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## Scout reports

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### Exchange service down

The Directorate of Information Management will be performing routine maintenance on all Exchange Servers here beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday. Estimated down time is approximately 16 hours. Electronic mail will not be available during this time. Call the Exchange Administration Team at 533-1356 for more information.

### Federal jobs workshop

The next federal jobs workshop is from 8-10 a.m. Friday at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420 here. These provide general information on how to find out where the jobs are, how to apply for a federal job, federal employment benefits, looking at and understanding a federal pay scale, dissecting a federal job announcement, looking at a federal application, understanding veteran's preference, types of appointments, and how selections are made.

The workshop also covers specifically how to understand the RESUMIX process of applying for a job at Fort Huachuca. Future workshops are scheduled July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

### Delta Forces briefings

A 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA (Airborne) Briefing Team from Fort Bragg, N.C. will discuss qualifications and application procedures to military personnel interested in becoming DELTA Operators at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day Monday-Wednesday at Murr Community Center.

Specific units have been provided with an alphabetical roster, which identifies mandatory attendance for those listed soldiers. Unit first sergeants will coordinate to have their soldiers attend one of the noncommissioned officer professional development briefings. This briefing however, is also open to anyone who wishes to attend.

For more information, call Sgt. Jeanette Newell at 533-1705 or 533-1706.

### Blood drives

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive is from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday at Murr Community Center.

Additional blood drives are scheduled from noon-4 p.m. Monday at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center and from 2-8 p.m. June 22 at Eifler Gym. Contact Spc. Michelle Huffman at 533-5163 to schedule an appointment for Monday's drive.

Donors should drink extra water starting the day before the blood drive and eat a small, low-fat meal or snack two to four hours before donating blood.

Contact the American Red Cross at (800) 448-3543 for information.

### MI Ball tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the 39th annual Military Intelligence Ball scheduled at 6 p.m. June 29 at the Lakeside Activity Center. This year's theme is "Military Intelligence Out Front Leading the Army in Transformation."

For more information, contact your battalion representative or Maj. Buscher at 533-6836.

### Warrant Officer Assn. meet

The Arizona Silver Chapter, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association, will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the LaHacienda. New business includes installation of newly elected officers.

For more information, contact Paul Angelo at 459-4932.



Photo by Spc. Felicia Brown

### Chock full

Sgt. Cedric Workmon from the 269th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, loads duffel bags onto a bus outside Kino Chapel, June 6. Workmon and about 80 other soldiers from the 40th Signal Battalion and the 269th Signal company, left for Fort Hood, Texas to set up their site for Grecian Firebolt and Roving Sands.

## Army issues new doctrine, FMs

By Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army released two new field manuals today, on its 226th birthday, that provide a glimpse of how it will operate while transforming into a more strategically responsive and dominant force for the evolving security challenges of the new century.

One manual, FM 1, "The Army," establishes Army doctrine, while FM 3-0, "Operations," establishes how the Army will conduct activities across the full range of military operations.

"Both manuals reflect the fundamental changes occurring in the Army today, linking national strategy to Army strategy and operations," said Col. Neal Anderson, chief of Strategic Planning, Concepts and Doctrine with the Army Staff's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. "FM 1, the Army's capstone manual, provides broad doctrinal guidance, while FM 3-0 builds on the guidance in FM 1 to establish doctrine for how the Army conducts military operations."

FM 1 has four main parts: the Army in the profession of arms, how the Army fits into strategic and joint military operations, the Army's core competencies and "the way ahead," or the future of

the Army.

"This manual reiterates the Army's role to serve the nation, in war and peace, with a primacy of focus on fulfilling our non-negotiable contract with the American people — fighting and winning our nation's wars," Anderson said. "It articulates the Army's core competencies, which are essential and enduring capabilities that define the Army's contribution to our nation's security."

FM 3-0, the Army's capstone warfighting manual, establishes doctrine across the range of military operations — peace, conflict and war, he said. It outlines those

operations as offensive, defensive, and stability and support operations that can be performed simultaneously, Anderson said.

Linked to FM 1, FM 3-0 will guide the Army as it transforms into a force that will be more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, agile, survivable, sustainable and deployable, he said.

These field manuals are important because they establish doctrine for a doctrine-based Army, Anderson said.

FM 1 replaces FM 100-1 and FM 3-0 replaces FM 100-5. The new numerical designation reflects the Army's efforts to follow the Department of Defense's system of numbering manuals, officials said.

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Col. Neal Anderson

## Competitive sourcing study still underway at fort

By Frank Shirar  
Special Projects Officer

A competitive cost comparison study to see if private civilian contractors can perform certain Army support functions at lower costs is still underway here, according to post officials. Known as the A-76 process, it is also being conducted at other U.S. Army installations.

Fort Huachuca functions that are currently being looked at for cost competition are Adjutant General, Information Management, and the Training Support Center.

A firm timetable for a decision on these studies has not been established, but officials have stated that announcements on one or more of the initiatives may occur in late summer or early fall.

The Army plans to continue to conduct these cost competitions to determine whether

savings can be achieved by outsourcing commercial activities to private-sector businesses.

An active A-76 program existed in the early 1980s. Many logistical and public works functions were under study for outsourcing at Army stateside installations during that time.

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities," last revised in March 1996, specifies how government agencies, to include the military, can conduct studies to gain efficiencies through competition with the private sector.

These studies involve the following steps:

- Solicit bids or proposals from private firms;
- Streamline the in-house organization into a Most Efficient Organization;
- Develop an "in-house bid" based on the

MEO and have it reviewed by an auditing organization;

— Select the lowest private-sector bid or best value proposal and increase it by 10 percent to account for intangible transition costs;

— If the private-sector cost is lower than the "in-house bid," convert to contract;

— If the resulting private-sector cost is more, reorganize the in-house organization into a MEO.

Complete information on the A-76 process and its effects is available at several web sites including Fort Huachuca at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/A76Study/FORTHUAC/index.htm>, Department of Defense at <http://gravity.lmi.org/ec003/website/web/osdhome.asp>, and Department of the Army at <http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/cal.htm>.

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ENRD photo

**Bon fires are absolutely forbidden on this installation. The photo above shows the remains of a bon fire that was built in Huachuca Canyon.**

## Dry conditions dictate campfire rules

### ENRD release

Many people are enjoying Fort Huachuca's mountains and grassland this time of year. There is an abundance of outdoor activities to enjoy here but there are also a couple of activities that are not authorized.

The only places that camp fires are authorized are at the Lower Garden Canyon Picnic/Camping area, the Girl Scout Cabin located in Split Rock Canyon, and the Boy Scout Cabin located at the top of Garden Canyon. These sites may also be closed to camping and open fire during periods of extreme dryness.

Fire is always a concern and can easily become out of control given the smallest of unintentional circumstances.

Recently a number of unauthorized campsites have been reported in both Garden and Huachuca Canyons. Bon fires are absolutely forbidden on this installation.

The photo above shows the remains of a bon fire that was built in Huachuca Canyon. The fire pit contained numerous broken beer bottles and cans.

For the protection of our mountains, wildlife, and the safety of the people that enjoy the outdoors this type of behavior cannot be tolerated.

Additionally, boulders have been placed in several canyons in the mountains to help the land recover from over use. In the summer people look for shade to park their vehicles and we have left many areas open for just that purpose.

Moving of boulders to create new parking space will result in a citation from the MP's, but the real issue is all of us protecting the fragile habitat. By stopping erosion and the packing of soil we hope to reclaim the land so that the generations that come after us will have the same opportunity to enjoy what we appreciate today.

## Lifelong Learning

### Harvard scholarship to benefit students from military families, honor veterans

#### DES release

Harvard University announced the receipt of a scholarship fund intended to benefit undergraduates who have served in the military or who come from military families.

Established in the memory of Gen. James M. Gavin by his daughter, Chloe J. Gavin, and her husband, John F. "Jay" Beatty III, the scholarship honors Gen. Gavin's distinguished contributions to his nation and is intended to encourage members of military families to apply to Harvard College.

"Frequently, sending a child to Harvard — or even encouraging him or her to apply — can feel beyond the reach of many military families," said Chloe Gavin.

"By establishing this scholarship fund, Jay and I wanted to send a message to these families that Harvard believes in admitting the best possible students from a variety of backgrounds. It is my experience that the individuals who come from military families generally have a strong personal commitment to giving their best to whatever they do, and this

is exactly the kind of commitment that Harvard looks for in its students."

Individuals who have served in the military, as well as children of military families, will be considered for the scholarship.

Harvard College has a need-blind admissions policy: the College admits students regardless of financial circumstances and meets the full financial need of each student who qualifies for aid.

As with all Harvard scholarships, candidates for the Gavin Scholarship must demonstrate financial need and must be admitted to Harvard to be eligible for consideration.

For more information on applying to Harvard, please write to Harvard College, Admissions and Financial Aid, Byerly Hall, 8 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

*(Editor's note: The above announcement from Harvard did not include a phone number or e-mail address, so it will be necessary to write to Harvard for more information on the scholarship and how to apply.)*

### Soldiers eligible to 'beef up' GI Bill benefits

#### DES release

Public Law 106-419, section 104, authorized Montgomery GI Bill-era servicemembers who are eligible for MGIB benefits to contribute up to \$600 for additional basic MGIB benefits.

To be eligible a servicemember must:

— Have entered active duty on or after 1 July 1985.

— Maintain MGIB eligibility.

— Make a lump-sum payment of \$600 or have a deduction in pay of a minimum of \$20 for up to 30 months. The maximum \$600 contribution would increase basic MGIB benefits by \$5,400. MGIB benefits will increase by \$5 for 36 months for each \$20 contributed. Eligible servicemembers may contribute at any time while serving on active duty.

This program is not open to servicemembers who enrolled in MGIB by reason of involuntary separation, who converted to MGIB from Chapter 32 (Veterans Education Assistance Program or Chapter 34 (Vietnam Era GI Bill), or who enrolled during the open period from Dec. 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989.

For more information, call the Education Center at 533-3010/2255.

## Kudos Korner

### Fort names NCO of Month

Fort Huachuca named Sgt. Doug A. Lee, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion Noncommissioned Officer of the Month for May.

Lee, an unmanned aerial vehicle instructor, has four years of service under his belt. He also completed an overseas tour in Saudi Arabia. Lee is in charge of the company operation platoon and plans on being a career soldier.

The Bellflower, Calif. native has an associate's degree and enjoys classic cars and dirt bikes. Lee resides here with his wife, Lisa; daughters, Desiree and Larissa; and son, Brandon.

### Fort names Soldier of Month

Fort Huachuca named Spc. Jason L. Morris, 504th Signal Battalion, as the Soldier of the Month for May.

Morris is a network switching systems operator/maintainer with the 269th Signal Company and spends most of his duty hours in the 11th Signal Brigade Motor Pool, Triband Bay area.

The Edgewood, Texas native is trained as a combat lifesaver and received an overseas ribbon for a tour in Korea.

With just two years in the military, Morris plans to obtain his college degree and excel in the military.

He enjoys four-wheeling, hunting, fishing and sports.

### Fort names Civilian of Month

Fort Huachuca named Gretchen Kent, Directorate of Installation Support, as Civilian of the Month for May.

Kent serves as physical scientist in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of DIS with responsibility for providing technical oversight and management of the installation National Environmental Policy Act program. She also provides geological support to the ongoing compliance of the fort's biological opinion with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Other nominees included, Kathy Whitworth, USASC; Ronald E. Pelton, CECOM; and Patricia H. Gentzler, 111th MI Bde.

## Editorial

# Shinseki says, 'Army birthday links past to future'

By Gen. Eric K. Shinseki  
Army Chief of Staff

This week, the Army celebrates 226 years of service to the nation. With organizational parties and birthday balls, runs — parades — installation open houses, the donning of new headgear, and a focus on tomorrow's Objective Force, this birthday builds on last year's celebration and establishes a tradition for observing future Army birthdays.

Last year, we cut an Army-sized birthday cake with members of Congress in the Rotunda of the Capitol to commemorate our 225th birthday.

The Center of Military History's 225 Years of Service: The U.S. Army 1775-2000 enhanced our understanding of the Army's proud history, and celebrations worldwide marked the occasion.

And when television viewers saw the sergeant major of the Army close the New York Stock Exchange, Ann Curry jump with the Golden Knights, and Joan Lunden and other notables share the spotlight with American soldiers, public awareness of the Army increased.

Local dignitaries attending Army birthday ceremonies were reminded about how much America owes its soldiers. In these ways, we strengthened the critical bond between soldiers, their families, and the communities in which they

live and work and raise children.

The Army birthday also links our past to our future. The Army is in the midst of an ambitious Transformation. By the end of the decade, we will transform the greatest land force in the world into a strategically responsive force — the Objective Force — that combines the best characteristics of our light and our heavy forces in a way that will be dominant across the full spectrum of operations.

The Objective Force seeks to put a combat capable brigade anywhere in the world in 96 hours, a division on the ground in 120 hours, and five divisions in theater in thirty days. That responsiveness represents unprecedented capability that will keep us dominant in an increasingly complex world.

This year, we salute, yet again, the significance of the Army's birthday with another great celebration. We intend to remind soldiers of the great legacy they have inherited from the millions of tough, disciplined, freedom-loving men and women who have soldiered before them.

We are SOLDIERS, by God, and proud of it. We are proud of our past and proud of our future.

Finally, the black beret symbolizes and tangibly ties us to the future Objective Force. For 25 years, it has symbolized the speed and agility of Army Rangers. Before that, the

black beret represented the lethality and power of tankers, armored cavalymen, and mechanized infantrymen who wore it in the 1970s.

On the Army's 226th birthday, we extend the beret's legacy to the entire Army as we change to create a 21st Century Army that is more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, and sustainable than we are today.

What will not change?

"The magnificence of our moments as an Army will continue to be delivered by our people. They are the engine behind our capabilities, and ... soldiers remain the centerpiece of our formation ... They fuel our ability to be persuasive in peace and invincible in war. We will train ... to fight and win anywhere, anytime ... In the process, we will provide the inspired leadership which celebrates our soldiers and nurtures their families, trains for decisive victories, and demonstrates responsible stewardship for the national treasure entrusted to us — our men and women in uniform." — The Army Vision

And so, as we celebrate the first Army Birthday in the new millennium, to our soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans, and their families — thank you. Thank you for 226 years of magnificent service to the nation.

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# Army posts tighten security at entrances

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army installations that have not been stopping vehicles at their front gates will begin limiting public access this summer.

"It's important everyone knows that we're not looking to keep people off our installations or to close ourselves in. We want to make sure that people who have intent to do us harm don't enter our installations," said Lt. Col. Bruce Vargo, chief of the Operations Branch for the Army's Security Force Protection and Law Enforcement Division.

An Armywide study revealed that security needed to be tightened on installations, said Lt. Col. Donna Rivera, chief of the Army Physical Security Branch in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

Military identification card holders and government employees have until July 31 to register their vehicles with their Provost Marshal Office, Rivera said. Registered vehicles will not be stopped at post gates unless there is a security threat, she said, but others will.

Vehicle information will be maintained on an interlinked worldwide Army system, Rivera said.

"Once individuals register their vehicles, they will only have to update their unit designation and address when they move," Rivera said.

Drivers of unregistered vehicles will most likely have to present a drivers license, vehicle registration and insurance to gate guards, Rivera said, but added will be up to each installation to mandate what documents will have to be presented.

Military policemen will maintain a visitors log and issue a temporary sign to be placed in the windshield of visitors.

Currently there is not a deadline for implementation. The Physical Security Branch is reviewing ways to help installations get personnel and equipment to meet the requirement, Rivera said.

"Some posts will have to build guard shacks and visitor centers. Others may have to close gates or get extra manpower," said Rivera. "It has not been finalized, but we expect to present a course of action by the end of the summer."

Many installations, like Fort Irwin, Calif., are still trying to decide on a plan to implement the policy.

"Fort Irwin only has one paved road and the changes to keep it manned won't affect us as much as some larger installations," said Maj. Rob Ali, the public affairs officer at Fort Irwin. "However, we are still working on a detailed mission analysis on how we're going to keep our gates staffed," Ali said.

Deciding who is going to stand guard is only part of the plan for Fort Stewart, Ga., which currently has no gates.

"Fort Stewart is a totally open post, and we have been trying to get funds to build gates for the last three years," said Don LaRocque, Fort Stewart deputy garrison commander. "For now, military policemen are placed tactically at main access points."



Photo by Angela Moncur

**Military Police are back on the gates of Fort Huachuca. Visitors to post are required to show registration, proof of insurance and drivers license in order to receive a temporary pass. People with military or civil service identification cards must register their vehicle at Alchesy Barracks.**

Fort Stewart has been positioning MPs in their humvees at main entrances, LaRocque said, to check identification and vehicle registration.

U.S. Army Hawaii has already started to increase security measures, according to 25th Infantry Division (Light) officials. Drivers in Hawaii were required to register their vehicles by May 11, and long-term plans at Schofield Barracks include the construction of additional access control measures including closed circuit television and other monitoring devices, according to officials.

The controlled access policy is a Department of Defense directive that the Army is re-enforcing after a study revealed that a significant number of Army installations were not monitoring their entrances, Rivera said.

"Last Spring the vice chief of staff [Gen. John Keane] wanted to know how many installations have controlled access and the limitations of the access," Rivera said. "We conducted a study and found out that most overseas posts have controlled access. However, U.S. Army installations have a more relaxed posture

than any of the other services."

Based upon the findings Army security is being increased.

"We don't know where people may attack, and the bombings in Oklahoma City and at the World Trade Center [New York City], give credence that we can be hit on the home front," Rivera said.

"Monitoring people who enter and exit installations is the best deterrent against attacks," Vargo said. "It protects us from terrorists, criminals and during civil disturbances and natural disasters."

Registered vehicles are the first step in this line of defense, and it will also help expedite the flow of traffic at gates, Vargo said. However, on days when traffic seems to be congested at the gates, the community should feel safer, he said.

To help with the flow of traffic, Rivera said, people should coordinate with internal security if they are expecting guests for official functions and ceremonies. Other tips are not to schedule arrival times during peak hours of congestion and to tell visitors to have proper identification and documents handy.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

## Up a pole

**Sgt. Floyd Davis from the 69th Signal Company operates the boon on the telephone utility and maintenance truck. Soldiers from his section were installing phone lines for the brigade rear detachment at the 11th Signal Brigade headquarters on Fort Huachuca June 6.**

## Offenders face tough fines in court

### OSJA release

Civilians and soldiers continue to face prosecution for offenses committed on Fort Huachuca.

On May 20, 2001, a preliminary hearing was held in the courtroom at Greeley Hall where over \$950 was collected for fines ranging from \$25 for speeding, up to \$150 for simple assault.

On May 30, a U.S. Federal Magistrate in

Tucson sentenced a civilian to one-year probation and a \$1000 fine for possessing marijuana on Fort Huachuca.

The next court date here at Fort Huachuca is scheduled for June 19 in the courtroom at Greeley Hall. Anyone receiving a notice to appear, must appear; otherwise, a warrant for their arrest will be issued. If you have any questions, call Mick Douthit at 533-5313.

## From Counsel

# Ethics govern office gift giving

By 1st Lt. Mark D. Gundrum  
OSJA

As a general rule, under the government ethics rules, soldiers or employees making less pay than their superior may not give, donate to, or solicit contributions for, either directly or indirectly, a gift to a superior.

Not surprisingly, the ethics rules also emphasize that superiors may not accept such gifts. In adhering to this rule, however, it is important to note that there are a few exceptional situations where such gift giving is allowed.

For instance, a subordinate soldier or employee may give a gift to his or her superior if the two soldiers or employees are not in a direct subordinate-official superior relationship, and there is a personal relationship between the two employees that would justify the gift.

Additionally, gifts (other than cash) of \$10 or less may be given to a superior on an occasion where gifts are traditionally given, such as a birthday, Christmas, souvenir from a vacation, etc. It is also acceptable for a subordinate to provide items such as food and refreshments to be shared in the office among several employees, including the superior.

A subordinate may provide a superior with personal hospitality at the subordinate's residence of a type and value customarily provided by the subordinate to personal friends.

A subordinate may also give an item to a superior in connection with the receipt of personal hospitality if a type and value customarily given on such occasions.

For example, if a superior invited a subordinate to a dinner party at the superior's home, it would be acceptable for the subordinate to bring a bottle of wine or bouquet of flowers as a customary gift for the dinner party.

Additionally, one or more subordinates can join a group to give a gift of a value not greater than \$300 to a superior on special, infrequent occasions. Special, infrequent occasions include occasions such as marriage, illness, or the birth or adoption of a child, or upon occa-

sions that terminate a subordinate-official superior relationship, such as retirement, resignation, or transfer.

If a superior knows or has reason to know that a subordinate is a member of more than one group donating for gifts for the special, infrequent occasion, he/she may not accept the gifts if their combined value exceeds \$300.

The \$300 limit includes the combined total for both the superior and his/her spouse.

For instance, if Pvt. Jones, who is in Capt. Smith's company gives \$1 to Group A to purchase a framed flag for Capt. Smith when he changes command, and Pvt. Jones also gives \$1 to Group B to purchase a framed picture for Mrs. Smith, the combined value of the two

gifts may not exceed \$300.

However, if there is not one subordinate of Capt. Smith both donating groups, each group can give a gift that does not exceed \$300 in value.

Furthermore, the

cost of food, refreshments and entertainment provided to the superior and his/her guests to mark the special, infrequent occasion for which the gift is given is not included in the determination of whether the gift to the superior exceeds \$300.

Of course, a superior may never pressure or coerce, either directly or through an intermediary, the offering of a gift or donation from a subordinate.

However, an employee or soldier may solicit contributions of a nominal amount for a gift under one of the identified exceptions as long as the employee or soldier explains that the subordinate may choose to contribute less than the requested amount or nothing at all.

These rules exist to help avoid conflicts or uncomfortable situations between superiors and subordinates. To avoid putting anyone in an embarrassing or ethically questionable position, it is important that the rules be strictly followed.

If you have any questions whatsoever related to the ethics of a particular gift-giving situation, please contact an ethics advisor at the Staff Judge Advocate's office at 533-5712/2095 for additional guidance.

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## 11th Signal Brigade



Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

*Pfc. Cesar Sanchez from the 19th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, walks along a strand of concertina wire lining the company's area at Site Boston June 6.*

## 504th Sig. Bn. controls southwest during summer exercises

*By Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert  
NCOIC, 11th Sig. Bde. PAO*

As 11th Signal Brigade soldiers loaded up their gear and deployed for two major exercises in June, the 504th Signal Battalion took on the mission of turning Site Boston here into the brigade's communication center in the southwest.

About 245 soldiers from the battalion set up their satellite dishes, line-of-sight antennas, switches, generators and all the equipment needed to transmit messages across the U.S.

and world for Grecian Firebolt and Roving Sands.

Thirty-six hours after the first vehicle rolled onto the site, soldiers were hunkered down and doing their final preparations before the communications exercises began.

When units deploy, one of the biggest challenges they face is getting their equipment up and running quickly, said Spc. David Williams, a cable maintainer and installer from the 69th Signal Company. After spending a few minutes looking around the site and getting a feel

for it and what the mission was, everyone got right to work to make sure the mission was completed on time, he said.

Even though the soldiers at Site Boston battle the dust and scorching heat, they know that if they don't get out and participate in these exercises, they won't be ready if they are needed in a real-world mission.

"This exercise allows them to go out to the field site away from home and put up their systems and not be distracted with any of the garrison duties," said 1st Lt. Roger Ordonez, site commander and commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 504th Sig. Bn. "They actually just concentrate on signal."

"You can train all you want in a controlled environment, but when you get out here and you have to react, and you do, no matter how well you plan, you've got to react," said Staff Sgt. John Church, a cable team chief with the 269th Sig. Co. "It's a practical exercise. It's good. It's what we're supposed to be doing."

While flexibility in the field is a key to a

successful mission, Ordonez said the flexibility starts the moment soldiers arrive on site, which is the first test the battalion faced.

When the vehicles and soldiers arrive, they have to start setting up at the right spot and the support equipment needs to be there for the soldiers, he said. This time it went pretty smoothly.

Once the exercises begin and the information starts flowing in and out of the site, the soldiers said it will be good to work with the other military branches and reserve and guard components.

"That's one of the key things, to integrate with other branches and the Reserves and National Guard," said Ordonez. "That's who we're going to be supporting."

"It's good to know that you can work with a unit that you don't train with on a regular basis and just be thrown together and still complete a mission on time and to standard," said Sgt. Robert Moore, a satellite communications team chief with the 269th Sig. Co.



*Spc. Darrell Rhodes, attached to the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 504th Signal Battalion, pumps fuel into a container for a generator at the fuel station at Site Boston June 6.*



Photo by Spc. Felicia Brown

*Spc. Jonathan Baugh from the 19th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, unloads camouflage netting from the top of a truck to Staff Sgt. Matthew Stevens, also from the 19th Sig. Co., June 4.*



CDS photo

Five-year-old, Dea Good enjoys waterplay in the courtyard at New Beginnings Child Development Center.

## Child care program meets special needs of fort families

### CDS release

You just arrived on Fort Huachuca and want immediate child care in a center based program. The waiting list for toddler care at the Center is long. What can you do?

You have custody of your four-year-old for three months over the summer, but didn't think there would be a waiting list to get into the Center. You need care from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. What can you do?

You are a stay at home mom with a very active three-year-old son and you are in your 7th month of a very difficult pregnancy. Your husband is at BNOC. Your doctor has ordered complete bed rest. You need immediate day care before your mother comes to help in two weeks. What can you do?

These are three examples of situations faced by some Fort Huachuca families. New Beginnings Child Development Center has a program designed to meet some of these unique child care needs. It is called the "Rent-a-Space Program." Many sponsors do not need full time child care during temporary duty assignments and leaves. This program lets a sponsor rent out their child's full day space in the center to individuals eligible to use Child Development Services.

Sponsors are responsible for publicizing availability of their spaces. We rent spaces on a first come, first serve basis for a

minimum of two weeks. The age group enrollment of the program must match with the age of the child. Total family income determines the fees charged for the child care space. The sponsor who leases the space must register their child with CDS.

Both sponsors must sign a binding agreement stating the effective beginning and ending dates of the agreement. This program helps both sponsors. The sponsor renting out the space, ensures their child can return to a familiar child care setting after a short or long term absence without paying to save their child care space. In some cases, this eliminates financial hardship and anxiety over long preference for care waiting lists.

The sponsor renting the space will have immediate center-based child care. If the leasee is on a preference for center care waiting list and is offered a permanent spot during the contract period, neither sponsor is held to the agreement. The center will hold the spot and advertise the short term rent-a-space.

Sponsors wanting to lease their child care spot advertise on the "Rent-a-Space" board at New Beginnings Child Development Center. Currently spaces are available for all age groups throughout the summer. For more information call New Beginnings Child Development Center at 533-5209.

## UOP designs program for associate grads

### UOP release

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Southern Arizona Campus of University of Phoenix has announced a Bachelor of Science in Management degree that has been designed to recognize degree credits already earned by working adult students with an associate's degree from an accredited community college.

The program's goal is to allow for maximum transfer of lower-level credits. The BSM program can be used with any AA, AS or AAS from an accredited community college partner or nationally accredited institution. The University of Phoenix Southern Arizona Campus is working closely with Pima Community College and Cochise College toward developing articulation agreements, which will benefit community college graduates.

"Responding to a request from the League For Innovation in Community Colleges and working closely with this national organization and Pima Community College, the new BSM degree program is designed to overcome obstacles which sometimes confront an associate-degree student seeking to complete a bachelor's degree at a university," said Kathy Alexander, vice president, director of UOP's Southern Arizona Campuses.

The BSM degree focuses on the development of general management roles for adult learners, building on the knowledge they have acquired in pursuit of their AA or AS degree.

The joint effort between our university and a community college works like an inverted baccalaureate degree because the students learn their specialty first at a community college and then go on to the University of Phoenix for their general studies and management courses," said Alexander.

Up to 72 lower-division credits can be applied to the university's bachelor's degree completion, which requires completion of 120 total credits.

Students may receive joint admission to either the community college or the University of Phoenix — meaning that upon receipt of their associate's degree, they are guaranteed admission — assuming they are at least 23 years of age and meet the grade point average requirements.

Graduates with AA and AS degrees will be considered to have met the general education requirements and matriculate as junior-level students at the university.

Upon completion of the BSM program, the focus of their associate's degree will be listed as an area of emphasis on the baccalaureate transcript and diploma. This might include such diverse industries as information technology, health management, fashion design, criminal justice and other.

The BSM program has a 36-credit core unit requirement within 12 courses, most of which are management related.

The University of Phoenix was founded in 1976. Today the university has more than 3,000 working-adult students attending several Southern Arizona Campuses and 84,000 students at campuses in 19 states, Puerto Rico and Vancouver, B.C.

The League for Innovation in Community Colleges serves more than 1200 community colleges in the United States, 750 of which are league members.

## Pets of the Week



"Brutus" is a young adult male, neutered, tan boxer mix. He is very friendly and would love a new home. His adoption fee is \$25, which includes vaccinations, a heartworm test, deworming and microchipping.



"Callie" is a young female calico short-haired cat. She is beautiful! Her adoption fee is \$40, which includes spaying, vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, microchipping and deworming.



"Cesar" is a gray and white young male short-haired cat. He wants to run and play and have a family to love. His adoption fee is \$40, which includes neutering, vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, microchipping, and deworming.



Veterinary Facility photos

"Kiki" is a young female black pug. She is very sweet and would love to sit on your lap. Her adoption fee is \$50, which includes spaying, vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information, call 533-2767. The clinic is now open through lunch.

## Chaplain's Corner

### Chapel release

Ministry Teams of the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade working in conjunction volunteers from the Catholic and Protestant chapel communities present three exciting religious experiences for our youth of Fort Huachuca: Youth Survivor, Liturgy and the Arts, and Vacation Bible School.

### Youth survivor weekend

An adult-supervised, chaplain-sponsored, nondenominational, safe, team-building weekend for grades 7-12, at the Main Post Chapel and the Girl Scout Cabin on Fort Huachuca. Registration runs June 10, 17, 24 and July 1 at Kino and MPC Resource Room.

For information, call Kati Cobb at 439-8888 or Chap. (Maj.) Ira Houck at 533-8774. Limited enrollment, only 32 survivors allowed.

### Liturgy and the arts

In the evenings from July 24-29 chaplain teams present creative workshops for youth that explore Christian worship, music, story telling, biblical drama, juggling, clowning, mime, craft making and liturgical dance. These workshops will be held in two places: The first series runs week nights at the MI Village Chapel Annex from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on July 25 and 26. The next series of workshops run on Friday night (6:30 to 8 p.m.) and again all day Saturday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) in the Main Post Chapel. Saturday includes lunch.

Liturgy and the Arts is a program to enrich the experience of worship. This is an

intergenerational spiritual fitness training event for soldiers and family members. The program is a grant from the Army Chief of Chaplains. Funding is awarded to our installation and the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Ministry Team to help soldiers and families in our chapel communities enrich their experiences of worship and through artistic and lively expressions of worship. For more information, call Chap. (Maj.) Ira Houck at 533-8774.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Aug. 6-10 at Main Post Chapel. VBS is a great adventure in learning and one of the best ways our family members experience Christian faith in community. This year's theme is "Moving On."

## Summer of children's activities

VBS is one of the greatest opportunities we have to explore and learn the Christian faith with all people, especially children and preschoolers, during the summer months with another fun-filled spiritual adventure for boys and girls that provides concentrated Bible study, artistic craft making, and inspiring music. The program encourages real-life application. We have the program, the plan and the place, but we still need volunteers.

The intention of Vacation Bible School is to reach youth of all ages, leading them deeper into a relationship with Christ, and experiencing community with other Christians. VBS is about having fun together as we learn the stories of the Bible.

For information, call Donna Irsik at 459-4877 or Chap. (Maj.) Ira Houck at 533-8774.

## Community Updates

### Passport procedure change

Between July 17 and Aug. 10, the time it takes to process passports will slow down, due to upgrading procedures at the Special Issuance Agency in Washington, D.C.

The agency is converting to the new photo-digitization process and will be getting the new equipment next month. Anyone scheduled for temporary duty or permanent change of station to locations where passports are required should process immediately.

For more information contact Kellie Kipp McGuire at 533-0484.

### Special Forces recruiting

Interested in becoming Special Forces? The Special Forces Recruiting Team will give briefings at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday-June 22 in the Roadrunner Room at Murr Community Center, and at 6 p.m. June 19-20.

The team is targeting specialists through staff sergeants, but privates first class can still apply; however, PFCs cannot begin training until they're promoted to specialist.

For more information, contact Sgt. Jeanette Newell at 533-1705 or Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Osborn at DSN 833-1461/1462.

### Veterans' benefits briefing

A Veteran's Benefits Representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix Regional Office will give briefings from 8 a.m.-noon June 21 at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420.

The representative covers veteran's benefits such as educational, home loan, disability entitlements, medical care, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation.

Additional briefings for 2001 are scheduled for July 19, Aug. 23, Sept. 20, Oct. 12, Nov. 2 and Dec. 20

### Library test Jane's Online

You have until June 22 to help the Fort Huachuca Main Library evaluate "Jane's Online." Trainees with assignments to research platforms, systems and equipment in the defense and security arena will find the database a powerful, timely and authoritative library reference tool. Intelligence and communication analysts will also find some interesting possibilities. The library will consolidate your evaluations and provide them to the Department of Army CFSC for possible installation library year-end funding.

You may use the system in the library or log onto <http://www.janes.com/>. The username is: armyago. The password is: cfsc.

For more information, call Natalie Danforth at 533-3041. Send your comments to [natalie.danforth@hua.army.mil](mailto:natalie.danforth@hua.army.mil).

### Lions installation banquet

New officers and board members elected to the Sierra Vista La Salida Del Sol Lions Club in April will be installed at the 27th Annual Anniversary Installation and Awards banquet 6-9

## TRICARE Prime offers greatest range of benefits

### TRICARE release

TRICARE Prime is designed to provide accessible, affordable health care for you. In addition to requiring no deductibles and little or no paperwork, the Prime option offers you a greater range of benefits.

Taking the time to understand the following benefits may help you to reduce your out-of-pocket costs and receive the health care you or your family members need.

### Timely access to medical care

A key benefit of TRICARE Prime is timely access to medical care. Emergent care requires you to be seen immediately, urgent care within 24 hours, routine appointments within seven days, and wellness and follow-up appointments within four weeks. Specialty referrals are scheduled within four weeks or sooner if deemed necessary.

### Primary Care Manager

The first contact for your health care needs should be your PCM. Your PCM works with you to guide your care and refers you to specialists, when necessary.

Each beneficiary has a PCM to help manage his or her health care. A PCM can be an individual, contracted provider or a military treatment facility physician or team of physicians.

The MTF Commander may direct your assignment to a military PCM, or if not, you may choose a civilian network PCM-listed provider. You and your PCM should work together for your health and well being.

### No or low enrollment fees

Active duty family members enroll at no cost. Retirees and their families pay an annual enrollment fee of \$230 for one person and \$460 for two or more.

p.m., June 23 at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

For more information or to RSVP, call Fern McReynolds at 459-3419, Anita Ostrander at 456-9033 or Dave Luna at 378-6246.

### Juneteenth Celebration

Listen to church choirs, bands, speeches and watch step shows during the Juneteenth Celebration and Gospel Fest from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. June 23 at Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista. For more information, contact Clea McCaa at 458-8555.

### Flea market at mall

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club members and Jim Huff, general manager of The Mall in Sierra Vista will offer 60 spaces in front of the main entrance of the mall to conduct a one-day flea market on July 4. The size of the spaces will be nine feet by 20 feet and hours of operation will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The mall will mark off the spaces one day prior to the event. For information, call Lee at 378-1399.

### Vickie Winans in concert

Vickie Winans, award-winning Gospel vocalist is scheduled to appear at 5 p.m., July 14 at the Buena High School Performing Arts Center, 5200 Buena School Blvd. Tickets are \$20 each or \$18.50 each if purchased in groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available at Sierra Vista churches, Sageway and Gospel Supplies in Tucson. The performance is sponsored by Sierra Vista's First Church of God in Christ.

### Combat engineer reunion

The 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association and its attached units (552nd and 1328th) are holding its 15th annual reunion in Durham, N.C., Aug. 2-5. For hotel reservations, call the Radisson Governors Inn in Research Triangle Park, N.C. at (800) 333-3333. For reunion preregistration, contact John Joyner, 2114 Baltic Ave., Durham, N.C. 27707 or (919) 596-7940; or Ursula Allen, 9111 Forest Ave. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498 or (253) 582-4649.

### POW, MIA Walkathon

The 2001 POW/MIA Walkathon is scheduled for 6 a.m. Sept. 14 on Chaffee Parade Field here. Everyone is invited to attend.

Organized participants such as teams, groups, offices, activities, organizations and units must notify the Installation Operations G3 Office of their intent to participate by July 16. Individual participants are not required to notify the Installation Operations G3 Office.

Notification must include name of the group and number of individuals. For more information, contact Robert Bass Jr. at 533-2293 or Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Zella English at 533-2294.

### Savings Bond campaign

The Directorate of Resource Management is preparing for another Savings Bond Campaign for 2001. This year's theme is "Making Dreams

A Reality — Pay Yourself First." Authorization for conducting the campaign is provided in Executive Order 11981, which is implemented by DoD Directive 5035.6. The campaign continues through June 30. A formal letter and more information will follow. Visit the treasury web site at <http://www.savingsbonds.gov> or Army's site at <http://www.asafm.army.mil/fo/fod/fincom/sbp/sbp.asp>.

### Vehicle registration hours

The vehicle registration office hours are now from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Friday in Alchey Barracks, Building 31122 on Christy Avenue.

### Check LES online

Electronic Leave and Earnings Statements are now available for active duty soldiers via the Employee/Member Self Service Internet site (<http://emss.dfas.mil>).

### Clinic hours change

As of Friday, the Consolidated Soldier Care Clinic hours of operation were changed to 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Consolidated Soldier Care Clinic serves permanent party, active-duty soldiers.

### Ride with U.S. Cavalry

Cavalry troopers with the dash, discipline and daring to preserve and promote the traditions of the B Troop 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment are needed.

Membership is voluntary and open to male permanent party soldiers, retirees and DoD civilians. Call Maj. Robert Blanchette at 538-0822 or e-mail [blanchetterobert@otc.army.mil](mailto:blanchetterobert@otc.army.mil). Women may volunteer for the Ladies Auxiliary. Ground School meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Private Stables of Buffalo Corral.

For information, visit the troop website at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

### Recycle glass jars

The Sierra Vista Plant Sciences Center needs clean baby food, pint-size and quart-size glass jars without the labels and with lids for their seed collection.

If you would like to recycle your jars, please call 458-8278 ext. 2141 or drop them off at the center, 1140 N. Colombo, Sierra Vista (on the University of Arizona South campus behind Cochise College.)

### Combat Lifesaver courses

Due to recent changes, all Combat Lifesaver courses must be taught by medical personnel. To accommodate unit requirements, one course will be held each quarter by Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. Each course will have 20 slots.

Request for slots should be sent to Staff Sgt. Daniel Traver, METS Division, at 533-3727 or fax to 533-2704. Request should include soldiers

standard name line and unit point of contact and be sent six weeks prior to start date.

Course dates available are Aug. 6-8. These courses are for new Combat Lifesavers. For re-certifications, contact Traver to arrange for recertification course.

### Foster families needed

Thinking about becoming a foster parent? Learn how by attending an information meeting at 6:30 p.m. June 21 in Suite 11 at the Landmark Plaza in Sierra Vista. To RSVP, call 458-2761 as soon as possible.

### FHAS seeks input

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools have been informed by the Arizona Department of Education that funds will be available for Individuals with Disabilities Act and Extended School Year. These funds will be used during the 2001-2002 school year to supplement the district budget.

Public input for the expenditure of these funds is encouraged. Anyone interested in viewing the applications and providing input, can do so by contacting Sally Holcombe at 458-5082.

### Signal SDO moves

The 11th Signal Brigade Staff Duty Office has moved from the Brigade Headquarters (Building 52111) to Murr Community Center (Building 53101).

The office is open 4 p.m.-9 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The office is open 2 p.m.-9 a.m. Thursdays and 24 hours on weekends. The staff duty can be contacted at 533-1339 during these times.

All soldiers reporting to the 11th Signal Brigade must report to the staff duty office after the normal duty day ends.

### Vanpool commuters

The federal government mass transportation subsidy program is now available to vanpool commuters. The vanpool that serves Fort Huachuca has five vans and is considering an additional van if enough federal workers apply for membership. For further information, contact Ken Van Karsen at 533-8200 or 615-1866.

### Boxing Slug Fest

The Fraternal Order of Police Huachuca Lodge No. 28 is sponsoring a live "Battle for the Badges Slug Fest" boxing club tournament at 6 p.m. July 3 at Jimbo's Beach Shaque, Sierra Vista. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Fighters must be 18 and older to participate, and there is no entry fee.

For ticket or participant information, call 586-1300 or e-mail [santinaLLC@aol.com](mailto:santinaLLC@aol.com).

**Have we got news for you!**  
Read it online, click on [huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO](http://www.army.mil/USAG/PAO)

The most comprehensive and up-to-date TRICARE information is available on the TRICARE website at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>.

For those beneficiaries whose questions cannot be answered by the TRICARE Web site, there are new TRICARE toll-free telephone numbers to TRICARE representatives with answers on TRICARE For Life, the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, and TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty and their family members. These new telephone numbers will greatly expand TRICARE's ability to provide accurate information.

One of the best features of the new information technology center is the "warm hand-off." When beneficiaries reach a TRICARE Information Center representative, they are not disconnected until they have their questions answered, or they have been connected to another person who can help them.

There are no telephone recordings or directories to sort through. The toll-free telephone numbers for these TRICARE programs are:

- Senior Pharmacy Program 1-877-DOD-MEDS (1-877-363-6337)
- TRICARE For Life program 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433)
- TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty and their family members program 1-888-DOD-CARE (1-888-363-2273).

Accessing the TRICARE website, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and using the tools available, such as "Frequently Asked Questions" beneficiaries can get the answers they need when they need them.

Hours of operation for the telephone information center are Monday through Friday 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

### Less out-of-pocket expense

The same medical services are covered at less cost to you with no deductibles and a lower catastrophic cap. A flat fee is paid for visits to civilian providers and hospital stays.

(Effective 1 April 01, Prime enrolled family members of AD sponsors will have no co-pays except for Point of Service claims.)

### No claims forms to file

Your claims are filed by your PCM, (provider) so there is virtually no paperwork for you to complete. However, you may have to file your own claims under the Point of Service option.

### Point of Service option

POS applies when you receive non-emergency care that has not been authorized or provided by your PCM. Under POS, you pay an annual deductible and a substantial cost-share.

### Annual enrollment

Enrollment is for one year. A reenrollment notice and bill, if applicable, is sent to each sponsor household. This notice also allows you to discontinue enrollment.

### Enrollment portability

Portability is designed to provide a seamless transition in health care coverage during temporary or permanent relocation to another TRICARE region. With the appropriate authorization, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries can obtain medically necessary care during relocation.

### Split enrollment

Retirees and their family members can live and enroll in separate TRICARE regions and pay only one combined family enrollment fee.

### Additional wellness benefits

Enhanced wellness benefits, such as periodic or routine health screenings, are available to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries 17 years of age and older also have the option to complete a health assessment survey. The survey results provide information about your health and wellness status for use by your PCM.

### TRICARE Line for Care

This confidential health care advice and education service is available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The telephone service is staffed by a team of nurses supported by physicians, pharmacists and other health care practitioners.

It also offers short educational tapes on various health care-related topics. The toll-free telephone number is 1-888-887-4111.

### Ongoing education

TRICARE Prime educational materials are available at your TRICARE Service Center, including the most up-to-date Provider Directory for your service area.

Additionally, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries receive a quarterly newsletter, Prime Times, which contains the latest information about TRICARE Prime. The newsletter also features articles on diet, fitness, research, medical treatments and related topics.

If you have questions about TRICARE Prime coverage, visit your local TRICARE Service or Customer Assistance Center, call TriWest toll free at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (all time zones).

Or visit the TRICARE Central Region web site at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) or [www.tricarecr.carson.army.mil](http://www.tricarecr.carson.army.mil).

## Refund checks due military taxpayers too

*Special to the American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — If you owed federal income taxes for 2000, a check for up to \$600 will be in the mail for you by September.

Lt. Col. Thomas K. Emswiler, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, said military members are as eligible as other taxpayers for the federal refund that's made headlines recently.

In an interview with the American Forces Radio and Television Service, he said the tax bill just signed by the president creates a new tax bracket of 10 percent and made the rate retroactive to Jan. 1. "In the past," he said, "the lowest tax rate was 15

## Straight talk on beret, transformation

*By Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley  
Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — In recent months, it has become increasingly apparent that opinions on the beret are nearly as numerous as the myths and misconceptions surrounding both the beret's history and our reasons for switching to it.

I've made it a point to talk about the beret with nearly every group of soldiers I've spoken with in my travels. Typically, I've asked for a show of hands from people who think the black beret is a bad idea. As a rule, about 20-30 percent of the soldiers raise their hands.

Then, nearly every group has shared some good-natured laughs with me as we take a look at what soldiers really know about the topic.

"What kind of units wore the black beret from 1973-1979," I begin asking the soldiers who raised their hands.

"What was the first unit in the Army authorized to wear black berets?"

"True or false — Rangers wore berets in World War II?"

"True or false — Soldiers graduating from Ranger School are awarded a Ranger tab and a black beret?"

"What is the only course in the Army where soldiers are awarded berets upon graduation?"

"How many years has the Army talked about putting every soldier in a black beret?"

Beginning as early as 1924, armor units in the British Army began wearing black berets for a few very simple reasons. For one thing, the color hid the grease spots tankers often left on their hats when putting them on and taking them off as they worked on their vehicles. Also, the beret allowed tank crewmen to comfortably wear radio headsets and push their faces against the tank's telescopic sights.

Although historians say a few Ranger units unofficially wore black berets during the early 1950s and again during the Vietnam War, the Center of Military History can find no photos or documentation indicating World War II Rangers were ever authorized to wear berets of any color.

The headgear did not become an official part of the Ranger uniform for another 25 years. In 1975, the Army authorized two newly formed ranger battalions to wear black berets — one year after both armor and cavalry units around the Army began wearing black berets.

The Opposing Force units at the National Training Center, Joint Readiness Training Center and Combat Maneuver Training Center have worn black berets for years. Further, armor and cavalry units throughout the Army were authorized black berets from 1973-1979.

A few months back, one old cavalryman even told me that when Chief of Staff Gen. Bernard Rogers decided in 1979 that only special operations and airborne units would be authorized berets, tankers in his unit objected to the decision and burned "their" black berets in protest.

It is also interesting to note how many soldiers believe that Ranger and Airborne School graduates receive either black or maroon berets upon completing their respective courses. Very few soldiers realize that Special Forces Qualification Course graduates are the only troops in the Army awarded a beret and tab when they complete their school.

Thus far in talking to literally thousands of soldiers about the black beret, only one person — a sergeant at Fort Gordon, Ga. — knew that the Army's leadership had considered transitioning the entire force to black berets for more than a dozen years. Each

time, the decision was deferred because of other priorities.

During his first year as chief of staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki concentrated on building up momentum for our ongoing transformation. Only in his second year as chief did he decide the time was right to wear black berets.

At the end of my beret quiz, I ask soldiers to tell me what they know about the Army and our ongoing transformation. I'm proud to say most of us have a working understanding of the Army transformation.

As I explain it, Gen. Shinseki's intent with transformation is to prepare the Army for the diverse missions our country is now asking us to perform.

Prior to Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein overran Kuwait in a matter of days and stopped his forces at the border just north of oil-rich eastern Saudi Arabia. Mysteriously, he then sat and watched for six months as we reinforced our rapid deploying airborne units. In the end, the mass of our assembled combat power allowed us to achieve a quick, decisive victory.

For the foreseeable future, there will remain in the world a number of countries and leaders who will think it wise to challenge the United States, our interests and our allies.

Nobody will ever know for certain why Saddam stopped when he had our forces outgunned and outnumbered. Far more certain is the fact that the next dictator to challenge us won't repeat Saddam's mistakes. When future foes mobilize their forces, they will likely move quickly while hoping they can achieve their objectives before we can deploy our forces.

To be ready for that kind of showdown and to better prepare us for missions like those in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo, Gen. Shinseki is transforming the Army into a force that's more agile, deployable and lethal.

It may be something of oversimplification, but in the end transformation will result in heavy units that are more deployable and agile and light units that are more lethal and survivable. The result will be warfighting formations that can deploy about as fast as today's light units but pack a lot more firepower and mobility.

So, as we move toward that goal, I ask groups to name the one uniform item that could logically symbolize that transformation — one item that has, over the years, been associated with both heavy armor units as well as the best light infantry unit in the world — the black beret.

Change is never easy, and I understand that. It's especially difficult in an organization as large and grounded in history and tradition as the Army. But, I also understand that we must change if we are to be ready for the challenges that await us in this new century.

For the most part, our military has done a poor job of envisioning and preparing for the next war. Typically, we have trained and equipped our military based on what was true in the last war while failing to see the coming of a different conflict that was often less than a decade or two away.

These mistakes have been costly — they have been paid for in the lives of our soldiers as we have often lost early battles in a number of wars. It is a testament to the greatness of our country and our military that we learned quickly in these conflicts and adjusted our equipment, training and tactics and achieved victory.

But, it makes sense to me to begin changing with the world and design formations that are better suited for future conflicts. Not only could this make the difference in these yet-to-be battles, but it might let us avoid them entirely as future enemies gauge our capa

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*But as long as you had some tax liability in 2000, you'll get a refund.*

**Lt. Col. Thomas K. Emswiler**

percent, so the 5 percent reduction will allow most taxpayers to get a refund."

The law provides the mailing of refunds start in July and be complete by the end of September. Plans now call for the first checks to be mailed on July 20 and the last batch on Sept. 28. Taxpayers will receive letters in July explaining how much to expect and when.

Emswiler said anyone who had a federal tax liability for 2000 is eligible providing they weren't claimed as someone else's dependent. "Liability" means owing more the amount of nonrefundable credits, such as education and child care credit. Refundable credits, such as the earned income tax credit, don't count for determining eligibility or the amount of the refund.

"If you filed a joint return last year and had at least \$12,000 in taxable income, you'll receive a \$600 refund," he said. "That \$600 represents the difference between taxing \$12,000 at 15 percent and taxing it at 10 percent as provided for under the new law.

"If you filed as head of household last year and had at least \$10,000 in taxable income, you'll get a refund of \$500. Most taxpayers who filed as single last year and had at least \$6,000 in taxable income will get a refund of \$300," he continued.

Persons claimed as dependents, such as children, college students and elderly parents, receive no refund. Further, Emswiler said, the refunds he cited are maximums - persons who reported less than the threshold incomes receive proportionally smaller refunds.

"But as long as you had some tax liability in 2000, you'll get a refund," he noted.

Eligible taxpayers need only ensure the Internal Revenue Service has their correct mailing address, Emswiler said. Service members should notify the post office of moves or file IRS Form 8822, "Change of Address," with the IRS.

The IRS plan is to issue refunds according to the last two digits of taxpayers' Social Security numbers, he remarked. Refunds for those with "00" will be among the earliest checks mailed in July; "99s" will be among the last in September. The process is scheduled to take three months because 96 million checks are involved.

## Korea 50 years ago this week

*By Jim Caldwell  
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**June 14-20, 1951**

The 1st Marine and ROK 5th Divisions finish taking their objectives on line Kansas along the southern rim of the Punchbowl June 14.

During the week, Eighth Army troops dig in and fortify lines Wyoming and Kansas.

American and allied officials have begun to sound out the Chinese and North Korean interest in a negotiated settlement to the war. However, President Truman does not want to establish direct communications with either about negotiations.

Truman decided in May that the best outcome of the war was a negotiated peace. There have been public statements by Americans that a negotiated peace would be acceptable. Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall said in the MacArthur hearings "that the trained fabric of the Chinese communist forces will be pretty well worn to pieces ... if we destroy their best-trained armies as we have been ... you develop the best probability of reaching a satisfactory negotiatory basis with those Chinese communist Forces."

On May 26 UN Secretary General Trygve Lie said in addressing the UN Association of Canada, "If a cease-fire could be arranged approximately along the 38th Parallel, then the main purpose of the Security Council resolutions of June 25 and 27 and July 7 (1950) will be fulfilled."

When Secretary of State Dean Acheson testified at the MacArthur hearings. He said a cease-fire along the 38th Parallel resulting in peace will "accomplish the military purposes in Korea."

Lt. Gen. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, has told Ridgway that the current Wyoming and Kansas lines provide the best terrain for defense. Terrain farther north will be harder to defend, and logistical forces will find it harder to resupply such a move.

Although the North Korean and Chinese armies have been badly mauled, Van Fleet ex-

pects the reds to break any cease-fire arrangement and wants the Eighth Army in a position to drive them back.

Bolstering that feeling are statements from prisoners taken by patrols that the Chinese are planning a sixth offensive.

Military and political leaders feel the ideal situation under which to begin negotiations is while UN forces hold ground above the 38th Parallel, territory with which to bargain. (Today, the resulting DMZ (demilitarized zone) is mostly above the Parallel.)

Ridgway thinks that holding Wyoming and Kansas lines is a good tactic if the communists want to negotiate. If they refuse to negotiate or drag out the talks, holding a static line might be too risky, so he wants offensive plans that will keep the enemy off balance.

Van Fleet offers Ridgway three choices. All include hitting the enemy at Kaesong and Pyongyang. One includes having the 1st Marine Division making an amphibious landing at Tongchon and striking down Rt. 17. Ridgway approves all other aspects of Van Fleet's plans except for the Marine landing. His refusal is for the same reason as that for a recent similar Van Fleet proposal - too costly in terms of troops and equipment compared to what can be accomplished.

Both men agree they should be well north of Kansas and Wyoming lines when negotiations begin. Ridgway tells Van Fleet if he can he will tell him about when negotiations are to begin so Eighth Army can take the additional real estate.

**June 14**

Senator Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., speaks to a nearly empty Senate chamber for two and a half hours. He says that President Truman isn't "conscious" of what George C. Marshall, secretary of Defense, and Secretary of State Dean Acheson are doing "in his name."

Marshall is McCarthy's chief target. He claims the general advocated a "second front" in Europe and was against the African invasion in World War II because Marshall had

made "common cause" with Stalin, which continues after the war. He indirectly implicates Marshall and Acheson in plotting to weaken the U.S. for eventual takeover by the Soviet Union.

**June 14-15**

Former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson testifies before the MacArthur hearings, which senators on the combined Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees are trying to wrap up. Johnson spends most of his hearing blaming the State Department for losing China because it blocked DoD attempts to supply the Nationalist Army on the mainland. He hinted that Secretary of State Dean Acheson was responsible for him being dismissed as Defense Secretary because he is anti-communist "everywhere." He did say the Joint Chiefs of Staff were doubtful that MacArthur could pull off the Inchon landing in 1950, but that the general had done a "beautiful" job.

**June 15**

An Army spokesman reports that the estimated losses among Chinese and North Koreans are more than 1.1 million. The number increased by 28,250 in the past five days. South Korea has suffered the most casualties among allies — 180,000 out of 184,406.

— The National Security Council, led by President Truman, announces it has suspended the government program to end aid to countries selling goods to China that have possible military uses. The reason is that renewal of foreign aid that will enhance national security is permissible under the law.

**June 15-16**

MacArthur brings his national tour to Texas and on June 15 speaks to about 250,000 people in front of the Alamo on the declining morality among government officials. That night, after a parade through Dallas, which drew about 200,000 people, he tells an audience of 27,500 that President Truman should realize "the fac-

tuality that we are already at war" and step up the pressure against China. On June 16, he speaks to 15,000 people in Fort Worth blasting the administration's "drift toward socialism" and "the drift away from our competitive system of free enterprise ... truth ... and moral standards."

**June 16**

Van Fleet tells reporters that he expects "a third round of the Chinese spring offensive" after the Eighth Army has won back all the ground they had lost.

— A 24th Infantry Division spokesman says a patrol found a wounded American soldier and the bodies of seven others west of Hwachon May 30. The dead were bound and then beaten to death or shot by the Chinese.

**June 18**

Brig. Gen. Crawford E. Sams reports that "hundreds of thousands" of North Korean troops and civilians, more than all of the country's combat deaths, have died from typhus, smallpox and typhoid. Russia has not sent medical supplies to their communist allies. Sams led a four-man team behind enemy lines to check out reports of a bubonic plague.

— The Navy claims that its bombardment of enemy targets the past four months has resulted in 8,635 North Korean and Chinese casualties.

**June 19**

Great Britain reports that it will continue to export consumer goods to China, but not strategic materials. Great Britain and the United States were two of the 16 countries who replied a day late to a UN mandate for members to report how they will comply with the embargo instituted against China in May. The United States is the only country that has instituted a full embargo.

**June 20**

U.S. casualties in Korea through June 15 total 73,604, of which 12,202 are killed.

# Not only soldiers returned from Capstone Exercise

## Electronic Proving ground deploys civilian, contractor 'troops' for full assessment

### EPG release

Fort Huachuca's Electronic Proving Ground was out in force supporting the recently conducted Division Capstone Exercise Phase I at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA.

EPG sent 35 government civilian and contractor "troops" to participate in the first full assessment of the Army's First Digital Division.

The purpose of the April 2001 DCX I was to demonstrate the warfighting capabilities of the First Digitized Division using current organization and operations in a force projection scenario.

The exercise also assessed the Force XXI Doctrine, Training, Leader Development, Organization, Materiel, and Soldier systems requirements developed since the Division XXI Advanced Warfighting Experiment conducted in 1997.

EPG's major focus was supporting the premise that adding "digitized tools" like the Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below (FBCB2) system, increased organizational effectiveness for the Warfighter.

This assessment was part of the embedded limited user test conducted in conjunction with the DCX I.

Team EPG deployed 3 focus teams from its headquarters at Fort Huachuca and its field offices at Fort Lewis, Wash. and Fort Hood, Texas. These teams operated "in the box" (the NTC term for the exercise area) with troops from the 4th Infantry Division and focused on test operations, simulation, digital data collection and the production of after action reports.

Over 30 gigabytes of data were collected during the 14-day exercise. Support was provided in three distinct areas.

The first area of support was to simulate a "wrap-around" blue force from 4th Infantry Division units that were not participating live in the exercise.

This simulation added virtual units and provided realism to the digitized traffic normally found in actual combat.

Using the Stimulation, Testing, Operational Rehearsal Model, EPG was successfully able to simulate the additional 715 blue forces of an Armor Brigade including a Cavalry battalion.

STORM provided cost savings by not



Team members (from left) Dennis Clement, John McCanis and Chris Hanawalt work on the wireless network on top of site M5 Mountain at the National Training Center, one of EPG's solar powered radio relay sites.

having to deploy live units to Fort Irwin, Calif., and realism by giving a tactical look and feel to the players "in the box." The players felt that they had adjacent, higher, and other units involved in their operations.

Over one-half million situational awareness messages were sent via STORM over the course of the two-week NTC rotational period providing the live forces with a more realistic digital environment throughout the 7 days a week, 24 hours a day exercise.

These messages provided real-time unit locations, operational conditions, sensor data, and a myriad of other information normally associated with an operation of this magnitude.

Thomas Christopherson, from the NewTec support contract's EPG Fort Lewis Field Office, was the EPG team leader. He worked at NTC's Simulation Center and coordinated all STORM actions for the National Simulation Center through the Digital Battlestaff Sustainment Trainer project.

The second key area of support was collecting all the digital data generated by the high OPTEMP brigade prosecuting the battle. JoAnn Robinson, the Test Officer out of EPG

Fort Huachuca, was the team leader for this group. Her focus was the 17 Tactical Operational Centers and all of their digital LAN traffic.

To accomplish this effort, the team in-

stalled a wireless network, which allowed data to be transferred out of the field and provided a near-real time capability to monitor the message traffic in support of the digital after-action-review process.

In addition, each of the TOCs had a 3-person contractor-run data collection support team living with the soldiers during the NTC rotation. They set up tents, camouflage netting, and jumped their operations each time the TOCs moved.

Their mission was to ensure the data collection instrumentation stayed connected to the digital C4I systems during all phases of

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# Active-duty family members eligible for 'remote' care

### TRICARE release

With passage of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2001, TRICARE Management Activity is planning to implement a new benefit, TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members.

Beginning April 2002, active duty family members who reside with their TRICARE Prime Remote eligible sponsors in remote locations will be eligible to enroll in TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members. Locations designated as TRICARE Prime Remote are generally more than 50 miles in distance or a one-hour drive time from a military medical treatment facility.

"While details for enrolling in the TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members program are still in the development stages, there is a "waive charges" clause which will provide interim relief to active duty family members who reside with their TRICARE Prime Remote eligible active duty sponsor," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Robert Styron, TRICARE Prime Remote regional operations officer, TMA.

As an interim measure, starting October 30, 2000, until the implementation of TPRFM, cost shares and deductibles are eliminated for active duty family members who accompany their sponsors on assignment to a remote location.

"Active duty family members living in remote locations with their TRICARE Prime Remote eligible sponsors will be eligible to have their cost shares and deductibles waived until the TRICARE Prime Remote program for Family Members is implemented," said Lt. Cmdr. Styron.

Sponsors and family members are encouraged to keep track of all fees paid from Oct. 30, 2000, (the day the President signed the NDAA into law) until the implementation of TPRFM. This will enable them to apply for reimbursement once the program details are finalized. Once the new pharmacy cost shares structure begins in Spring 2001, the new pharmacy cost shares will no longer be covered as waive charges.

Starting April 2002, enrollment in TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members will be optional for active duty family members who reside with their sponsors in

designated remote locations. You can verify your sponsor's TPR eligibility on the TRICARE Prime Remote Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/remote](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/remote).

When TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members is implemented, eligible active duty family members choosing to enroll will enjoy a TRICARE Prime-like benefit. The TRICARE Prime access standards, cost shares and other benefits will apply.

Network providers are available in many TRICARE Prime Remote locations, and TPR family members who are enrolled must use these providers to avoid costly point-of-service charges. In TRICARE Prime Remote locations where active duty family member enrollment is not available, point-of-service charges will not apply. However, family members will be required to use TRICARE authorized providers.

Once TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members is implemented, active duty family members residing with their TPR eligible sponsors in remote locations who choose not to enroll, can continue using the TRICARE Standard benefit. When the interim "waive charges" benefit expires, family members choosing to use TRICARE Standard will again be responsible for TRICARE Standard deductibles and cost shares.

Previously, the only option available to family members living in some remote areas was to seek care with authorized civilian providers using the TRICARE Standard benefit.

Consequently, sponsors with family members residing in remote locations paid more for health care than sponsors with family members living on or near military installations.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Styron, active duty family members often told him: "My sponsor and I were assigned where there is no military health care available except TRICARE Standard, which costs me money. If we were assigned to a military installation or lived within close proximity to an MTF, we could get all of our healthcare with little or no out-of-pocket costs." This new program corrects that inequity.

The TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members affects approximately 140,000 uniformed services active duty family members. The active duty sponsors include military re-

cruiters, Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors and their staffs, educational instructors on permanent duty assignments and any other active duty personnel on permanent duty assignments as designated by the Secretary of Defense.

Active duty sponsors are encouraged to contact the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System to verify that information for themselves and their family members is correct. Eligibility for TRICARE Prime remote for Family Members will be based on DEERS

## TRICARE temporarily waives charges for remote active duty family members

### TRICARE release

Active duty dependents who reside with their TRICARE Prime Remote-eligible sponsors (sponsor must live and work more than 50 miles or approximately one hour's drive from a military treatment facility), can look forward to significant changes in their health care benefits.

TRICARE will temporarily implement a "waiver of charges" for these active duty family members as a means to keep their out-of-pocket health care expenses to a minimum until the time when they will be eligible to enroll in the TRICARE Prime Remote program.

TRICARE Prime Remote family members should retain for their records, all copies of medical receipts, claims and Explanation of Benefits for claims with dates of service from Oct. 30, 2000 and later.

TRICARE projects that it will begin reimbursing cost-shares, copayments and deductibles for these services no sooner than Aug. 1, 2001.

### Ensure eligibility for "waived charges"

You should take steps to help ensure you can make the most of this important health care benefit.

Consider the following:

— Verify your active duty service member sponsor is eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote.

— Make certain all dependents residing

data. Sponsors may call DEERS personnel at the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office toll-free at 1-800-538-9552. Sponsors and family members can also update their addresses for DEERS on the Military Health System/TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/).

Additional information on the TRICARE Prime Remote benefit for active duty family members, and the waive charges clause is available on the TRICARE Prime Remote Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/remote](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/remote).

with the sponsor have their current personal information (including address) in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

— Seek your health care from TRICARE-authorized providers. For help finding a TRICARE-authorized provider, contact a health care coordinator at 877-554-2224.

— Continue to pay for your medical care and submit your medical claims as usual. If seeking care from a non-participating provider you will be responsible for fees at the time of service, and for submitting your claim for reimbursement.

— Keep all copies of medical receipts, claims and EOBs for claims with dates of service from Oct. 30, 2000 until the TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members program is officially implemented.

You will not be required to submit this paperwork, but these records will allow you to ensure that your expenses are reimbursed accurately.

### What's covered by "waived charges?"

All authorized TRICARE cost-shares, copayments and deductibles for covered benefits with dates that fall in the established time frame will be waived for all eligible beneficiaries regardless of enrollment status (i.e., TRICARE Prime, Extra or Standard), if the

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## Fort water policy establishes irrigation, water management guidelines

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

"Fort Huachuca has a great water conservation record," said Col. Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander, in a policy letter released to troop units and on-post housing residents.

"Your cooperation and on-the-spot help in education everyone on our watering policy is appreciated."

According to the colonel, the fort has an obligation to be a responsible steward of the environment. Water conservation is a significant part of this responsibility. That is the purpose behind this policy to establish irrigation and water management policy for Fort Huachuca.

### Family housing areas

Only attended, hand-held hoses can be used to water lawns, trees, shrubs, gardens and flowers throughout the year at any time. Newly seeded lawn areas may be watered with hand-held hoses only.

Residents are urged to time their reseeded to take advantage of summer rains, usually July and August. To get a copy of re-seeding guidelines to improve success in germination, call 538-SAVE.

Residents in family housing areas may use sprinklers or soaker hoses for yard irrigation twice a week during the months of May and June only. Due to water storage and pressure limitations, the use of sprinklers is staggered by housing area and day of the week.

The Bonnie Blink residents may water with sprinklers Wednesdays and Sundays from 6 to 8 p.m.

The remainder of the family housing area residents may water with sprinklers on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Residents will provide sufficient watering with either sprinklers or hand-held hoses to maintain the health of trees and shrubs in their yards.

Family housing showerheads may be from 1.5 gallons per minute up to 2.5 gpm. If you do not know what type of showerhead is in your house, you should check for compliance or call 538-SAVE. Non-complying showerheads will be exchanged at Self Help, Building 22408.

### Non-family housing areas

For other-than-family housing areas, attended (hand-held) hoses can be used at any time and sprinkler irrigation may occur for up to two hours only between 3 and 10 p.m., twice a week during the months of May through September.

No watering with sprinklers will occur between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on any day, other than the exceptions listed below for areas watered with treated effluent. Supplemental watering with sprinklers should be limited during monsoon season.

Areas watered by treated effluent, such as the Mountain View Golf Course, Chaffee Parade Field, parts of MI Village and the Eifler Sports Complex, may be irrigated to meet mission physical training requirements. This exception is due to limitations in availability of treated effluent.

Showerheads in administrative buildings will have a maximum water use ratio of 1.5 gpm. If you do not know what type of showerhead is in your area, check for compliance or call 538-SAVE.

The organization occupying a facility must ensure that timing

of sprinklers is within the allowable watering hours. Commanders and directors of these organizations will ensure that systems are in compliance with this policy.

At remote or unmanned facilities, the managing organization must ensure that irrigations timing is within authorized hours. Resetting of irrigation systems following power failures, so that irrigation is within allowable hours, will be corrected no later than the end of the working day following the power outage.

### No running water

Residents and employees must prevent water they are using from running onto pavement or into the street. No water is to run from unattended hoses.

When water is emptied from wading pools or other collection devices, it will be release where it can be used by laws and vegetation, and not run into the streets.

If the water can be release so that it quickly enters the sewage system, then it may be disposed of through the sewers. This will allow for recovery, treatment and reuse of the water within the fort's effluent reuse system.

### Car washes

All car-washing activities will use appropriate nozzles and buckets to prevent water wasting. No water will be allowed to run from unattended hoses.

Fund-raising groups performing car washed are encouraged to provide the option of a "Conservation Wash," such as using window cleaner on windshields for a donation to their fundraiser, or to consider other methods to raise funds for their respective organizations.

Approved car washes on post will only be held in the parking lot next to the Cochise Theater or in the parking lot next to the Thrift Shop at the Main Gate. Approval to hold a car wash must be obtained from Marta Johnston, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, at 533-2080.

Maintenance requirements, or problems that result in water leaks or water being wasted, must be reported to the Directorate of Installation Support immediately, at 533-3151.

When placing a service order, specify that water is leaking, what it is leaking from if possible, the required repair, and try to provide information on the approximate size of the leak, such as steady drip, stream as wide as a pencil or stream like a fire hose.

### Enforcement for non-compliance

Housing residents will be cited for violations of this policy. These citations will be provided to the soldiers' commander for command information and action.

Three citations will result in a referral to the garrison commander for review of the individual residents' housing status and possible termination of housing privileges on Fort Huachuca.

Administrative areas will also be cited. These citations will be referred for action through the chain of command.

Individuals and organizations with water saving suggestions, with concerns about water waste at a specific facility or residence on fort, or with interest in additional information about improving their personal or unit water conservation efforts may contact the Energy and Water Conservation Education Coordinator, at 538-SAVE.

## Be 'wise' about watering

### WWES release

The hot, dry season in southeastern Arizona is in full swing, and you have probably already dragged out your hoses and sprinklers in an effort to create and maintain a green lawn around your quarters.

You may also be watering trees, shrubs, flowers and outdoor container plants in an effort to beautify your living area. There are a few things you should know to allow you to get the best results from the water you use.

First of all, remember to follow the Fort Huachuca Irrigation and Water Management Policy. Copies of the policy are available at the Housing Office and the Self Help Store.

Basically, the policy allows residents in family housing to water with a hand held hose at any time of year.

However, the policy restricts sprinkler and soaker hose irrigation to the months of May and June, which are our hottest, driest months. Due to water storage and pressure limitations, sprinkler use is staggered by area. Timers may be used to activate irrigation devices but only during the authorized hours and days.

Here are a few tips for making the best use of your irrigation water:

— Make sure that your sprinkler is working effectively and puts out a consistent, uniform pattern of water. The sprinkler should not push water high up into the air, but should apply water close to the ground. The evaporation rate during May and June is very high, and much irrigation water is lost to evaporation before it ever hits the ground and soaks into your lawn.

— Move your sprinkler around your lawn to avoid over-application and puddling of water in one area. Use a soil probe (can be borrowed from the Self Help Store) to help you determine how well you've penetrated to the roots of your lawn and to avoid overwatering. Grass roots need oxygen and drowning them will kill the grass.

— Because different types of vegetation (lawns, trees, flowering plants and shrubs) require different amounts of water, check out the Residential Watering Guide for Fort Huachuca, which tells you how to evaluate your irrigation schedule and fine tune it to make the best use of your irrigation water.

— Use soaker hoses to water your trees. Lay the soaker hose in a circle around your tree beneath the drip line (where rainwater runs off the ends of the branches). The drip line is where the tree's roots will be. Never water a tree at the trunk — there are no roots there and the trunk can rot.

— Use 3-4 inches of mulch over the roots of plants and trees to help reduce evaporation and discourage weeds.

— Raise your mower height to 1.5 to 2.5 inches to reduce water loss through evaporation in your Bermuda grass lawn. Never mow more than one-third the height of the grass at any one time to avoid "burning out" your lawn.

For a copy of the Residential Watering Guide for Fort Huachuca and other helpful pamphlets, which will help you to make the best use of your water resources, call the Water Wise Energy Smart Program at 538-SAVE (7283).

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the exercise. They did a tremendous job.

Led by Alan Morris and Pam Birchard, the third team (from the EPG Fort Hood Field Office) focused on supporting the National Training Center with After Action Review products during the NTC rotation.

Using the Data Collection After Action Reporting System, a product EPG to support the Battle Command Training Program, the DCARS team was provided AAR products derived from the collected digital data to support the NTC Training Analyst Facility personnel.

The use of DCARS provided digital information to the units in a timely manner. This information supported the training feedback loop through the AAR process.

The DCARS team collected, 2.2 million messages, 4,500 database files, 55 graphical overlays, and 55 Plans/Orders/Fragmentary Orders over a seven-day period.

"Your team was outstanding and everyone realizes that if not for the efforts of your team, many of the requirements for DCX would have been missed. You can be proud of what you and your folks contributed to the effort," said Capt. Maurice E. Marchbanks, TACS chief.

"Team EPG did a wonderful job in gathering the volumes of digital data, supporting the AAR process, and providing the stimulation and simulation support for this fast-moving DCX rotation at NTC. Their detailed planning, dedicated execution, and exceptional technical know-how made this effort extremely successful. I am proud of what they did in supporting the Army's digitization efforts," said Col. Hugo Keyner, EPG commander.

EPG continues to stand at the forefront supporting the digitization and transformation of the Army. Recently, the Secretary of the Army awarded EPG, as part of the Army Test and Evaluation Command, the Army Superior Unit Award for outstanding meritorious performance during peacetime for its innovative and diligent implementation supporting the comprehensive campaign plan to dramatically transform the Army.

## Ask the Pediatrician

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### Q. What is the recommended schedule for well-child visits in the toddler years and beyond?

A. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends well-child visits for toddlers and beyond at ages 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 24 months and yearly thereafter.

Clinics commonly give immunizations at ages 12 to 18 months and then again between the ages of 4 and 6 years. (NOTE TO PAOs/EDITORS: Check with your pediatric and family-practice clinics to determine if local visit or immunization schedules differ and insert that information here if necessary.)

Parents with concerns about their children's

health or development may call their children's enrollment sites for additional appointments to address their particular concerns and to arrange for their children's yearly physicals.

### Q. I am exclusively breastfeeding my 5-month-old baby. Does she need vitamin D supplements, or is she receiving all the nutrition she needs from my breast milk?

A. Vitamin D supplementation (400 IU/day) is recommended for all infants with darkly pigmented skin who are exclusively or predominantly breastfeeding. One way that babies obtain vitamin D is when sunlight causes a reaction on a pre-vitamin D substance in the skin, resulting in vitamin D production. Both decreased exposure to sunlight and increased skin pigmentation may result in decreased produc-

tion of vitamin D in the skin, and subsequent vitamin D deficiency. Vitamin D deficiency may lead to rickets, seizures related to decreased levels of calcium, and poor growth. Infants who have lighter skin pigmentation but receive inadequate sunlight exposure, or use sunscreen (as they should!), may also be at risk for vitamin D deficiency.

"Adequate" sunlight exposure is not clearly defined. For these reasons, the American Academy of Pediatrics may soon recommend that all exclusively breastfed babies receive vitamin D supplementation. Ask your health-care provider about how to obtain vitamin D supplements at your health-care facility.

(Adapted from the Fort Bragg, N.C., Paraglide)

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following applies:

— Care received was a TRICARE-covered benefit (Prime rules applied if enrolled in Prime).

— Care was received from a TRICARE-authorized provider.

— Pre-authorization for specialty care was received (if enrolled in Prime).

### What's not covered by "waived charges?"

There are exceptions to the "waived charges" benefit which include:

— care received through the Program For Persons With Disabilities,

— care received that is not covered by

TRICARE,

— care received from a non-authorized TRICARE provider,

— point-of-service charges if enrolled in Prime, and

— pharmacy copayments.

To verify if your claim was processed, you can contact your TRICARE Service Center or, if your claim was filed through Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators, you may contact them directly at 1-800-225-4816 or visit their web site at [www.myTRICARE.com](http://www.myTRICARE.com).

The "waiver of charges" will end when the TRICARE Prime Remote for Family

Members program is officially implemented, allowing those individuals the opportunity for enrollment in the program, tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2002.

It is important to note that ADFMs who choose not to enroll in the TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members program will be responsible for copayments, cost-shares and deductibles according to their TRICARE status (Standard, Extra or Prime) once the TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members program is implemented.

For more information please visit the TRICARE Central Region web site at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) or [www.tricarecr.carson.army.mil](http://www.tricarecr.carson.army.mil).

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bilities and decide their best course of action is to avoid a fight with us at all costs.

The last question I typically ask soldiers is, "how many of you have ever celebrated the Army's birthday?" Sadly, I would tell you that maybe 25 percent of them indicate that they have.

That, I tell them, is about to change. In the future, we're going to take pride in the Army's heritage to the point that if there's two soldiers in

a fighting position on June 14, I expect them to put a match in a piece of MRE pound cake, blow it out and then sing "Happy Birthday" to the Army.

In recent years, the Army has been the silent member of the Defense Department as we have quietly gone about doing our nation's business without calling a lot of attention to ourselves and our accomplishments. There's something to be said for modesty, but we deserve to flex occa-

sionally and tell people who we are, where we've been and where we're going.

I would hope that these thoughts would add a bit to soldiers' understanding of both the Army's transformation and the change to the black beret.

(Editor's note: this excerpt is taken from a letter sent by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley to the Army's command sergeant major community last month.)