timmons had a fight on his hands because of the absence of documentation of Felsen’s wounds during captivity and because of a rule automatically denying



*Albert Felsen, left, greets Brig. Gen. Warner Sumpter, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca acting commanding general, prior to the start of the ceremony awarding Felsen his Purple Heart Medal. George Timmons, center, member of Chapter 572 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, personally went to Virginia to fight for Felsen to be awarded the medal which was 60 years overdue.*

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...s their medals before 1996. However he was  
... to present a letter from a fellow prisoner of war  
... served in the same camp to authenticate  
... sen's time.

The letter, written by Arthur Akullian, told in  
...phic nature of Felson's weakened mental and  
...sical condition as a result of the brutal treatment  
... Japanese guards.

Akullian's testimony provided the necessary  
...ords needed as the awards branch announced the  
...rding of the Purple Heart to Felson.

"I'm so happy for him," Timmons said. "This is  
... all the veterans who are still awaiting awards."

The ceremony attended by Felson's children and  
... grandchildren made the occasion even more special for

"I'm very proud of my father," said Michael Felson.  
... ever heard any of the stories that happened to him  
... I was older and that's what's so remarkable about  
... I couldn't be happier for him."

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

**Albert Felson reflects on his ordeal as a prisoner of war in Japan during World War II after being rewarded the Purple Heart Medal. The medal, along with the Bronze Star and the Philippine Defense Medal, was awarded to him Friday, 60 years after they were due for injuries he suffered as a POW.**

# Athletes sought for Steelhead Triathlon

There's still time to sign up for Steelhead Triathlon

The Sports and Fitness branch of MWR will hold the Steelhead Triathlon starting at 6 a.m., July 25 at Irwin Pool.

The course will include an 800-yard pool swim, a 13-mile bike ride on a

paved course, and a 3.1-mile run on a paved road.

The event is open to anyone who would like to participate, as individuals or as a team. Entry forms can be obtained at Barnes Field House, or online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

Entry fees are as follows: \$25 for individual military; \$30 for individual civilian; \$50 for 3-person military team; and \$70 for 3-person civilian team. Entry fees are used to provide awards, refreshments and participant T-shirts.

Entries are due by Monday. After

that day, a late fee will be added. Registration ends by close of business July 23.

Packets may be picked up beginning July 22 at Barnes Field House, or at Irwin Pool on race day.

For more information, call Karlie Hale at 533-3858.

## Grand opening of TMAC postponed

The grand opening of the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will not be held July 22 as previously announced. The new date for the grand opening will be Sept. 8.

The facility will be located at Building 70525, which formerly housed La Hacienda.

Watch for more details in the Scout.

For more information, call 533-2193.

## Night paintball

The Sportsman's Center will offer a special session of night paintball 8 - 11:30 p.m., July 23.

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

## Boating safety class scheduled

MWR Rents will offer a boating safety class 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., July 24 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.

## Open skeet shoot

The Arizona Skeet Shooting Association will present the Summertime Open Skeet Competition, starting at 8 a.m., July 24 and 25 at the Sportsman's Center.

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

## Summer art, crafts classes

The MWR Arts Center holds summer arts and crafts classes for children, 5 - 16.

Cost is \$7.50 per class or \$14 for two classes. Pre-registration is required.

The class schedule for the remainder of July is as follows: July 27, tie dye; July 28, ceramic painting; and July 29, basic photography. The classes will continue through Aug. 5.

The Arts Center is offering a new class called "Beading for the thrill of It."

For more information, call or stop in at the Arts Center for exact dates and times.

Some of the other classes offered monthly at the Arts Center include: ceramics, cake decorating, scrapbooking, pottery, framing and photography.

The MWR Arts Center is located on the corner of Hatfield and Arizona Streets, in Building 52008.

For more information, call 533-2015.

## Don't miss Rock 300 at Desert Lanes

Rock 300 continues 7 - 11 p.m., Fridays through July 30 at Desert Lanes. During Rock 300, you can bowl for \$7, which includes the cost of shoes. There is a \$5 cover charge for non-bowlers.

For more information, call 533-2849.

## Soldier Show tickets available

Tickets for the 2004 Army Soldier Show are now available at MWR Box Office and Sierra Vista Safeway.

The Soldier show is set for 7 p.m., Aug. 2 and 5 and 8 p.m., Aug. 3, at Buena Performing Arts Center, Sierra Vista.

Admission to the show is free, but you must have a ticket. For more information, call 533-2404.

## Sunset trail rides at Buffalo Corral

Buffalo Corral holds sunset trail rides 6 - 8 p.m., every Thursday. These rides are open to the public, 7 and up. The price is \$13.50 for authorized MWR patrons and \$19 for civilians. Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business the day before the ride.

For more information, call 533-5220.

## 2004 All Army Photography Contest

The MWR Arts Center has announced that entries are now being accepted for the 2004 All Army Photography Contest.

MWR patrons are invited to enter their favorite prints or short films in the contest, to compete against the best photographers in the Army.

For more information, call the MWR Arts Center at 533-2015. The Arts Center is located on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary.

## Rollin' Thunder Skate Park is open

Located next to the Youth Center, Rollin' Thunder Skate Park is open to the public 3 - 7 p.m., Monday - Thursday, for 6th grade and up; 3 - 9 p.m., Fridays, for teens only; and 1 - 6 p.m., Saturdays, for all ages.

Child and Youth Service members skate free with an identification card. Cost for non-members is \$2 per day.

For CYS membership card information, call the Central Registration Office at 533-0738.

For more information on Rollin' Thunder Skate Park, call Youth Services at 533-3212.

## Box Office Armed Forces Vacation Club offers discount trips

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

The Box Office also has the following offers:

- The Tucson Attractions Passport, which includes 46, two-for-one offers and discounts toward many different attractions, museums and shopping, in Tucson and the surrounding area. The book can be purchased for \$15. A few of the attractions included are: Kartchner Caverns State Park, Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum, Tombstone Courthouse, Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, Old Tucson Studios, Tucson Raceway Park, Foothills Mall in Tucson, Ramsey Canyon Preserve, Picacho Peak State Park, the Biosphere 2 Center, the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve, the Pima Air and Space Museum, plus many others.

- Information on the Armed Forces Vacation Club. AFVC offers a vacation condominium rental program at reduced prices, developed to benefit members and employees of the U.S. Uniformed Services, National Guard and Reserves.

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

- 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.

- Tickets for the following events at the Tucson Convention Center: July 20, Harry Connick, Jr.; July 28, Kenny Loggins; Aug. 2, John Fogerty; Aug. 4, Rod Stewart; and Aug. 6, Weird Al Yankovic. These tickets may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., only.

The MWR Box Office is located in Building 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary.

For more information, call 533-2404. The Box Office is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.



## Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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**Movies**

The Stepford Wives is playing at 7 p.m. Friday at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 28.

# All-Stars strike out

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE  
SCOUT STAFF

It was a motley crew of youth, 9-10, all-star baseball players from the Fort Huachuca Major league that trekked to Douglas, Ariz., July 6 to duke it out with the heavily-armed Nogales team in their first game of a double-elimination tournament. Although the fort team went out with all good intentions, they were thoroughly shut out in a 21-0, four-inning game.

Taking the field first, the fort team seemed to be standing in front of a firing squad as the non-nonsense Nogales team hammered out hit after hit, ending their opening at-bat with 16 runs. Fort Huachuca coach John Ruiz intensely concentrated on the game, offering advice and encouraging his team to relax.

The bottom of the first inning saw two consecutive strike-outs before a solid hit by fort pitcher Peter Ruiz who lapped the bases and was barely

tagged out at home, ending the inning.

Nogales nabbed two more runs in the second, followed by three consecutive strike-outs by Fort Huachuca batters in their half of the inning.

In the third inning, pitcher Ruiz showed calmer nerves as he loosened up and struck out the first two Nogales batters. Next came a grounder, resulting in a triple, then a steal to home. Alan Valenzuela stepped to the plate and sent the ball into deep left field, resulting in a home run, making the score 21-0, Nogales, where the score would stay through the next inning and the end of the game.

"There are some things they can improve on," said Mike Smeltzer, Fort Huachuca's assistant coach. "It's hard to bring kids from four different teams together, have one week to practice and expect them to be ready."

The many Fort Huachuca parents that drove to Douglas to the game were more subdued



Photo by Spc. Susan Redwine

than the exuberant legion of Nogales parents, most of who were wearing matching team T-shirts, a sea of yellow on the opposite side of the field.

"It's not an inconvenience as long as it's for the kids," said Rafael Monge about the distance he drove to attend the game so he could watch his son Matthew play. Monge said he

grew up in the area and knew of Nogales as a tough team to beat.

Gloria Martinez, a Nogales resident who went to the game to see her grandson Memo play said that Nogales was baseball country.

"Baseball is all they do during the summertime," she said. She added that two of her neph-

ews, who got their start in Nogales youth leagues, now play for Major League Baseball.

With such hard-core traditions behind the opposing team, it's no wonder that the Fort Huachuca team should have been nervous.

"Nerves got them," coach Ruiz said. "They're a lot better than it showed. We'll definitely do better. We're capable of doing better."

# Post team prepares to kick...butt

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

Some post personnel better be ready to fight come July. No, not in preparation for another deployment, but to join the newly formed tae kwon do team and travel the country kicking butt.

A tae kwon do team is being created on post for Soldiers, civilians and dependants who have martial arts experience and would like the opportunity to compete locally and nationally, said Howard Clayton, team coach and founder.

"I decided this tae kwon do team was something I wanted to

offer to Soldiers and civilians here," he said. Clayton, who works in the Administrative Law Division of the Staff Judge Advocate's office, was a five-year member of the All-Army Tae Kwon Do Team, 1996 All-Army welterweight champion and 1995 quarter finalist at the U.S. Nationals Tae Kwon Do Competition.

Tae kwon do is a Korean martial art, characterized by fast, high and spinning kicks. Tae kwon do means "the way of hand and foot" or of kicking and punching. It not only fosters physical fitness, but mental and physical discipline as well.

The team, which was recently approved by the garrison commander, exists to help athletes reach their individual goals, Clayton said. Whether the participant just wants to compete recreationally, or they're aiming a little higher, for example, to make the All-Army team or the World Class Athlete Program, Clayton said he'll train to make it happen.

Training will consist mostly of drills, although he will include endurance and weight training if necessary. "The training will mirror All-Army training," Clayton said. He plans on using the

kicking and punching drills the All-Army team uses to assess skill levels and he can vary them as necessary to cater to the athletes' ability level.

Team members will compete throughout Arizona, and possibly nationally, in sparring, forms, creative forms and breaking. Uniforms, equipment and competition travel and entry costs will be paid by the participants.

Clayton plans to begin training at the end of July and hold training sessions three to five times per week. For more information, interested Soldiers, civilians and family members can call Clayton at 533-0620.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

The post tae kwon do team will be coached by Howard Clayton.

# Looking for a fast get away?

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE  
SCOUT STAFF

Some people may think life at Fort Huachuca is isolated, that we live in the middle of nowhere. Those people obviously aren't making the most of what southeastern Arizona has to offer. Travel to Tombstone, Bisbee, Tucson and Patagonia is easy, educational and fun.

Tombstone is the quickest destination from post. Only about half an hour or less away, Tombstone is a great place to get a sense of the Old West. The main street looks like a town out of a Western movie with shops on each side. The most famous attraction in Tombstone is the O.K. Corral, where Wyatt Earp and his brothers had their famous shootout with the Clanton gang. Reenactments, cowboys and carriage



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

## Tombstone

rides, along with lots of shopping make spending time in Tombstone worthwhile.

Bisbee was established as a mining town in the late 1800s and is nestled in the Mule Mountains about 45 minutes from post. Viewing the town from Highway 80, it almost looks like an Italian village draped among the hills. Brick buildings from the turn of the last century line winding streets and contain restaurants and galleries, along with other kitschy shops. Bisbee is a popular tourist destination and has many bed and breakfasts to choose from for an

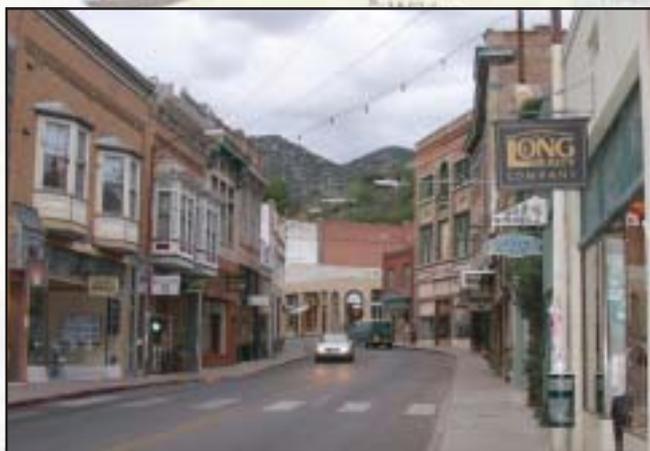


Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

## Bisbee

overnight stay. Learn the history of the town by spending some time in the mining museum in the city center.

Patagonia takes about an hour to get to, west of post. A diminutive old village, the streets have the feel of small-town America. An historic park sits in the center of town with good-quality eateries on both sides. Additionally,

there are some organic grocery stores and galleries for souvenir shopping. What may be the most enticing part of a trip to Patagonia would be the scenic drive down Highway 83, where distant mountains, rock outcroppings and rolling hills offer a beautiful change of scenery.

For those missing the amenities of a large city, Tucson can fulfill most of those needs. Malls and chain stores can be found there, along with areas catering to a college crowd near the University of Arizona. Also near Tucson is the San Xavier Mission, an 18th Century church.

Check out the



Courtesy photo

## Tucson

mysteries of outer space at Kitt Peak National Observatory, which is open to the public with no admission fee. Tours are offered periodically throughout the day. Tucson offers these attractions plus others such as art museums and desert museums.

With all these attractions, there is already a lot to do in our neck of the woods. However, the best part of any of it is the journey itself.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

## Patagonia Lake

# Home on wheels? Vacation in your backyard

BY AMANDA BAILLIE  
SCOUT STAFF

What many of us may simply view as our working environment has become, for others, a wonderful holiday haven.

Nestled just below the Huachuca Mountains, and only a few minutes' drive from the stresses of everyday military life, is the peace and quiet of the fort's Apache Flats RV Park.

The site is not only an attraction for RV owners and renters from across America, but also for those a little closer to home.

"I get people coming here who live in Sierra Vista, but park their RV here for a couple of weeks or just a weekend," said Park manager Sharon Blakley. "It gives them

different surroundings, the kids like it and they don't have to travel thousands of miles to get somewhere.

"I also think for many people this is how things used to be where you could sit on your porch and have

the neighbors coming by. It's a relaxed way of living for a couple of weeks and it is so beautiful here. I also believe a vacation is a state of mind and not always about where you go."

Blakley has been the full-time, on-site manager of the park since January 1999, following the site's extensive and modernizing facelift in 1998.

Previously, it was just a place to park, but since the work was carried out there are now 50 concrete RV slots complete with hook-ups to the necessary utilities, as well as cable television.

The area, overseen by MWR, also boasts restrooms, showers, laundry facilities and an



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

## Apache Flats RV Park

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# Spirited volley ends in defeat for ISEC

SPC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

A man's got some nerve to stand on a platform three feet off the ground while balls are



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

**Leslie Higgins, Information Security Engineering Command leaps for a spike during Monday's League 1 volleyball game. Despite courageous efforts from ISEC, they lost to the Noncommissioned Officers Academy after three rounds.**

flying and players are jumping and diving at your feet. But, he's a volleyball referee and you've got to have a bird's eye view to call the shots and errors during a volleyball game.

Under these watchful eyes, the Noncommissioned Officers Academy trumped the Information Systems Engineering Command after three close rounds of volleyball action at Barnes Field House on Monday.

NCOA began the game with a record of 0-2 and ISEC with 1-2. The evenly matched teams kept the score close, within 2 points, throughout round one. NCOA was at a serious disadvantage, with no players to substitute, ISEC, however, came out in full force.

"We finally have all our members," said team captain Sean Lankford of his 10-plus member team.

NCOA's NCO confidence and leadership was prevalent on the court while ISEC strengths lied in their impressive teamwork and communication.

After the screeching of skin and rubber soles on the court finally ceased, NCOA had won round one 15-13 and changed sides for another round of serves, sets and spikes.

Just when it looked like the two teams were well warmed up and in their zones, they started out round two with errors and inattentiveness.

Again, the teams kept the heat up and the scores stayed close throughout the 15-minute round. Players were colliding left and right trying to keep the ball in play.

ISEC emerged relatively unscathed with a second-round win which meant a third round, a volley round. During volley round every time a clean shot is made, a point is awarded regardless of the serving team.

With a war cry of "1-2-3 NCOs," NCOA charged into round three and picked up four points quickly off of ISEC's errors. But, NCOA's hopes for court dominance were nearly thwarted when ISEC launched a comeback after the eight point courtside switch.

ISEC rose to the occasion with the help of Ron Turnidge's spiking prowess. First he delivered a power strike into NCOA territory and then followed that up with a gentle dink, surprising the NCOs.

However, despite ISEC's death grip on the match, NCOA slipped away, winning their very first game of the season.

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activities center.

Any active duty military member, retired personnel and their dependants are entitled to use the RV park.

It is also open to Department of Defense employees and contractors working at Fort Huachuca.

Reservations can be made up to 60 days in advance, which is especially advisable for the winter months when the park is always 100 per cent full. During the summer this drops to around 70 per cent.

"We do get a lot of active duty people using the park, although we would like to see more," said Blakley, who has a team of volunteers to help with the running and maintenance of the facility. "It's nice when the young Soldiers meet up with veterans and learn about their stories and experiences. We also get transit Soldiers, as well as students here for courses, and also family members attending graduations and other events."

In the last 10 years, added Blakley, RVs have become increasingly popular and many military installations now have parks with high standard facilities.

"For many people an RV is a home on wheels. They can be bigger than many apartments," said Blakley,

who lives in an RV on-site. "It's a nice way to travel and a lot of people are taking up this lifestyle and enjoying it.

"It's also a nice way to vacation and when you get to a park you meet lots of people, many of whom will have the same interests or background as you."

Blakley is especially keen to encourage the social aspect of Apache Flats RV Park.

She organizes numerous events, especially during the winter when many retirees will stay for up to three months – the maximum stay allowed.

"Sometimes we can have three or four activities a week, including breakfasts, arts and crafts, picnics or meals out in town. We even held a wedding reception here," said Blakley. "And when the September 11th tragedy happened we had a gentleman here who played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. Now he comes back every year and we hold a remembrance event."

The cost of staying at Apache Flats RV Park is \$275 for 30 days, including utilities and cable TV, for active duty and retired personnel, or \$75 per week or \$13 per day.

For more information, call 533-1335.

**PWOC summer study**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host two Bible study programs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday, through July 27. Choose NIV Chronological Bible continued from fall and spring or Time Management for Busy Women by Elizabeth George. Watch care is provided for children ages 6 months through 5 years. Care for school-age children is also available. For more information, call Christine Henry at 439-9516 or Karol Guthrie at 458-5379.

**Hunter classes**

The Arizona Hunter Education Course will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. July 20, 22, 27, 29, Aug. 2, 4 and 6 and from 8:30 to noon Aug. 7. Attendance at all eight classes is required. Cost is \$5 per person. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 459-0607.

**Field trip to Catwalk**

The City of Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Services invite the public to the Catwalk National Recreation Area field trip July 24. Participants will depart from the Ethel Berger Center at 7 a.m. and travel to Whitewater Creek in southwest New Mexico and return to the center at 7 p.m. This trip provides a look at the local mining history, including the pipeline walkway bolted to the steep canyon walls. Also see the historic canyon hideouts of Geronimo and Butch Cassidy. This trip is not for those with a fear of heights. Cost of the trip is \$28 per person. Pre-registration is required by July 16. For more information, call 458-7922 or log on to [www.ci.sierravista.az.us](http://www.ci.sierravista.az.us).

**Fall softball league**

Parks and Leisure Services will be conducting the Men's and Coed Fall Softball leagues starting Aug. 9 and 10 respectively. Start getting your teams ready for some

fun and excitement! Entry fee for either league is \$425 per team and due at the informational meeting 6:30 p.m. July 26 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center. League registration packets will be available at OYCC, Ethel Berger Center and at the Cove on July 14. For more information, call 458-7922.

**Greyhound adoption**

The Sierra Vista Greyhound Adoption League will host a Greyhound Adoption Day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. July 31 at Ramsey Canyon Feed and Pet Store, 4107 E.



Glenn Rd., Sierra Vista. Retirement is not an end, but a beginning to a new and different way of life. Every year hundreds of young, healthy adult Greyhounds finish their racing careers and are in need of adoption.

Calm, gentle and eager to please, these graceful pets are quite comfortable trading their life in the fast lane for a loving forever home.

The dogs available are ex-racers, recently retired from the track and the Greyhound Adoption League is dedicated to their rescue and placement.

Greyhounds make outstanding indoor companions and get along well with children, other dogs and pets. They are quiet, intelligent animals that only want all the love and attention you can give. This program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs. For more information, call 378-1763.

**Database motherlode**

You can access the world's most comprehensive catalog of library materials at the post main library. If an item has been cataloged by any library in the world, it is in the First Search database. For more information call, the reference librarian at 533-3041 or e-mail Natalie Danforth on MS-Exchange.

**Evening Youth Soccer Camp**

Youth Services is sponsoring weekday soccer camps for youth, 8-15, from 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays - Fridays through Aug. 2. The camps will focus on soccer fundamentals and teach youth ball handling, turning, control of the ball, shooting and heading skills. The instructor is Barry Morris who was a professional level coach in Great Britain and has extensive experience in coaching and instructing soccer. Cost of the camp is \$25 and each participant receives a soccer ball and a T-shirt. For more information contact Youth Services at 533-3212.

**Parent, tot playgroup**

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program has a Parent/Tot playgroup, which meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, at the School Age Services Building 52056, off Hatfield Street, across from the Main Post Chapel. Children, 5 and under, and their parents are invited to participate. This is a volunteer-run program that offers age-appropriate activities, holiday parties and monthly briefings of interest to parents, along with vibrant adult-child interaction. The size of the group is always increasing, so parents are encouraged to make reservations by calling ACS at 533-2330, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Volunteers are always welcome.

**B Troop seeks volunteers**

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

**Pets Of The Week**



**Harley is a 2-year-old black and rust lab mix. He is a loyal and loving companion who loves to play in the water.**

**Dixie is a young female Australian shepherd mix. She is good with children and would love to help make your house a home.**

**These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 30009 Hungerford Road. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit [forthuachuca.petfinder.com](http://forthuachuca.petfinder.com).**

**At The Movies**

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

**Today -7 p.m.**  
The Day After Tomorrow  
PG-13

**Friday -7 p.m.**  
The Stepford Wives  
PG-13

**Saturday -7 p.m.**  
The Chronicles Of Riddick  
PG-13

**Sunday -2 p.m.**  
Harry Potter: The Prisoner Of Azkabad  
PG

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

**Tune in to CAC**

**Timely fort news, briefs, goings-on**

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.

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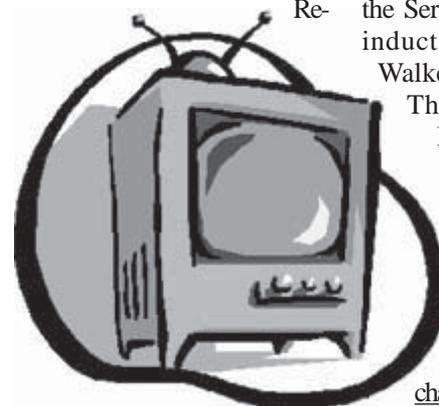
port airs at 3:30 p.m. weekdays with video highlights of local events.

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

The lineup for the Commander's Fort Report includes: a veteran's WWII Medal Ceremony, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Branch Insignia Transition, the TSM-J STARS change of charter and the Sergeant Audie Murphy induction and Dr. Mary Walker award ceremony.

The Army Campaign Plan is airing at 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. daily until July 15.

To get your message on the Commander's Access Channel, e-mail [channel97@hua.army.mil](mailto:channel97@hua.army.mil).



## Golf Results

Team	Points awarded
NETCOM	A Net, B Gross, D Net
111TH MI BD	A Net, B Net, C Gross, C Net, D Gross, Team Gross and Net
Co. A 306TH	A Gross, A Net, B Gross, B Net, C Gross, C Net, D Gross, D Net, Team Gross and Net
JITC #3	None

## Golf standings

Unit	Matches played	Points
Co. A 306TH	11	67
JITC #1	8	65
111TH MI BD #1	9	64
MEDDAC	10	64
ISEC	10	60
JITC #3	10	50
IEW MAINT	9	47
JITC #2	9	43
NETCOM	9	42
USMC/USN	9	37
USAG	7	32
Co. B 305TH	6	23
IEWTD	8	15
19TH SIG Co.	8	10

# Army vet revisits past fame

BY JACQUELINE GARRELTS

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Forty years after Marty Loughlin was featured in a national advertising campaign for the United Service Organizations, or USO, the former Army specialist is revisiting his past fame.

A photograph of Loughlin that appeared on television, in print advertisements, and on the side of buses is now displayed on a Pentagon wall in a corridor off the southern end of the concourse.

While Loughlin served in the Army for two years he was picked out of a crowd to be featured in the nationwide USO advertising campaign.

The USO superimposed the advertisement with a photograph of Loughlin and credited him with a sergeant first class rank, even though he was actually a specialist.

"The photo shoot only took one day, and I tried to get a weekend pass out of it but wasn't able to," Loughlin recalled.

He never obtained a copy of the advertisement from USO, but found a billboard ad in New Jersey, where he was stationed at Fort Monmouth, and had a friend take a

picture of himself in front of it. Loughlin was stationed there for advanced MOS training before being sent to Germany.

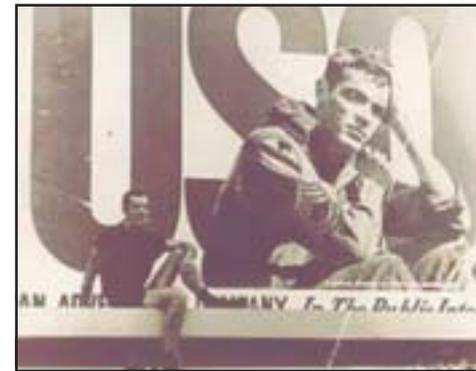
Being featured in the USO advertisement was one of the highlights of his military career, Loughlin said. He was 21 years old when the ad picture was taken.

When told about the advertisement in the Pentagon, Loughlin was shocked and had no idea it was up until his nephew, Air Force Lt. Col. Ken Cobleigh, noticed it one day while walking through the corridor.

Loughlin recently retired from NBC in Chicago, after 31 years with the network. He made a special visit to the Pentagon with his wife, Helke, and Cobleigh's family to take a tour of the building and view the USO advertisement.

The USO is a private nonprofit, charitable organization, which serves as a link between military personnel and the American people, according to the USO official Web site. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life of the men and women of the armed forces and their families worldwide.

The organization currently has many programs and services to help the men and women who are serving our country, in-



Courtesy photo

**Marty Loughlin poses in front of his photo on a USO billboard advertisement. Loughlin was stationed at Fort Monmouth, N.J., when he first saw his picture on the advertisement that the USO picked him to appear in.**

cluding the "USO Operation Phone," which collects donations from companies and anyone else willing to donate money. The donations go toward the purchase of pre-paid phone cards for America's servicemen and women overseas. The USO pledges to continue this effort until everyone comes home.