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Last Scout of 2001

The last issue of The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper for the year 2001 will be published on Dec. 20. The deadline for submissions remains one week prior to desired publication date. Items for the Dec. 20 issue must be received by close of business Friday. The first issue of 2002 will be Jan. 10. Items for that issue must be received by Jan. 4. For more information, call Managing Editor, Angela Moncur, at 533-1987.

Vehicle decals available

The Directorate of Public Safety has received its shipment of vehicle registration decals and began issuing them earlier this week. Individuals needing a vehicle registration decal should go to Alchey Barracks, Building 31122, Room 116 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Be sure to bring your vehicle registration, previous vehicle pass, ID card, proof of insurance and drivers license. Park at the south end of the building and enter through the back door.

Blood drives set

The American Red Cross Blood Drives scheduled for December are today from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Murr Community Center; Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Eifler Gym; and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

Select a time and date that would be most convenient. Remember to drink extra water starting the day before the drive and eat a small low-fat meal or snack two-four hours before donating.

You may also donate at the Red Cross Center near Donovan Dodge on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 458-4858.

Funeral route changes

The Directorate of Installation Support will reroute the vehicular funeral route from Grierson Avenue to Christy Avenue. This is due to demolition and construction of 110 new family housing units. This rerouting will provide safe access for visitors while the contractor fences off a major portion of the Bonnie Blink housing area.

CFC deadline today

The Combined Federal Campaign is the largest single charitable campaign in the world. This year, more than ever, Fort Huachuca has been impacted by the need to reach out to help others, and to give from the heart.

If you have not yet given to CFC this year or you just haven't turned in your pledge card, contact your unit representative or call Maj. Terry Hurley, the CFC Campaign Coordinator for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County at 538-6048. Fort Huachuca is currently only \$134 away from reaching its 2001 Combined Federal Campaign goal of \$340,000.

According to our records, only 24 percent of Fort Huachuca has participated in the campaign this year. We want to ensure everyone on this installation is at least given the opportunity to contribute. The absolute deadline for payroll deductions is Dec. 13. The deadline for cash or check contribution is Dec. 31.

Town Hall video airs

A videotape of the Commanding General's live Town Hall program broadcast over the Commander's Access Channel on Dec. 3, will be shown from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday on Channel 97.



Photos by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Celebrate hope

Hundreds of Fort Huachuca community members came out Dec. 13 to the holiday lighting ceremony held at the Main Post Chapel. Events including a menorah lighting by Lou Broitman and the lighting of the post Christmas tree by U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Commanding General, Brig. Gen. James Marks. After the lighting ceremony attendees were treated to a holiday concert by the 36th Army Band and an appearance by Santa Claus who posed for pictures with children and passed out bags of candy, cookies, cider and hot chocolate.



Soldiers receive Purple Heart

Army News Service

LANDSTUHL, Germany — Four of the five Special Forces members who were injured Nov. 29 during a bombing in Afghanistan were awarded the Purple Heart Dec. 1 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

The fifth, an Air Force sergeant, attended the ceremony, but elected to receive the Purple Heart when he returns to the United States.

The soldiers were wounded after being hit by a stray American bomb while helping Northern Alliance forces fighting armed Taliban captives in a fort near Mazar-e Sharif.

Using only first names for operational security reasons, three of the Purple Heart recipients described their experiences in Afghanistan.

They told reporters about the day they received word that heavy casualties were being inflicted on the Northern Alliance by the Taliban forces, and some of the events that occurred after they entered the combat area.

The Special Forces soldiers said they were subjected to small arms fire and mortar rounds prior to the bombing.

"Everything went brown," according to a captain who called himself Paul. "I felt myself flying through the air. I was awake and conscious the entire time.

"I prepared myself for the impact and at first thought I couldn't see or hear. My biggest worry was that the Taliban had overwhelmed our people; but that didn't happen.

"I heard American voices and cried out for help. One of our crew helped me to a safer position."

He added that two other team members, while under Taliban fire, heroically rescued a



Army photo

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more seriously injured soldier. All five were medically evacuated to a nearby hospital and later to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

In discussing their experiences, the soldiers said they were received with open arms and a lot of smiling faces by the Afghanistan people, and they described the Taliban forces as dedicated to their cause and highly motivated.

Following the award ceremony, Maj. Gen.

Geoffrey C. Lambert, the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center commanding general, said the Special Forces members are people with adventurous spirits who believe in their country, love their families, and are willing to pay with their blood in the fight against terrorism.

(Editor's note: The story was released from the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Public Affairs Office.)

Fort Knox key to Army Transformation to Objective Force

By Jim Caldwell

TRADCO News Service

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Gen. John N. Abrams, commander of Training and Doctrine Command spoke to two groups interested in Fort Knox's future today.

Abrams, whose headquarters is at Fort Monroe, Va., spoke to the Core Committee of the Knox Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. Members of the Governor's Kentucky Commission for Military Affairs attended the meeting where Abrams praised the Kentucky congressional delegation — in particular Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Jim Bunning and Representative Ron Lewis for their support to enhance Army readiness.

"TRADOC has a great record of working with civic leaders and elected officials," Abrams said. "We want to have a dialog with community leaders and to maintain good lines of communications."

Since he assumed command of TRADOC in 1998, Abrams has regularly traveled to all TRADOC installations, making time to participate in frank and open discussions with local officials on issues from education

to medical support. Within the last two months — indicative of keeping the lines of communications open — Abrams has met with and discussed key issues of roles, missions and outstanding construction projects with several members of the congressional delegations representing Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia, as well as those in Kentucky.

This visit enabled Abrams — along with Maj. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, commander of the U.S. Armor Center and Fort Knox, and commandant of the Armor School — to address concerns that Core Committee members had voiced earlier to Senator Bunning on key issues concerning the community.

"We look at quality of life issues for all families. We want to ensure they have medical support and good family housing, among others," Abrams said.

Knox is number four on TRADOC's priority list for building a new barracks complex for initial entry training soldiers. The project is valued

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Angel Martinez

Camo Christmas

About 60 soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 86th Signal Battalion gathered in front of the office for a tree lighting ceremony Dec. 3. The unit wrapped desert camouflage netting around a wood and wire frame and decorated it with assorted lights and decorations.



Soldiers' Lawyer

What is estate planning? Do I need it?

Estate planning is the process of coordinating your legal and financial well being to acquire, accumulate, preserve and dispose of your assets and wealth during your life and after your death. A plan provides not only for the transfer of your property upon your death, but also considers to what benefits you may be entitled, the adequacy of your life insurance and retirement income, and what would happen if you became mentally or physically incapacitated.

The Legal Assistance Division can assist in effective estate planning by preparing or reviewing a will, a health care power of attorney and/or an advance medical directive. We can also discuss your life insurance beneficiary designations.

Ultimately the size of your estate and your personal goals determine what is an appropriate estate plan for you. But estate planning is something everyone should at least consider. As always, consult the Legal Assistance Division for specific advice.

(Editor's note: *The Soldiers' Lawyer* is provided by your JAG Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/legalassistance/> or contact us at 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.)

Have we got news for you!

Don't miss these upcoming stories in *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper:

112th Military Intelligence Brigade changes command
Stay safe, maintain OPSEC during holiday exodus
PLDC: what it takes to be a leader

Got news?

Call Angela Moncur, managing editor, at 533-1987.

Lifelong Learning

Access literature from your desktop

Library release

The Fort Huachuca Library has been funded to provide all post offices with desktop access to over 1800 journals, including (but not limited to) military, telecommunications, medical, business, science, and social science journals.

Over half are in full-text. National newspapers include *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

All newspapers are provided in full-text including the current day's issues.

To receive your password, contact either of your ProQuest System Administrators by e-mail: Natalie Danforth at danforthn@hua.army.mil or Chris Hurd at chris.hurd@hua.army.mil.

If you want to discuss capabilities of this powerful system and search strategy shortcuts, call Danforth at 533-3041, Main Library Reference Desk.

Terms and conditions of use are provided with your log-in to the system.

Library offers readers 'best-selling' titles

Library release

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library has the following titles from The New York Times' Best Sellers list available in its holdings.

Fiction

Roses are Red
The Corrections
Journey
Prodigal Summer
Isle of Dogs
A Bend in the Road
The Best-Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
Code to Zero
Lost and Found

Nonfiction

Jack: Straight from the Gut
Band of Brothers
Me Talk Pretty One Day
Flags of Our Fathers
John Adams
The Wild Blue
Black Hawk Down
Taliban
Crossing Over
Abandon Ship!
The Greatest Generation
Nothing Like it in the World

Kudos Korner

Civilian of the Month

Fort Huachuca named Charlene L. Haggins, of the Office of the Garrison Commander, as the post Civilian of the Month for November.

As a management support clerk, Haggins is the "go to" person in the building for all the employees who need any kind of administrative assistance from computers, work orders, telephones, pagers, supplies, purchase requests to a myriad of administrative duties. She works tirelessly to ensure that each task, whether large or small, is given her full attention and performed without fail in an outstanding manner.

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

Other nominees were John F. Cutter, Directorate of Installation Support; and George W. Norris, Medical Activity Command.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For more information, call CPAC at 533-2791.

MEDDAC honors Lil' Skeeters

The Medical Activity Command congratulates Lil' Skeeters Restaurant for receiving the Preventive Medicine Wellness and Readiness Service Certificate of Achievement.

The restaurant's relentless pursuit of excellence led the establishment receiving the highest overall rating on the monthly food service inspection for the month of November 2001.

Each month the food service establishment on Fort Huachuca with the best results on their Food Service Sanitation Inspection will receive a Certificate of Achievement. The establishment with the best overall rating for the year will be awarded a plaque in recognition of their outstanding service to the Fort Huachuca community.

Commentary

By Jim Ward
Special to The Scout

In the space of 45 months, an entire generation of Americans came of age. This generation, born into the Roaring Twenties, survivors of the Great Depression and securers of world peace had come through World War II with flying colors.

They had quite literally saved the world and were now homeward bound to rejoin friends, family and a society that had also grown up. And, as remarkable as was their sacrifice during the four and a half years of war, it was what they did after they came home that ranks them as the Greatest Generation.

In the councils of government, leaders hammered out a just and lasting peace while learning the lessons of Versailles. Similarly, soldiers took advantage of the GI Bill of Rights and its educational promise to break the mold long established on farms and in factories and attended colleges, universities and trade schools.

Their mothers, spouses and girlfriends, many of whom who had taken up hammer, saw and riveter, helped change the peacetime world by their own refusal to accept pre-war domestic conditions.

These quiet American heroes broke with tradition and moved on, out into a new place called the suburbs. They built the Interstate highway system, put men on the moon, and later propelled women into space, as well. They helped hasten the end of the Cold War and brought unheard of opportunities to

their children.

These acts, despite reporting to the contrary, were not part of some miracle. They were, instead, born out of the certainty that comes from fighting back the limits of depression and staring across endless battlefields and oceans toward an enemy that had sought to extinguish the light of freedom.

No, this was not simply a ragtag group of servicemembers who had limped home, ready to collapse into the arms of a grateful nation and reap the present rewards that victory would bring.

This was a generation that truly believed that it could and would push back economic and cultural darkness and lead the world into the light of prosperity—on many fronts.

As the '40s and '50s evolved, what was clear was that this hearty group was quietly fulfilling its promise. The economy purred along, housing starts in the suburbs soared, the post-war security remained largely intact and the Baby Boom would deal the decisive blow against the status quo.

Indeed, some 89 million "boomers" would enter this world, a place made brighter by the dogged determination of a generation unwilling to lapse into the kind economic, political and social chaos that marked the aftermath of the Treaty of Versailles.

There was simply no sense of self-pity among the fallen, broken bodies that came home on hospital ships. There was only the certainty that comes from knowing what's right, leading the charge, not as conquerors but as restorers and coming

Stars in their eyes, destiny in their paths

home to do the same in America.

Now, as many of these warriors of old are in the twilight of their years, we need to pause at every opportunity to say "thanks." We need to render them the respect they so richly deserve. We need to echo the remarks of celebrities like actor Tom Hanks and get moving on a national World War II Memorial—before it's too late.

We owe them this much. After all, they built their own memorial—the peace and prosperity much of the world now enjoys. We can see it each time students from all walks of life cross the stage to graduate from colleges and universities. We can see it in their lined faces and they look out for grandchildren and each other.

No, this is not just the recreational vehicle generation, set in their ways. This is a generation long used to the kinds of sweeping change they, themselves created. They have courage and confidence in the future, a sureness of footing about the past and a homespun practicality that saw them over the sea wall at Normandy, the prisoner of war camps in the Phillippine Islands and into the brand new world they created for all of us.

So, how can we help? Step one is to spend time with a member of this remarkable group and give them the chance to tell his or her story one more time. Then, visit the World War II Memorial website at www.wwiimemorial.com.

Find out how you can help, remembering that we are all "children of their sacrifice."

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'Any Servicemember' Web sites hot for holidays

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A number of Web sites have sprung up to take the place of "Any Servicemember" mail and "Operation Dear Abby" programs that were suspended due to anthrax mail attacks.

The Navy has developed a Web-based program for the public to send messages to all service members. The program can be reached through the Navy LIFELines Services Network at www.LIFELines2000.org or <http://AnyServiceMember.Navy.mil>.

The message board can also be reached through ArmyLINK at <http://www.dtic.mil/armylink>.

The site was designed for those who want to send a message of support or holiday greeting to troops overseas, officials said. The "Any Servicemember" program allows users to select from one or all branches of the military.

A number of private Web sites have also sprung up to send messages to troops overseas. One of the first was started by Army Forces Command employee Jack Coffey in Atlanta, Ga. His Web site "AnyServiceMember.org" went online the first week of November.

Coffey said when he heard that the "Dear Abby" and "Any Servicemember" mail programs were suspended, he began thinking of alternatives.

"Operation Dear Abby" was founded by the newspaper advice columnist and had delivered mail to service members overseas during the holiday season for more than 17 years. The "Any Servicemember" mail program began during Operation Desert Storm in 1990, and continued to grow during operations in Bosnia, starting in 1995.

When DoD announced Oct. 30 that the programs were suspended indefinitely due to anthrax in the mail, Coffey was concerned. He thought about the problem during his 45-minute commute home.

"While driving home from work that evening, it occurred to me there had to be a work-around solution that would allow people to send messages of support to those participating in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and any number of other military operations around the world," Coffey states in a welcome message to his Web site.

"By the time I got home, the idea had crystalized. And within a few hours a domain had been purchased, a host for the domain located, and the creation of this Web site was

underway."

Coffey also registered the "AnyServiceMember.com" and .net addresses to keep those who would profit by association from posting porn or other distasteful sites.

Coffey said a number of people have thanked him for providing the public a medium to reach the troops. And the number of visitors to his site is steadily growing. Last week it had more than 12,000 hits.

"It's been a real grass-roots get-the-word-out type thing," Coffey said, urging fellow veterans and acquaintances to spread the word about the site.

Many of the messages on Coffey's site are from children, such as 7-year-old Sam who writes:

"I am in second grade. I am 7 years old. Don't get hurt on Christmas. Don't get hurt on February 22nd. Please protect us. Please blow up their camp when they are in the camp. I hope you can try to end the war before Christmas.

Your friend, Sam L.
PS Happy Holidays!"

Another site,

Safesearching.com, has a bulletin board open for the public to post messages to soldiers. But the site is actually designed for service members to post notes and be answered by celebrities.

"We have a lot of beautiful stars who will write back to the servicemen," said Lin Milano, the mother of star Alyssa Milano of the television program "Charmed."

Lin Milano is the head of Safesearching, a company set up 10 years ago to remove celebrity porn from the Internet through legal action. Milano said her Web site now allows celebrities to "take back control" of their Internet image. She said about 180 stars have joined the company and a number of them are willing to chat with service members online or answer bulletin-board messages.

Milano said a photo on the front of the site taken during the Jay Leno special of Alyssa with service members may have prompted a hacker attack.

"We had a little attack on SafeSearching by terrorists..." Milano said of a cyber assault that posted offensive material on the front page of her website. "We were bombed!"

Milano said while her homepage may be down for a day or two, the "Letters from Home" bulletin board can still be reached at www.safesearching.com/boards/cgi/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=forum&f=187.

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Jack Coffey

Boy Scouts to give Heritage Park facelift Saturday

By Stan Williamson Scout Staff

Heritage Park will be the scene of intense work and good old fashion Boy Scout fellowship Saturday when members of Boy Scout Troop 431 take on the task of cleaning up and improving the park and a hiking trail.

The project was original scheduled for Sept. 29 as part of the 8th annual National Public Lands Day. The nationwide event set aside each year as a day when people nationwide come together to give something back to America's public lands.

Led by Life Scout Roland Tyler, who has planned and coordinated the project for his Eagle Scout Project, the Scouts, in cooperation with the National Environmental and Education Training Foundation and the Environmental and Natural Resources Division and Water Wise program of Fort Huachuca, will make trail improvements to Heritage Park.

"The goal of this Saturday's work will be to clear and improve the trail from the Apache Flats RV Park into Heritage Park."

Roland stated, "We also plan to install concrete benches

and interpretive signs displaying information about the wildlife and plant life that inhabit the park."

The project is funded through a grant for \$5,800 from NEETF.

The money will purchase concrete benches that will be placed along the park trail, concrete trash receptacles that will be placed at each park entrance and interpretive signs that will be placed throughout park.

"As improvements to the park take shape, Heritage Park will be a great place to hike, bird watch, and to learn about a riparian area," said David Tyler, BSA Troop 431 Scoutmaster.

Heritage Park was created in February 1999, to restore and protect a portion of the local riparian habitat and to enhance recreational opportunities on Fort Huachuca.

Those wishing to volunteer, should contact Roland Tyler at 458-5712, David Tyler at 533-6603, or meet with the rest of the volunteers at 8 a.m. Saturday at the enclosed ramada at the Apache Flats RV Park.

Scoutmaster Tyler said, "refreshments, lunch and plenty of fun will be provided."

ASAP counselor reminds readers of dangers of driving drunk, drugged

By Ken Bowles ASAP

The engineer of the Amtrack train saw the truck with a trailer truck racing along the road that paralleled the track. There was no time left to apply the brakes when the truck suddenly veered across the tracks at an intersection and into the path of the train.

The engine smashed into the trailer, hurling the steel cargo into the cars, killing the engineer and many of the passengers. Tests later showed

that the truck driver had been smoking marijuana some time before the fatal crash.

Alcohol has a telltale odor and impairment is usually obvious so apprehension and subsequent conviction is reasonable. The absence of the alcohol odor often misleads the police and others into overlooking impairment resulting from other drugs.

Like Arizona, an increasing number of states are requiring urine tests if impairment is obvious and there is no odor of alcohol.

More significant than the odor is the length of time a small quantity of other drugs

can cause impairment. Someone who was drunk last night may have a severe hangover the next morning, but is able drive normally. Not so with marijuana.

Research with pilots using flight simulators has shown that the pilots were as severely impaired twelve hours after smoking marijuana as they shortly after they finished smoking. With marijuana, it is just one joint or less.

The stimulants are another family of drugs with potentially severe and prolonged impairment. A methamphetamine "high" can last for five or six hours or more. Many will use the drug repeatedly to avoid the deep depression that follows use.

During this time they normally do not eat and do not sleep. Eventually they "crash," hopefully not while they are driving along the highway behind the wheel of their car or truck.

Sometimes soldiers will use "No Doze" or frequent cups of strong coffee to stay awake during an overly long drive on leave or during a four-day holiday.

Too much caffeine makes the user jittery,

irritable and impatient. Whether a motorist or a long haul driver of a semi truck, this is a dangerous condition on the highway.

Ecstasy is partly a stimulant that enables the user to gyrate for hours at parties called Raves. These participants become severely overheated, sometimes passing out from dehydration and fatigue. It might be assumed that some drove home afterward.

Some Ecstasy users have said the morning afterward they felt "broken" and it took several days to recover. Coworkers have described them as being "different." They seem distracted and less attentive than before. Some will take other drugs to mask the unpleasant feelings resulting from use.

Lysergic Acid (LSD) is a commonly available "street drug" that sometimes shows up in a urine test. While under the immediate influence of the drug the user is neither interested in, nor capable of driving. LSD though is known for its after effects or flashbacks.

One soldier told of a time when he had used LSD a few days before. On this occasion he became aware that he was in a room where the floor had been finished in alternate green and white squares. He was standing on a green square.

He had no idea where he was, what he was doing there or even how he got there. It seems only good fortune that he was not behind the wheel of the car when this occurred.

Sometimes a soldier will test positive for Phencyclidine (PCP). This drug was originally developed as an anesthetic, but because

of bad reactions was used for a short time on large animals, hence one street name "Elephant Tranquilizer."

The user of this drug feels no pain, but their brain seems to be in neutral. Sometimes it can cause a trance-like state, or can result in very bizarre behavior. Either condition could have disastrous consequences if the user was driving on the highway.

Ketamine is a veterinary tranquilizer that is from the same family of drugs as PCP. This drug is sometimes smuggled into the country and used by soldiers.

Many legal drugs like Valium, Oxycontin, Tylenol 3, barbiturates or even Motrin have a notice on the bottle warning the user to refrain from driving after using these drugs. Many people fail to read or ignore the warnings and drive anyway despite being obviously impaired.

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. It behooves all of us to take whatever steps we can to make our roads and highways safe from impaired drivers.

The slogan in the past has been "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk." This year let's modify that to say "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Impaired."

Because as long as there is one driver who has been drinking, or using other drugs, whether legal or illegal your life, the lives of your friends and loved ones are at risk.

For more information, visit the Army Substance Abuse Program in Building 22414, or call Ken Bowles at 538-1315.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Staff Sgt. Clint Butler, kennel master for Fort Huachuca's K9 unit, welcomes the Military Police's newest "weapon" in the war on drugs, Rocky.

MPs receive new dog

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca's Military Police K9 unit recently received a new "weapon" to add to their crime-fighting arsenal. Rocky, a 5-year-old male, Dutch shepherd, arrived here from Fort Knox, Ky.

According to Staff Sgt. Clint Butler, kennel master for Fort Huachuca's K9 unit, Rocky will serve as a narcotics/patrol dog. Butler is also Rocky's new handler.

"At Fort Knox he didn't have a handler so they sent him here. He's already helped to conduct two health and welfare inspections," Butler said.

Butler, who has been a dog handler for six years, said there are no real differences reflected in the crime-fighting capabilities of a male or female canine. He also said he and Rocky are still working on the bonding process.

"He has great potential, I already consider Rocky to be one of our better patrol dogs. We are currently training him on methamphetamine and Ecstasy detection," Butler said.

He said the K-9 unit conducts training missions on a daily basis and that dog handlers are on call 24 hours a day and work in eight hour shifts.

Butler also said part of the training process includes not letting the dogs play together because some dogs tend to get into fights.

He said he enjoys the narcotic detection aspect of his job.

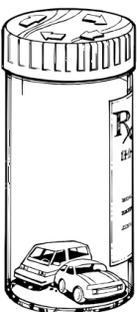
"When you find narcotics, you get to see the result of all your hard work and you make the community safer," he said. Butler said the K9 unit receives a lot of command and community support and that is a key part of what makes them successful.

He went on to mention that there is a 10-year-old male shepherd named Dick who is available for adoption because he was medically retired.

"He would make an excellent dog for someone who is a dog handler, and he would be a great protection for a family after getting used to the children," Butler said.

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Ken Bowles



Retired colonel sworn in as under secretary of Army

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Retired Col. Les Brownlee became under secretary of the Army Dec. 11 in an afternoon ceremony conducted in front of the hallway Christmas decorations outside his new office at the Pentagon.

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White administered the oath of office after saying it was great to have Brownlee aboard as under secretary "in these hectic days as we prosecute a war and transform the Army for the future."

White said he had two criteria for selecting his assistant. First he said the person had to love the Army, explaining that meant loving soldiers and what the Army stands for - it's values.

"The second thing is: I was looking for people that could hit the ground running and knew a great deal about the Army because we

didn't have time for spin up," White said, "and Les qualified in spades on that account as well."

For the past 14 years, Brownlee has served on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. When he retired from the Army in 1984, Brownlee was serving as military executive to Under Secretary of the Army James Ambrose.

"I return to the same suite of offices I departed almost 18 years ago," Brownlee said, "although I admit that they're somewhat better..."

As under secretary, Brownlee's job is to assist the secretary of the Army in fulfilling statutory responsibilities for recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training and mobilizing the Army and managing its \$80 billion annual budget and more than 1.3 million active duty, National Guard, Army Reserve and civilian personnel.

Since 1996, he has been staff director of

the Senate Armed Service Committee, serving in that position under both Sen. Strom Thurmond and Sen. John Warner.

From 1987 to 1996, he was the principal Senate Armed Services Committee professional staff member responsible for Army and Marine Corps programs, special operations forces and drug interdiction policy and support.

In addition, as deputy staff director, he was deeply involved in policies and programs relating to ballistic missile defense, strategic deterrence and naval strategy, shipbuilding and weapons programs.

Brownlee was commissioned in 1962 as a lieutenant of infantry after being a distinguished honor graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Wyoming.

He is a distinguished honor graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger Course, an honor graduate of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and

the Command and General Staff College, and a graduate of the Army's Airborne Course and the U.S. Army War College. Brownlee served two tours in Vietnam.

His military decorations include the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart. He holds a masters degree in business administration from the University of Alabama.

"It is both an honor and privilege for me to return to the Army I love," Brownlee told the crowd gathered outside his office.

He said he looks forward to the full story being told about what the Army is accomplishing in Afghanistan.

"The story of what our soldiers have done in Afghanistan — especially the Special Forces — is just beginning to be told," Brownlee said. "But when it is, I'm sure all America will be proud."

Huthoefer displays art at post library

By Natalie Danforth
Administrative Librarian

During December, the multimedia works of award-winning artist Jan Huthoefer will be displayed in the Fort Huachuca Library.

Visitor passes at Fort Huachuca's main gate now again provide off-post residents access to the library.

Huthoefer uses a variety of forms including watercolor, acrylic, gouache, and collage. Not bad for a girl who started sketching for hours in the cool basement of her childhood Kansas farm home on hot summer days.

Her paintings reflect a variety of subject matter including architectural scenes, vintage automobiles, landscapes, seascapes, still life, florals and abstracts. She also enjoys the challenge of commission work.

You may have seen her cover art for local publications including those of the Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Services. Her work has also

been juried by several organizations including the San Diego Watercolor Society.

A past president of the Huachuca Art Association, Jan shares her artistic knowledge through public speaking and demonstrations.

Some of her award-winning paintings may be viewed in the Tombstone Association of the Arts Gallery, 17 Allen Street in Tombstone.

She has exhibited her works with the Collage Association of Southern Arizona and the Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild, both in Tucson.

The Fort Huachuca Library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. It is closed on official government holidays. For more information, call the library at 533-3041.

Off-post visitors to Fort Huachuca must provide documentation of vehicle registration, driver's license and proof of insurance to obtain a temporary pass to the installation.

Commentary

MWR support: Now, more than ever

By Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley
Sergeant Major of the Army

A cornerstone of Army readiness always has been dedication to the principle that our soldiers and their families are entitled to the same quality of life as the Americans they have pledged to defend. Since World War I, Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation consistently has been at the forefront of serving America's Army with support services and leisure activities that enhance our lives and ensure the well being of our families.

On Sept. 11, the environment in which we serve America changed. Those tragic events thrust us, both as Americans and as soldiers, into the vital role of defending our ideals of freedom and democracy.

As we prepare to serve our nation in whatever manner we are called, the enormous benefits that Army MWR contributes to soldiers and their families are more relevant than ever. At no time is MWR and related services more valuable to us than now, when soldiers are deployed into harm's way.

At our home posts, recreational opportunities are there to help relieve the added stress placed upon the families we leave behind. Our families become self-reliant thanks to Army Family Team Building, Family Readiness Groups and assistance from Army Community Services for those with financial and family issues.

Child and Youth Services continue to deliver their award-winning service to Army youngsters with care and sensitivity. The indelible ties built between families that sup-

port each other during periods of deployment can last a lifetime.

As we are challenged as soldiers in this new environment, so too is Army MWR. The very service that supports our soldiers and their families also relies greatly upon our support and patronage in this time. Tighter security at our installations has made life safer for us and for our families.

However, it restricts access by the civilian community, who actively participate in MWR activities during peacetime. As a result, Army MWR services suddenly are seeing fewer customers and the programs are experiencing financial setbacks.

I call upon you to spread the word to our soldiers and their families: MWR is available and accessible at every Army installation around the world. More than ever, MWR activities need your patronage, and that of every soldier and his or her family.

Think of MWR first as your choice for dining, entertainment, and recreation. Have lunch with your friends at Reggie's, schedule a foursome at your installation's golf course, roll a few strikes with your family at your installation's bowling center and change the oil in your car at the automotive center.

The mission of MWR is to take care of people. That said, supporting the vital role that MWR plays in our lives requires the help of all of us.

During this time of uncertainty I challenge you, each day, to visit at least one MWR program or service facility and encourage your fellow soldiers, family members and civilians to do the same.

Fort's November water use at 19-year low

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The post's water pumpage for November 2001 is 37,558,000 gallons or 115 acre-feet and is equivalent to 1.25 million gallons per day.

The November 2001 pumpage is 11 percent less than that pumped in November 2000 (129 acre-feet) and is 35.7 percent less than the 19-year (1982-2000) November average (179 acre-feet).

This November's pumpage is also the lowest pumpage for November during the 19-year period.

Total water pumped year-to-date (January-November 2001: 1,543 acre-feet) is 10.13 percent less than that pumped in 2000 (1,717 acre-feet).

No water was pumped at the Libby Army Airfield U.S. Forest Service Tanker Station dur-

ing November. The year-to-date (January-November 2001) water use at the tanker station is 1000,386 gallons.

Treated effluent reuse for November 2001 was 27 acre-feet (this figure does not include what was used on Chaffee parade field and the MI Village area as the meter was down for repairs). This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings) to irrigate the golf course.

Aggressive water leak repairs; the closures of the East Range Academic Center, Mason/Lawton and Bonnie Blink housing areas; low levels of construction and the Water Wise Program have all contributed to lower water use.

A decrease in visitors to the installation and fewer public events due to heightened security may have also contributed to the use of less water.

AMC lifts child seat requirements

By Cynthia Bauer
AMC PAO

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command recently lifted a three-year-old requirement requiring the use of car seats for children traveling aboard AMC aircraft.

The old rule, implemented in October 1998, applied to children younger than 2 who weigh less than 40 pounds and are less than 40 inches tall.

Cindy Rothenbach, a traffic management specialist with the passenger policy branch for AMC, said the former requirement was based on White House Commission for Aviation and Security recommendations.

"Since that time, the Federal Aviation Administration has not mandated the use of safety seats in scheduled commercial carriers," she said. "As a result, some of our passengers transferring from commercial to military flights arrived without car seats, which meant they had to buy a car seat or get a loaner from the aerial ports."

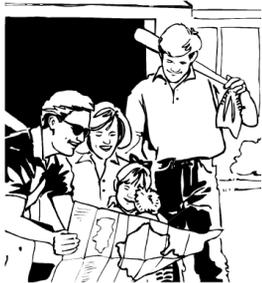
AMC officials felt the change would reduce some of the hardships placed on families traveling with small children on AMC aircraft, Rothenbach said.

Even though the requirement has been lifted, Rothenbach said the child safety seats are still a good idea.

"We still encourage the use of car seats and ask that parents use ones appropriate for their child's size and weight," she said.

The use of booster seats, harnesses and vest child restraints are still prohibited because of an FAA ban on this type of equipment, Rothenbach said.

Questions on this policy should be directed to the nearest AMC passenger terminal.



PERSCOM expands OMPF Online to include majors

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Majors being considered for promotion to lieutenant colonel in February can now review their Official Military Personnel File online, according to the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

"We are happy with the progress we had with access to sergeant first class records online, ... and we decided to provide others access as soon as we can," said Col. William Mansell, deputy to the adjutant general at the Total Army Personnel Command.

OMP Online was not originally scheduled to go active for majors being considered by the upcoming promotion board, Mansell said. However, due to success of the program for sergeants first class who were able to access their personnel records online beginning Nov. 15, the files for the majors went online Dec. 7.

OMP Online is being introduced to the Army incrementally, PERSCOM officials said, mainly to those personnel appearing before senior selection boards.

The site can be accessed through the PERSCOM home page and Army Knowledge Online portal at www.perscom.army.mil. Only majors with an AKO account

will be able to review their files.

"We predict that we'll meet or exceed our OMPF timeline," said Jim Riggs, program manager for OMPF online at Personnel Command.

The Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center is currently conducting OMPF Online and Field to File tests for enlisted soldiers in 14 battalion or brigade sites at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Camps Humphreys and Red Cloud, Korea. Two additional test sites will become operational in Europe later this month and five more sites at Fort Bragg in January and February 2002.

The Field to File prototype enables soldiers to send official military personnel documents such as awards and Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Reports directly from a battalion or brigade S-1 to the soldiers' OMPF at PERSCOM.

This program will eventually eliminate the need for soldiers to request a microfiche, PERSCOM officials said. Currently, soldiers who want to review their files must request that a microfiche of their personnel records be mailed to them. It usually takes four to six weeks to receive the microfiche.

(Editor's note: This story was released from the PERSCOM Public Affairs Office.)

Savings plan lets deployed troops earn interest on funds

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military's Savings Deposit Program allows deployed service members to earn 10 percent interest on money they deposit into a special fund.

Service members deployed to a designated combat zone can deposit up to \$10,000 of their pay and allowances during their deployment into the program. They earn 10 percent interest on their money for the length of their deployment, Army Lt. Col. Thomas Emsweiler said.

Emsweiler works for the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. He said the Savings Deposit Program was already in effect for service members deployed to the Persian Gulf and to the areas comprising the former Yugoslavia but has now been expanded to include Afghanistan and its surrounding areas.

The new areas covered in the program now include Paki-

stan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, the waters of the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, and parts of the Arabian Sea, and the airspace over all these areas. The new eligibility zone was spelled out in a Nov. 26 memorandum from Charles Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy.

The memo explains the program's \$10,000 deposit limit can apply to pay and allowances earned in the zone since Nov. 1.

Deposits normally can't be withdrawn except for emergencies. Account balances are usually paid out within 90 days after the member leaves the eligible region, Emsweiler explained.

Deposit programs date back to the Civil War, Emsweiler said, but the program has been in its current form since 1966. It was discontinued due to lack of participation in 1972, but was reinstated during the Gulf War, he said.

To sign up for the savings deposit program or for more information, visit your local finance office.

Chalk Talk

Colonel Johnston Elementary School

The Students of the Week for Dec. 3-7 are Paul Romero, Elani Gonzalez, Renae Capers, Jacob Branderhorst, Billy Stevensen, Henry Fox, Karyna Rivera, AuShalayia Givens, Bailey Caponi, Ashley Stavis, Dallas Hall, Brandon Mock, Christina Arreola, Matthew Bowman, Gregory Rich, Joshua Cox, Brittani Watkins, Monekia Adams, Theodore Cobb, Janetta Sherred, Spencer Orr, Hannah Plate and Kacie Dieter.

A third-grade class is studying Christmas traditions around the world and taking part in the American tradition of writing letters to Santa Claus. Christian Golden, Malcolm McCullum and Natallee Zufelt wrote the following letters to Santa:

Dear Santa,

I really thank you for the shoes last year. Your elves made them right. I might give you some cookies, it depends. This year I want a new pair of street jets because my old pair broke. And I need a new rocket toy. The last thing on my list is a party for my mom and dad. Thank you Santa.

Sincerely,
Christian

Dear Santa Claus,

Can you please give me a laptop so I can email you? What do you want for Christmas? Can you get my dad a set of Star Trek plates? Get something for my teacher. I also want a big box of Pokemon cards. Read this letter carefully. Get me some computer games.

Sincerely,
Malcolm

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I want a dalmatian puppy that is not blind, one of those soft toy puppies at Dillard's, some rollerblades and a big toy pony. Oh and thank you for the movies last year. Merry Christmas and a Ho, Ho, Ho to you.

Sincerely,
Natallee



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Brandon Kizer, a fifth-grader at General Myer Elementary School, receives his state and national awards from AMVETS during a recent school assembly.

Myer student wins national AMVET contest

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Brandon Kizer, a fifth-grade student at General Myer Elementary School, won the American Veterans National Americanism Flag Poster Drawing Contest while he was a fourth-grader in April.

Kizer's entry went on to take first place for the state of Arizona and to eventually win the national AMVET contest. He was recently presented his state and national awards during an assembly held in his school gymnasium.

According to Kayte Hines, Sierra Vista AMVETS second vice commander, Kizer beat approximately 100 participants to claim the national title.

Post 89 presented Kizer with a trophy, a \$20 Peter Piper's

Pizza gift certificate and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. The state chapter of AMVETS presented Kizer with a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and the national chapter of AMVETS presented Kizer with a certificate, plaque, a letter of congratulations from the AMVETS national commander and a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond.

Hines, who has ran the essay and poster contest for the last two years for the local AMVET chapter, said the poster contest is an annual event.

"Children are just as patriotic, if not more so, than adults," Hines said.

"This contest gives them an opportunity to express their patriotism and the way they feel it. In view of the events of Sept. 11, it has made more people think about what patriotism actually means to them."

Program offers \$1,000 scholarships to agriculture students

Agriliance, LLC release

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Students pursuing careers in agriculture are encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Careers in Agriculture scholarship program, jointly sponsored by Agriliance, Land O'Lakes Farmland Feed and Croplan Genetics. High school seniors from throughout the country who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or livestock curriculum in the fall of 2002 are eligible to apply. Fifty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

"Students with leadership abilities and an interest in agriculture are needed to fill a variety of positions in our industry," said Annette Degnan, scholarship committee chairperson.

"The Careers in Agriculture scholarship program helps promising students gain the education they need to obtain these positions."

For the past 13 years, Careers in Agriculture has encouraged bright young students to pursue agricultural careers by awarding more than \$300,000 in scholarships.

To qualify for the program, students must meet the following criteria: be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or four-year livestock- or agronomy-related curriculum in the fall of 2002; reside in one of the 50 states; demonstrate both lead-

ership abilities and academic performance; and write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career.

Applications are available from participating local cooperatives or on the Agriliance web site at www.agriliance.com in the Careers section. All applications must be returned via regular mail by March 1, 2002, to be eligible. Winners will be notified by mail in May. For more information or to request an application, call 1-800-232-3639, ext. 4584.

Agriliance, LLC, St. Paul, Minn., is an agronomy marketing joint venture formed by Land O'Lakes, Inc., CHS Cooperatives, and Farmland Industries, Inc. Agriliance markets crop nutrients, crop protection products, seed, information management, and crop technical services to farmers and ranchers through local cooperatives and independent dealers in all 50 states, Canada, and Mexico.

Croplan Genetics is a full-line seed company serving Agriliance, LLC. Seed is marketed in 32 states, primarily in the northern half of the United States and Canada. Land O'Lakes Farmland Feed, LLC is a national farmer-owned agricultural cooperative serving more than 1,000,000 producers and their families through 2,800 community cooperatives throughout the United States.

Rumsfeld remembers fallen Pentagon workers

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Exactly three months after a hijacked plane crashed into the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld stood in front of the damaged military headquarters and vowed that America will not forget those killed in the attack.

"We will remember their lives," Rumsfeld told the small crowd who braved the rain and mud to mark the moment the terrorists struck. "We will retell their stories again and again so that neither the nation nor the world ever forgets."

"Their deaths were a clarion call to our nation," Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers said during the ceremony.

"A call to once again confront the enemies of freedom, a call to once again join with friends and allies to preserve our basic values, and a call to stand united."

Rumsfeld said that before Sept. 11 Americans were wondering where all the heroes were. Nobody wonders any more. "Today, all can see that the spirit of our nation is strong. And the heroes? We don't have to look far to find them," he said. "On Sept. 11 they were here and in New York, pulling friends and strangers out of the fire and out of the rubble.

"And in the skies over Pennsylvania, they showed those who believed Americans would not fight back that they were

'ready to roll.'"

American forces in Afghanistan are teaching Al Qaeda terrorists lessons they did not learn in Osama bin Laden's training camps, the secretary said.

"They're teaching (the terrorists) and all enemies of freedom that, as President Ronald Reagan put it, 'No weapon in any arsenal in the world is as formidable as the will and the moral courage of free men and free women,'" Rumsfeld said.

He called the damaged building being rebuilt behind him a symbol of that will and courage, and added that it will be stronger and surer than before. The rebuilt Pentagon will be "a tribute to those heroes of today and all those heroes of yesterday who now sleep

beneath the hills of Arlington Cemetery and on whose shoulders we are proud to stand," Rumsfeld said.

He also said he believes the thousands of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks here, in New York and in Pennsylvania would be proud of how the nation has come together in the aftermath of the tragedy.

"If they could see how our country is united to preserve freedom from terror they'd be proud, proud of our unity, proud of our strength and proud of the determination to find, root out and deal with the evil of terrorism and those who seek to terrorize," Rumsfeld said. "And we will."

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Donald Rumsfeld



Photo by Linda D. Kozaryn

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld speaks at a Dec. 11, 2001, ceremony commemorating those killed three months ago in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

Community Updates

OSJA expands hours

Effective immediately, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Legal Assistance Division, has expanded hours for notarizations and powers of attorney. These services are now available at any time during normal business hours on a walk-in basis, with two exceptions.

These services will not be available Tuesdays before 1 p.m. due to Sergeant's Time Training and Wednesdays after 11:30 a.m. due to will executions.

Military appreciation night

Every Friday is Military Appreciation Night at the Steak Out Restaurant and Saloon in Sonoita, Ariz. (The Steak Out is located at the southeast corner of Highway 82 and 83 intersection.) Patrons associated with the military receive a 25 percent discount on food.

This includes all active duty-soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, Guard and Reserve forces, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and contractors working for the military. Present an ID to the waitress. Reservations encouraged. For reservations, call (520) 455-5205.

FCC applications accepted

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is now accepting new provider applications. FCC Providers are adult family members that offer childcare in their quarters.

All FCC Providers must be certified by Child and Youth Services. FCC will offer training Jan. 7-18, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The training is free of charge. Interested family members should contact the program director at 533-2494 or 533-2498.

Range closures

Today	AF, AG, AL, AM, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Friday	T1, T1A, T2
Monday	AU
Tuesday	AW, AU
Wednesday	AW, AU
Dec. 20	AL, AW
Dec. 21	T1, T1A, T2

This report covers the Big Game hunt period Friday through Dec. 30. Dates not listed for the period are open to hunt. For questions regarding the closure of ranges please call Range Control at 533-7095.

DOIM classes scheduled

The Directorate of Information Management offers several computer classes for December, including Internet II, today; PowerPoint 2000, Monday; Basic Excel 2000, Dec. 20; Intermediate Excel 2000, Dec. 21; Outlook, Dec. 27; and Practical PC, Dec. 31.

All classes start promptly at 9 a.m., and class size is limited to 14 students. It is mandatory to sign up for a class prior to attending. It is beneficial to sign up as early as possible, as

classes fill up quickly.

The classroom is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall on Christy Avenue, Building 22324. For more information or to register for a class, call Pfc. Megan Thacher at 533-3283.

Troops to Teachers needed

Military veterans have established a solid reputation as excellent teachers and exemplary role models for today's students.

If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certification and finding a teaching position, contact the ARIZONA TROOPS TO TEACHERS office at 1-800-830-2134.

CPAC closed

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will close at 11:30 a.m. today for its holiday party. CPAC will reopen at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Special Forces recruit here

Interested in becoming Special Forces? The Special Forces Recruiting Team will be at Murr Community Center, today. They will give briefings at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. You can apply as a private first class, but cannot start training until you are a specialist up to junior sergeant first class. You can attend Special Forces assessment and selection at anytime, but cannot start the Special Forces qualification course until you have one year on station.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Osborn at DSN 833-1461/1462. Your Fort Huachuca point of contact is Sgt. Jeanette Newell at 533-1705.

First Aid, CPR instructor class

The American Red Cross in Sierra Vista will be conducting First Aid, CPR AED Instructor class. This class will instruct students how to teach CPR and First Aid classes as well as how to teach the automatic external defibrillators. The class will be held at the Red Cross Office, 1939 S. Frontage Road today and Friday. For more information about the class or to sign up, call the Red Cross office at 458-4858.

Sgt. Maj. Assoc. holiday party

The Fort Huachuca Sergeants Major Association will hold its annual holiday party at LakeSide Activity Center on Friday. Social hour is 6-7 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Price is \$16.35 per person.

RSVP to Jo Taylor at 459-0173, Alan Pederson at 378-2823 or Sgt. Maj. Scarlett Williams at 538-6947.

Central registration closed

The Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office will be closed all day on Friday. The office will be reviewing and updating all children's health assessments, immunizations, social security numbers and family care plans. For more information, call 533-0738.

Also recognized were: Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Givens, EEO counselor; Martha Aoki, ADR manager, EEO counselor and mediator; Larry Barker, mediator; Debra Degraff-Fullington, mediator; Ron Geller, mediator; and Debra Spohn, mediator.

On Dec. 10 in a separate ceremony, Guadalupe L. Hineman was recognized by Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca commanding general, for her outstanding contributions to the Fort Huachuca's Equal Employment Opportunity Office. Medrano wanted to recognized Hineman for her continued support to the EEO Office.

Interested personnel are encouraged to attend the next SEP Committee meeting.

The SEP is designed to assist management in assuring that equal employment opportunity is present in all aspects of employment.

SEP ensures affirmative action is being taken to address underrepresentation of women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities when such underrepresentation exists.

The SEP Committee is a working group and is doing many innovative activities to promote equality for all.

The next meeting will be Jan. 8, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. in the EEO Office Classroom, Building 22328.

IG closed

The Inspector General's office will close at 12:30 p.m., Friday for its holiday party. The IG office will reopen at 7:30 a.m., Monday.

NAF closed

The Director's Office/Plans & Resources/NAF Human Resources (Building 22214 on Augur Avenue) will close at 11 a.m., Friday for its holiday celebration. In case of emergency, call 538-1690.

DOIM closed

The Directorate of Information Management will be temporarily closed from 10 a.m. to close of business on Friday for its holiday celebration. For emergencies, call pager numbers 378-7448 or 378-5461. Happy Holidays from the DOIM.

Flea market Christmas schedule

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Flea Market will operate its annual Christmas schedule. The flea market will open its gates Monday-Jan. 4. Weekend rates apply. The days of Dec. 17-21, Dec. 24-28 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2 will be at no charge for our clients. For more information, call Lion Lee Hinzman at 378-1399.

CG meets with unit commanders

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, and his wife, Marty, will host an off-site meeting with commanders, directors, and their spouses on Tuesday and Wednesday at the LakeSide Activities Centre.

The purpose of the meeting is to achieve a shared vision for the intelligence school and Fort Huachuca, from which goals and objectives will be established. For information call Capt. Brad D. Fenske, event project officer at 533-8877.

Self-help store partial closure

The self-help store will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. only on Wednesday. This partial closure will ensure the employees have an opportunity to participate in their company's holiday party. The normal duty hours will resume the next day.

EEO closed

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 20 for the office holiday celebration.

DRM closed

The Directorate of Resource Management will hold its holiday celebration on Dec. 20. The office will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For emergencies, call 533-1302.

PAO closed

The Public Affairs Office will close at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 20 for its holiday celebration. In case of emergencies, page 452-2040 or call

508-1479. The office will reopen for normal hours on Dec. 21.

VA Benefits briefings set

Veterans Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the VA Regional Office, The VA Hospital, The Tucson Vet Center, and the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

Representatives cover VA Benefits such as education and training, health care, home loan guarantees, disability compensation, pensions, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation. It is important for all soldiers who are submitting claims for medical conditions to come to this briefing. The forms necessary for the submission and an explanation of how to complete the forms is provided.

The public is invited to attend this briefing. All VA benefits briefings are held in Building 22420, from 8 a.m. to noon. No reservation required. The last briefing of this year is set for Dec. 20.

ASAP closed

The Army Substance Abuse Program will be closed Dec. 20, 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For emergency situations, use of the Prime Time Clinic and Sierra Vista Regional Hospital is recommended. Phone ASAP at 533-3604, Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Be a foster parent

Thinking about becoming a foster parent? Come learn how... 'tis the season to be giving, give from the heart! Attend an information meeting Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. in Suite 11 at the Landmark Plaza in Sierra Vista. RSVP 458-2761 as soon as possible. Families are needed.

Contracting closed

The Directorate of Contracting will be closed the afternoon of Dec. 21 for its holiday party. For emergencies, page the Director, Wilma Rose, at (877) 586-2820.

Turn Around Point closed

The Chapel's Turn Around Point, located in AAFES Administration Building 52045, will be closed for the holiday season starting Dec. 21 and will reopen on Jan. 8, 2002.

Church presents Christmas play

Pastor Keith Kersey and members of First Southern Baptist Church in Bisbee invite the community to a performance of "The Grandmother's Story" Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. Grandmother, played by Johnnie Burkett, tells the story of Jesus' birth to her young grandson, played by Thomas Dillard.

This delightful play is an original, written by Mary Knight of Bisbee.

First Southern Baptist Church is located at 500 Arizona Street in the Warren area of Bisbee. Transportation is available for those who wish to attend. For more information, call 432-4901 or 432-4503.

EEO recognizes Special Emphasis members

By Joan Street
SEP Manager

Efren Medrano, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, recognized the Special Emphasis Program Committee members, EEO counselors and mediators at the EEO/SEP Committee Holiday Celebration on Dec. 4 at the EEO Office.

Medrano along with Ann Buhl, EEO complaints manager; Martha Aoki, ADR manager; and Joan Street, SEP manager; wanted to acknowledge all of the individuals that helped to make the EEO Program the great success it is today.

The following individuals were recognized: Toni Leiboff, FWP manager, EEO counselor and mediator; Elton Greene, BEP manager; Cynthia Wright, HEP manager, EEO counselor and mediator; Gordon Lewis, PIWD representative; and Beth Ford, AEP manager.

Also recognized were: Gayle Olson, SEP member; Irene Swann, SEP member; Rose Aguiui, SEP member and EEO counselor; Anthony Alvarado, EEO counselor; Carolyn Dove, EEO counselor; Roxanne Farmer, EEO counselor; Mick Douthit, EEO counselor and mediator; Michelle McCaa, EEO counselor; Lowenid Reinhart, EEO counselor and mediator; Debra Moore, EEO counselor; and Lawrence Scarce, EEO counselor.



EEO photo

Beth Ford, Martha Aoki and Ann Buhl, EEO specialists present the collateral duty counselors, mediators and members of the Special Emphasis Committee with a heartfelt thanks for their support of the EEO Programs at Fort Huachuca during 2001. Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general, endorsed Certificates of Appreciation to all the members of these three committees.

Fire department keeps holiday season safe

By Marc Davis
Fire Inspector

Trees

Christmas trees that are not kept moist can present a very serious fire hazard. A dried out Christmas tree can be totally consumed by fire in less than 30 seconds. Most trees sold have been cut out of the state and have been drying out since they were harvested, which could have been as late as mid-November.

Take special precautions when buying your Christmas tree. Trees with brown shedding needles should be rejected. If the tree looks green and fresh, take a long needle and bend it between your thumb and forefinger. If it snaps, the tree is too dry. Look for trees with needles that bend. When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that tree is dry.

When you bring a tree home, cut about an inch off the end of the trunk. This will remove the dried end and allow the tree to absorb water. Make checkerboard cuts into the base at different angles to make a greater surface for water absorption.

Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a fire. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Damaged insulation in lighting on a metallic tree could cause the entire tree to be charged with electricity. To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a metal tree, never fastened onto it.

Keep children away from light sets and electrical decorations. All lights present the problem of shock and casualty hazards for curious kids. When you are stringing the lights on your tree, be careful how you place them. Keep all bulbs turned away from gifts and paper ornaments. Lights in windows can cause curtains and drapes to ignite.

Candles

Candles are a traditional and beautiful part of the season. But they are still a direct source of fire in your home. Keep candles a safe distance from other things. And remember that a flickering flame is a thing of fascination to little children. Keep candles out of their reach.

— Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.

— Always use non-flammable holders.

— Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.

— Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

Paper

Dispose of gift wrappings soon after opening presents. A room full of paper lying around on the floor is just one more holiday hazard. Place trash in an approved container. Do not burn wrappings in the fireplace. They may ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire.

Christmas gifts

One of the best Christmas gifts you can get someone is a

smoke detector. A smoke detector is worth so much, possibly a loved one's life, yet so inexpensive. Over 90 percent of fire deaths occur in residential dwellings between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. when occupants are asleep. Smoke detectors alert occupants when a fire is still small and there is still time to escape.

Holiday plants

Holly and mistletoe can be fatal to a small child and the smaller the child, the smaller the dose that can cause serious medical problems. Poinsettia leaves are not fatal if swallowed, but can cause a skin rash and an upset stomach. Call 9-1-1 if your children ingest any of these holiday plants.

Tree trimmings

When choosing the finishing touches for decorating your tree, purchase tinsel or artificial icicles of a non-leaded material. Leaded materials may be hazardous if eaten by children or pets.

Avoid any decorations that tend to break easily or have sharp edges. Keep tree trimmings that are small or have removable parts out of the reach of your child. These pieces may be swallowed.

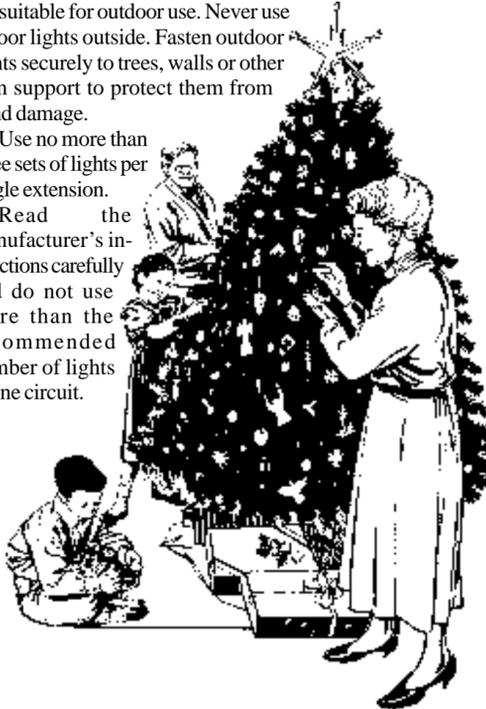
Lights

Use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the UL label from Underwriters Laboratories or another reputable testing agency. Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections.

Check labels of lights to be used outdoors to see that they are suitable for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outside. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, walls or other firm support to protect them from wind damage.

Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension.

Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully and do not use more than the recommended number of lights in one circuit.



Army candle-lighting honors Pentagon attack victims

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The office that suffered the most casualties during the attack on the Pentagon held a memorial service Dec. 7 to remember fallen comrades and to seek relief and restoration.

The Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army lost 40 people — 32 of those were from Resource Services-Washington, a division of OAA.

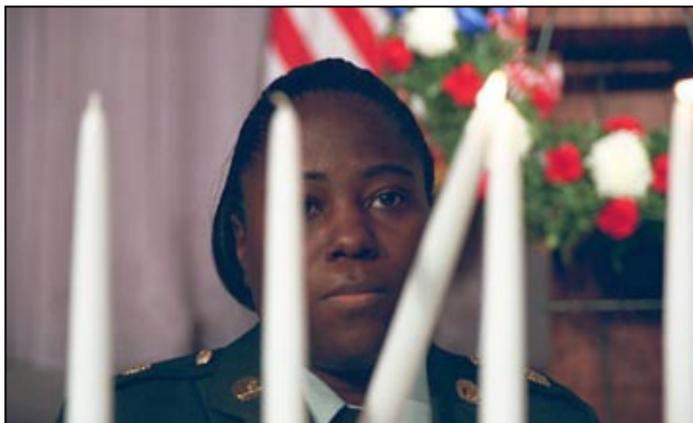
The memorial began with the lighting of 40 candles representing each of OAA's heroes and continued with poems, musical tributes and remarks.

"Less than three months ago all of our lives were changed. It was a day that families lost fathers, mothers, children, and we at the Pentagon lost co-workers and friends," said Col. Henry Haynes, Pentagon chaplain. "They were suddenly gone, buried in the rubble. Who knew that it could all end so suddenly, without warning."

The intimate memorial ceremony held for OAA personnel was their formal way of saying goodbye, said Joel Hudson, the administrative assistant for the secretary of the Army. Since the day of the attack he said he has witnessed and been on the receiving end of people around the country who have paid tribute in their own way.

"Tribute occurred in a small town of 1,102, when 350 people showed up to pay tribute to one of their sons," Hudson said. "Tribute occurred when two high schoolers drove here from Pennsylvania to give us a banner and \$1,500, which is a lot of money for a small school to collect."

The Department of Defense held a joint memorial service at the Pentagon Oct. 11 and another remembrance Dec. 11 to honor the 189 victims that lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attack there. The separate ceremony held for the office that provides major command and base operations support for the Depart-



Army News Service photo

Sgt. Tracey Batiste, from the Office of the Deputy of Information Technology and Communications, lights candles to represent 40 fallen Pentagon victims. The office that suffered the worst casualties, the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, held a memorial tribute at the Pentagon Dec. 7 to honor their friends and coworkers who died Sept. 11.

ment of the Army headquarters was to give members of that office a chance to mourn and remember as a group, said Tom Scullen, director of Executive Services for OAA.

More than three months after the attack, it's still hard for some to adjust to the loss they said. The candles that were lit during the opening of the ceremony were extinguished one at a time when individual names were read off. As "Amazing Grace" played in the background tears flowed, and muffled were heard in the audience.

The office that will be known for suffering the most casualties in the Pentagon attack tries to carry on with business as usual, and with the help of others each day gets better, Scullen said.

"It was amazing how volunteers from other organizations offered support. People who knew what we needed just stepped up," Scullen said.

AAFES set holiday hours

AAFES release

DALLAS — AAFES Military Star and Exchange Catalog Contact Centers are open 24 hours a day for your convenience during the holidays. The contact centers will close 6 p.m. Central Standard Time, Dec. 24 and reopen at 3 a.m. Central Standard Time Dec. 26 to allow associates to spend Christmas with their families.

The automated conversant system is always available for customers to obtain basic information.

Happy Holidays from your Military Star and Exchange Catalog Contact Centers.

Free family portrait for military

Special to The Scout

Service members, firemen, policemen, military retirees and their spouses (must have a military ID card), can receive a free 10x13 inch color portrait, to include family members from the local Sears Portrait Studio in the Mall at Sierra Vista. The offer ends Sunday.

Spouses of deployed soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen are also eligible for this free offer, but you must present a current military ID card.

Appointments are required for the photo shooting session and can be made by calling 515-3269. The Sears Portrait Studio is open Mondays-Saturdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recycle your Christmas tree

ENRD release

It's that time of the year again — mistletoe, holly and Christmas trees. Now the mistletoe and holly will be easy to get rid of after the 25th, but that tree is a little more difficult to deal with.

The forestry section on the fort would love to help you recycle your tree. All you have to do is drop it off at one of the nine convenient locations around post.

The trees will then be converted into useful mulch instead of taking up critical space at the landfill.

Look for the Christmas tree signs at the following locations:

- the parking lot by the Grierson swimming pool;
- on Arizona just south of the Ryun Dental Clinic;
- at the intersection of Jeffords and Irwin;
- along Craig at Faison;
- at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Mott Circle;
- at the intersection of Lawton and Meyer; near the reservoir behind the commissary;
- at the intersection of Meyer and Rucker;
- across from the Child Development Center on Smith;
- at the intersection of Irwin and Bernard Court.

Folks that live off post are invited to drop off their trees at one of the tree collection points. No trees will be accepted after Jan. 31, 2002.

Tora Bora battle continues

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Tora Bora cave and tunnel complex south of Jalalabad is the focus of fighting between opposition groups and Al Qaeda foreign fighters, Pentagon officials said Dec. 12.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that U.S. special operations forces are with the opposition forces and are providing combat air support. He showed F-18 and F-14 strikes on Al Qaeda forces in the Jalalabad area.

Pace said AC-130 gunships have also provided firepower to support opposition groups in the area. "As you know, the AC-130 is a very precise weapon system and they have been effective," Pace said.

He said reports that Al Qaeda forces have been cornered in one mountain in Tora Bora are premature. "I would not characterize it that way," he said. "We still have a long way to go. We have gone into this battle with the intent of eliminating the Al Qaeda leadership and eliminating the Taliban leadership and leaving behind an Afghanistan that is free from terrorists operating in their territory. There's still work to be done."

He said opposition forces are encountering resistance as they attempt to clear the complex. The valley is several miles long and was a redoubt for the mujaheddin during the war with the Soviets. He said he is not aware if U.S. forces are engaging in direct ground combat, "but anytime you have a service member on the ground, even if you think the front line is a mile away or 10 feet away, things can happen to your side and behind you," he said. "It's not inconceivable that they are in direct combat, but I'm not aware they have been."

He said it is possible that some Al Qaeda or Taliban may be able to escape from the Tora Bora area. It is located near the border with Pakistan and is extremely mountainous with many paths. He said fighters in groups of "two or three or 15 to 20" could walk out. Pace said U.S. forces are using sensors and liaison with opposition forces to "capture or kill as many of (the Al Qaeda) as we can."

He also said U.S. forces are in Kandahar providing support. The major Taliban units have surrendered in the area and U.S. forces are in the city. "U.S. forces are with the opposition leaders as they consolidate their control of Kandahar," he said.

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at \$60 million. Concerns about family housing will be address with three housing construction projects valued at \$127.5 million that are planned for Fort Knox.

Other construction projects include a new Army Reserve Center at \$13.7 million; a new chapel at \$4.8 million; a physical fitness center at \$14.6 million; and a vehicle maintenance facility at \$6.3 million.

Those who heard Abrams learned that Fort Knox is heavily involved with the development of the Army's Objective Force. Fort Knox has the lead for defining the requirements for the maneuver capabilities of the Objective

Force.

The Mounted Maneuver Battle Space Battle Lab is going to be robustly resourced in the future to enhance their ability to continue this mission.

One key issue discussed was the future of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. While the oversight of the command is projected to return to TRADOC from the Department of the Army, the command remains at Fort Knox.

In fact, approximately \$1 million of USAREC construction is scheduled for this fiscal year. Additionally, there is a future proposal for \$3

million of dedicated research for USAREC with the University Louisville.

Fort Knox will continue to play a vital role in the development of the Army's future leaders, Abrams said. Fort Knox will continue to receive additional money for its partnership with the University of Louisville for soldier development through computer assisted learning programs.

The Armor Center and armor training capability remain critical missions for the Army, Abrams said. Abrams also addressed the importance of Knox to leader development by pointing out the key role Knox plays by hosting an annual Reserve Officer Training Corps camp.

Recently, Abrams sent a team from TRADOC to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the initial entry training mission at Knox. The team found that Knox is performing that mission very well, but there are needs that must

be addressed and that is being done, he said.

To that end, TRADOC will make a capital investment of \$18 million in fiscal year '02 in various construction projects, said Abrams. He called them 'brick and mortar' investments to the future of Fort Knox. Other future-year investments include nine military construction projects amounting to \$42 million.

The importance of Fort Knox to the Army is demonstrated by the fact that it is one of three installations that receive more than the command's average allocations of base operating support funds. As a result of the funding and leadership at Fort Knox, the post rates higher than TRADOC as a whole on the Institutional Status Report.

As in previous years, the Core Committee and members of the KCMA will visit TRADOC headquarters in January where they will receive in-depth briefings on all of the command's missions.

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