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Yom Kippur service

A Yom Kippur service will be held at the Main Post Chapel today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Johnston PTSO forms

Colonel Johnston Elementary School is in the process of forming a Parent, Teacher and Student Organization.

The public is invited to the first meeting at 1:30 p.m., today in Room 306 of Johnston School.

For more information, call 459-8798.

Fueling point locked

Today is the last day of Fiscal Year 01 to obtain fuel from the Carter and Libby Army Airfield Fuel Points.

Customers are requested to top off all their vehicles and support equipment prior to close of business today. All VIL-keys used at the Carter fuel point will be locked out at close of business today.

VIL-keys in the possession of customers will be re-programmed with new FY02 data as customers arrive at the Carter fuel point for support beginning Oct. 1.

Only emergency or pre-arranged fuel issues will be made to customers Friday-Sunday.

For more information, call Pat Quintana, fuel officer, Directorate of Installation Support, Logistics Division, at 533-5610.

Blood drive Friday

"Army's Lifeline for America" blood drive, hosted by 305th Military Intelligence Battalion will be Friday, 2-8 p.m. at Eifler Fitness Center. The Mad Cow (CJD) deferral for those who have lived in Europe has been postponed until Oct. 17; other deferrals are on a case-by-case basis. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE for questions or more information.

Another blood drive is scheduled for 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Oct. 9 at Murr Community Center.

Hispanic heritage exhibit

"Paving the Way for Future Generations" is the theme for this year's Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15. In light of recent events, and to observe a period of respect for our fellow Americans, there will be an exhibit at the Post Library, thru Oct. 15 honoring the sacrifices and contributions of Hispanic Americans to our Nation and American Society.

The events previously scheduled for Friday at Murr Community Center are cancelled.

PPA pledge support

The Professional Photographers of Arizona have pledged to donate their time and effort in support of our Armed Forces. If you are a member of the Armed Forces of America and are stationed at Fort Huachuca, call Aaron Bruce Photography (1-888-322-1000) or Kathryn Donovan Photography, 378-1000 for a free portrait session either in studio or on location. (You may have a portrait taken of yourself or with your loved ones, limited to one pose.)

Each studio will provide a complimentary print as well as a negative or digital file allowing you to make additional copies for you loved ones at no charge to you. Call the studio to make an appointment; there is limited availability.

Bring your military ID card at the time of the sitting and mention the United We Stand Pledge when calling.

Town hall answers community questions

USAIC&FH PAO release

A town hall meeting was held Sept. 19 in the Cochise Theatre from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to help shed some light on the different measures Fort Huachuca has taken since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

The meeting not only answered concern, but also quelled rumors and looked toward the future operations of the installation.

Brig. Gen Spider Marks, commanding general, was initially asked about the current, if any, threat to Fort Huachuca.

"There is no known specific threat, but neither did anyone think the World Trade Center was threatened," Marks said. "I won't give away how we establish our force protection posture."

Also, Morale, Welfare and Recreation asked family members for possible help with volunteer work once leisure activities open to the post again.

"We're always looking for volunteers. Karla Grozinsky is our volunteer coordinator," said Dan Valle, director of MWR. "Many of our operations have been closed because of force protection. As the force protection measures are reduced, there will be a gradual return to normalcy. It looks good — bear with us. We're ready to sign you up."

Questions varied from installation entrance to proper uniform attire. Some questions of significance follow:

Q: Can the situation at the gates be changed to allow faster access?

A: The gates are the primary way those who mean us ill can attack. Manpower restraints limit our incoming/outgoing. We have to concentrate our assets. The line-up this morning was only about 15 minutes. We can't lower the standards. We're learning: things such as riding bikes, coming on post at different times, etc. The MPs are working 12 hour shifts, then they have to do reports, etc., and are working 6-7 day weeks. We don't have enough MPs for the requirements now. As our force protection measures change, we can shift our resources to other gates. When returning to normal/secure there will be no more just driving in — we'll get back to two gates later.

Q: Is there anything we, as military, should be aware of when going out of town or out in public?

A: There are no restrictions for movement. I ask that you be aware of your surroundings.

Q: For the MPs: The hunting community's weapons are all registered. We know what goes on around here, and we'd like to have hunting on post open again. Please continue to let us do our sport.

A: Our primary mission is to provide security for the installation. If we have someone hurt or lost, or there's an accident, we have to respond our assets to that, which takes them away from the installation. We will, however, continue to review this. What makes hunters any more special than other recreational users? We can't play favorites; our policies have to be handled fairly. We must be prepared to handle all the problems.

Q: Why has the price of gas gone up when President Bush has stated there's no gas shortage?

A: Actually, we're losing \$.10 per gallon and are matching the lowest price in town. We're now selling for about cost, and \$.10-.12 per gallon less than last year.

DoD authorizes stop-loss

Air Force, Navy apply rules; Army waits

Armed Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has delegated his "stop-loss" authority to the heads of the military departments.

The stop-loss program allows the services to retain individuals on active duty beyond their date of separation. Those affected by the order generally cannot retire or leave the service as long as reserves are called to active duty or until relieved by the President, whichever is earlier.

Stop-loss was last used during Operation Allied Force over Kosovo. In 1990, then President George Bush delegated stop-loss authority to the Secretary of Defense during Operation Desert Shield. That delegation remains valid today.

The services are adopting various forms of stop-loss. They generally will target the program at servicemembers with critical military occupations.

The Air Force has already applied stop-loss to all active, Guard, and reserve forces, stopping all separations and retirements for at least 30 days. This will not apply to those with an approved separation on or before Oct. 1, 2001. The Air Force will continue to review and revise the policy as circumstances dictate.

The Army has no immediate plans to implement stop-loss, while the Navy plans a limited stop-loss affecting approximately 10,500 people in 11 critical specialties. The Marine Corps expects to complete its stop-loss plan later this week.

Most involuntary discharges would not be affected by stop-loss, nor will stop-loss change any policies or regulations currently in effect that might lead to an administrative discharge.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Fort Huachuca representatives answered the community's questions at a town hall meeting held Sept. 19 at Cochise Theatre.

Q: Please clarify the policy. Are activities open to guests with two picture IDs?

A: The answer is no. The post is only open to those authorized under the current force protection measures and if there is a pressing need. A large gathering of people becomes a high-risk target. If you have a specific event coming up that you're not sure about, bring a request forward. Be ahead a little bit. Can we provide the force protection necessary? We need to check the procedures in place and determine the precedents. Then, be patient.

Q: I ran out of prescriptions and was told I'd have to do without. Is there a way to get a prescription or a refill when I can't get to RWBAHC?

A: Have had the prescription transferred to a pharmacy downtown.

Q: Could a standard be set on evacuation procedures throughout the tenant activities if or when the Threatcon changes suddenly, especially in Greely Hall?

A: Building coordinators have the responsibility to establish their evacuation plans for quick and efficient evacuation of any building on Fort Huachuca. Many have already established a standard. Others are working through the process now.

Q: At what point will we be able to park as we did before Delta?

A: We have already made a standoff distance change to a minimum of 25 meters. This will alleviate some parking problems. I do not foresee going below 25 meters standoff, even at lower force protection conditions.

Q: I have seen soldiers come through the Main Gate at different hours. Are certain soldiers authorized to use the Main Gate?

A: We have allowed certain senior leaders and operations critical personnel access through the Main Gate. Also, this gate would be authorized for any emergency personnel responding for duty during a crisis.

Q: If you have such an equal number of guards, why aren't they shorter shifts to help the soldiers, and why aren't they in the same gear?

A: Initially as we went to Delta, there were a number of different uniforms. That was quickly rectified and all guards were placed in full battle rattle. It was then amended to soft cap and LBE. If there is a different standard now it is because unit commanders decided to exceed the minimum standard, which is their discretion. Guard requirements were decentralized to the units who provided the guards. As we increased our force protection conditions, we also had to maintain our training and operational missions which reduced the availability of manpower. Hence, longer shifts.

Q: I'd like to thank everyone involved in making the post a safer place to live. I was wondering if the guards are allowed to accept home-baked or store-bought cakes and cookies.

A: Yes, they are and it is greatly appreciated if you choose to do so. Thank you for your support.

Q: I know that the threat level has gone down currently. Has anyone thought about staggering the duty days for military personnel to alleviate congestion at the gate if security has to go up again?

A: We have already staggered the class hours of students to relieve congestion at the East Gate. We have also implemented a car pool lane and encourage workers to use it to facilitate expedited access to the installation. A high level of force protection remains our priority, but DPS is constantly monitoring the situation to keep traffic moving. We ask for your continued patience and understanding.

Q: Will the families who were PCSing in, who were not able to sign for housing because of the crisis, be able to be reimbursed for the expenses they incurred - i.e., additional payments of TLA/TLE?

A: A request has been put before the Joint Federal Travel Board to allow for these types of additional payments. These entitlements are public law and as such the Federal Board has to approve any changes even under these circumstances. We will get the information out to the command when and if the approval comes through. We will ask that any service member who was held up on any of their entitlements to please put a request through our office and we will at that time verify if this is a proper entitlement to reimburse.



Photo by Rudi Williams

The children of Dave Laychak, former Fort Huachuca employee, left a card with a picture of him in the middle of a large red heart with the words, "We miss you and love you Daddy."

They leave pieces of their hearts at Family Assistance Center

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — Many family members and loved ones of Pentagon attack victims are leaving pieces of their hearts on a tablecloth-covered table at DoD's Family (Casualty) Assistance Center in the Sheraton Hotel here.

They gingerly placed pictures of their lost loved ones, flowers, candy, mementos and memories, including personal typewritten and handwritten words of love and affection on the teardrop-stained tablecloth.

Soldiers' Lawyer

I am a soldier but not a U.S. citizen. Can the INS expedite my citizenship application?

The normal citizenship application can take over three years to process from start to finish. However, the Department of Defense and the Immigration and Naturalization Service have agreed on procedures to expedite citizenship applications from soldiers. Instead of a possible three-year processing time, soldiers applying based on three years qualifying military service can expect their application processed in about six months.

To take advantage of this program, soldiers should initiate the process through the local Personnel Services Battalion or Military Personnel Division. Information on this program is in The Soldier's Guide to Citizenship Application, available online at www.perscom.army.mil/tagd/pssd/ins.htm

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

SMA reminds leaders to take care of troops, keep communication lines open

(Editor's note: This information was in a message addressed to command sergeant majors.)

These are busy times for all of us, but I wanted to check in and share a few things that have come to me in recent days.

Here at the Pentagon, I have reminded the Army's senior leaders again and again to continue to look after their troops. The need for constantly talking to our people doesn't end just because the fires are out, recovery efforts are underway and the shock from last week is beginning to recede.

If anything, the need for communication is now more important than ever. People deal with stress differently, but it impacts all of us eventually. The best way to help our people in times like these is simply to talk with them and let them know it's okay to show emotion, to talk about what they're feeling and to seek out chaplains, counselors, friends and leaders for help.

Make sure you and other leaders circulate daily among our soldiers and employees, find out what assistance is available and let people know that help is theirs for the asking.

These things are also true for our family members. There is much uncertainty about what's next in the war on terrorism, and our family members, friends and relatives are no doubt troubled by the attacks and concerned for their loved ones in uniform. Encourage your soldiers to speak with their friends and families as often as possible.

On a security note, please emphasize to everyone — through command channels and other means such as local military and civilian media outlets — that times have changed. This chapter

of our nation's history is just beginning, and previously unheard of security measures are being implemented throughout the military. Long lines, random searches and multiple security layers are now part of our lives.

While easy to understand, it can be hard to maintain our temper as these measures come on line. Please ask your communities for their patience, understanding and support.

Additionally, I'd ask us to double check some of the little things, such as our soldiers' ID tags and cards, unit alert rosters, alert procedures and building evacuation plans.

In many places, troops involved with force protection will be carrying weapons and live ammo, and we should assume nothing. We must ensure our sentries are calm, clear on rules of engagement, current on clearing procedures and that those procedures are rigorously enforced.

In that vein, this would also be a good time to re-emphasize safety to our units and soldiers. As tensions rise and people get tired there is a natural tendency to cut corners and overlook small things.

It's on all of us to keep our soldiers safe.

While visiting and speaking with our soldiers, we might also keep an eye out for any anti-Arab or anti-Islamic sentiments that might be simmering. These are emotional times, and many Americans are understandably angry and frustrated at the groups suspected of leading the attacks on our soil.

Giving into hatred and mindless stereotyping is as wrong now as it has ever been. It is worth noting that — as a group



Sgt. Major Jack Tilley

Lifelong Learning

Colleges offer maximum latitude for soldiers

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

Though college courses on post felt the brunt of the deadly terrorist attacks along with our nation, all classes are back on track.

College classes that were usually held on post were cancelled for a week because of the initial state of alert that was implemented post-wide.

Now, as with many operations throughout the nation, the colleges have their feet back on the ground and are ready to assist the troops who may have missed more than the average student due to longer work hours and busy schedules.

"Due to recent events, we have asked the schools for maximum latitude when working with soldiers who may have to put in more hours at work," Sharon Lewis, education services specialist, said.

"Soldiers shouldn't assume that they can't finish a class because they missed the last week."

Lewis advises that students should first contact their individual instructors to let them know what their schedule is. Then assignments can be arranged via the instructor. All classes missed will be made up on a class-by-class basis, she said.

"If it becomes apparent that there's just no way to keep up with the work because of duty, the student should withdraw as soon as possible. Withdrawing is better than receiving a failing grade," Lewis said. She also advises any soldier who may be put on deployment orders to contact the education center for removal.

When withdrawing for work-related reasons the soldier does not have to repay tuition assistance, if removed properly, Lewis said.

If soldiers are incapable of completing the course in light of recent events, Lewis advises

that soldiers should first receive the withdrawal paperwork from the Education Center.

Then a memorandum should be written out by the student's unit commander as to why they were unable to continue attending class, this should then be brought back to the Education Center to be filed.

The soldier will not be held accountable for leaving a class because of pressing military duties.

"There will be checks and balances between the instructor, the commanders and the

Education Center," Lewis said. "If a soldier wasn't going to class or turning in assignments prior to these incidents, this will not be an easy way for the soldier to be removed from the class without paying."

"The instructor will notify us, so that this system is not used just as an excuse for not completing a class. Also commanders will verify

that the soldier actually does have other duty requirements."

If a soldier is deployed, they are automatically exempt for paying back any tuition assistance, though they still have to go through the proper channels, Lewis said.

Some colleges even offer full reimbursement of the class when soldiers deploy. Lewis said to contact the individual college or university for more information.

"We certainly will do everything we can to work with the soldier. They shouldn't be stressed about class right now. We certainly understand that there is lots of work to be done, and we're here to help," Lewis said.

Lewis also wanted to remind all civilian students who attended class on post that proper identification is required to enter the gate, along with proof of college registration. Copies of registration forms can be obtained through the Education Center.

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Sharon Lewis

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Tips for proper wear

New issue black beret will be standard headgear Tuesday

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

All units on Fort Huachuca are scheduled to don the new issue black berets by Tuesday.

To Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence J. Haubrich, command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, the black beret symbolizes an efficient, lethal Army of the 21st Century.

"Our Army is transforming to an objective force that will meet the challenges of the 21st century," he said. "This new force will be as lethal and survivable as our heavy forces, but also as responsive and deployable as our light forces. Our transformation will thus ensure that the Army remains the best fighting force in the world — unchallenged and unparalleled.

"As a tangible symbol of our transformation, our unity, and our commitment to excellence as the Army, we will begin wearing the black beret. The color black represents the heritage of both our heavy and our light formations."

For soldiers who are not used to wearing the beret, Staff Sgt. Patrick Long, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of Fort Huachuca's Range Control, suggested "Shave it, wet

it, form it and fold it," he said.

Long is an infantryman and a master parachutist with 167 logged jumps and has worn the maroon airborne beret most of his military career. "I think the berets look outstanding, especially in the Class A uniform," he said.

In the past, he shaved his beret in order for it not to have a fuzzy appearance after being washed. He said any razor will do, but soldiers should be cautious since they won't be reimbursed if the berets get damaged.

He also suggested soldiers hand-wash their berets with a mild detergent and recommended they do not put their berets in the washing machine or the dryer because the wool could possibly shrink.

To shape the beret, Long said the beret should be folded with three creases while it is still slightly damp so soldiers can avoid what he calls "pizza hat."

"Shaping it after wetting it is the hardest part," Long said. While it is still slightly damp soldiers should finish adjusting it to their heads and then iron it.

"There is a secret to keeping the crease. You fold three creases in the hat and wear it in the small of your back. Because of tradition, when I was stationed at Fort Bragg we

wore the beret in the small of our backs so that it kept its shape and so that it stayed out of sight."

According to guidance put out by *Soldiers* magazine, berets should be carried out in the open.

Staff Sgt. Sam Kim, a substance abuse counselor for Fort Huachuca's Army Substance Abuse Program, is also airborne qualified and recommended that wearers don't cut the ties off their beret until they get a proper fit. He also said he puts his beret on his kevlar after he wets it. "That way it keeps its shape," Kim said.

Long revealed another secret to making the beret more comfortable. "You can bend the metal end of the flashes so that they won't stick into your forehead," he said. Kim recommended using pliers.

According to Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Uniform, dated September 1992, paragraph 26-3 states the headband of the beret is worn straight across the forehead, one inch above the eyebrow with the top of the beret draped over the right ear with the flash positioned over the left eye. The ends of the ribbon should be cut off and the ribbon knot secured.

Rosie Jackson, the manager of Fort Huachuca's Military Clothing and Sales Store, said Fort Huachuca will not carry the berets until next year, but that is subject to change.

"As of now, we don't have any in stock and don't expect to until next year. We don't even have a price for them," she said.



Photos by Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Staff Sgt. Sam Kim demonstrates the proper wear of the black beret.



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DA leaders initiate 'period of respect'

As the Army and our entire nation come to grips with the acts of war perpetrated against us, we pause to pay our respects to the many who gave their lives Sept. 11. It is both appropriate and necessary to do so.

Until Oct. 11, the Army will observe a period of respect for our fallen comrades, our dearest friends, colleagues, loved ones both military and civilian, and others who lost their lives in these illegitimate and senseless acts of terrorism.

They have become the casualties of a war against an enemy that refuses to abide by any of the rules of land warfare and vainly masks his politics in a veil of religion. He receives no legitimacy from the serious practitioners of his faith and he will not succeed in his war of terrorism.

During this period, we urge commanders to review their calendars to postpone or cancel events in respect for the losses and grief of so many Americans. We have already done this in Washington.

Though social and celebratory events are important to the culture and traditions of the Army, we will honor our fallen and their families with a somber and solemn period

during which we forego such events. Subordinate commanders will make the calls on what is right for their units.

This period of respect is, in no way, meant to interfere with scheduled training or any effort to sustain our readiness to meet our non-negotiable contract with the American people — fighting and winning our nation's wars when called. The Army will continue to focus on Mission Essential Task List training — tough, realistic tasks performed to standard.

During this period, we urge all members of the Army to take the time to reflect upon and consider the critical nature of the tasks we face, the inherent nobility of the profession of arms, and the trust the American people place in us to do our duty, selflessly and honorably.

God bless you all, the Army and our nation.

Gen. Eric Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff
and
Thomas E. White
Secretary of the Army

DIS schedules switch to heater units

DIS release

The changeover from cooling to heating in post housing is scheduled for the month of October. The following schedule is subject to acceleration depending upon weather conditions.

Oct. 1-5

Hatfield Street (121-143) E. of Cushing
Jeffords Street (208-244) E. of Cushing
Irwin Street
Carter Street (Odd)
Fuller Street
Hanna Street
Patch Street
Hall Circle
Bernard Court
Brown Court
Kautz Street
May Court
Mott Circle

Oct. 9-15

Meyer Avenue (115-130) E. of Rucker
Rucker (Odd)
Hardley Street
White Street
Rafferty Street
Royal Street
Hughes Street (159-227) E. of Rucker
Jeffords Street (162-211) E. of Rucker, W. of Cushing
Stedman Street (150-216) E. of Rucker
Faison Circle
Craig Circle (108-144) E. of Rucker
Cushing Street (Even)

Oct. 16-25

Moore Circle
Mottm Circle
Nelson Circle
Burns Road
Dorsey Street
Schmidt Street
Derum Street
Carlson Street
Meyer Street (109-114) W. of Rucker, E. of Arizona
Nickles Street
Rucker Street (Even)
Crawford
Hughes Street (100-158) W. of Rucker
Stedman Street (100-149) W. of Rucker
Jeffords Street (100-161) W. of Rucker
Cooney Street
Compton Street
Craig Street (100-107) W. of Rucker
Hatfield Street (100-120) W. of Rucker
Stovall Street
Dodson Street
Stanley Street

Oct. 26-30

Dove Street
Mills Circle
Luke Street
Luke Court
Madden Street
Wright Street
Mason Street
Winrow Street
Lawton Street
Davis Street
Tupper Street
Meyer Avenue (100-108) W. of Arizona
Arizona Street

Oct. 31

Selected quarters in Bonnie Blink
Hines Road
Grierson Road

ACS is one-stop support shop

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

It's the one-stop shop for all your emotional, morale and time-of-need needs. What's this you might ask? It's no other than the Army Community Service office on Fort Huachuca.

The ACS office has long supported soldiers and their families during any military season. And now with the current situation in the military at a heightened state of alert, the ACS office is ready to shine and provide soldiers with the care and understanding they deserve, according to Gail Mortensen, family service coordinator.

Mortensen knows all too well the challenges and unpredictable lifestyle the Army sometimes offers, as a 26-year military wife veteran. So now she and the rest of the staff at ACS is out to offer some stability and strength to military families.

Programs are available year-round, and whether soldiers are deployed, on temporary duty, or right at home, family members can rest assured that no matter what comes up, the ACS office is there to help them.

ACS programs include: the Family Readiness Group, the Army Emergency Relief fund, Family Advocacy Program, parenting classes, stress management, consumer's affairs and financial programs, information and referral programs, emergency transportation, standard installation topic exchange system, an Internet Café, resource library, employment readiness programs, Army Family Team Building and the Murr Community Center.

Families: Most important element of Army

By Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Communication before and during deployments between spouse and soldier is key to family readiness. Fort Huachuca commanders, coupled with Army Community Services are dedicated to taking care of soldiers and their families, should they deploy. Family Readiness Groups play a major role in keeping our families informed.

Sharing information is very important, said Marty Marks, senior FRG leader and wife of Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca commander, during a family readiness meeting with leaders, soldiers, civilians and family members at Murr Community Center Tuesday. Marks advised that family readi-



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Sgt. Patrick Turner (right) and his wife, Sylvia-Gneus Turner, keep in contact with friends and family with the help of Army Community Service's Internet Cafe.

"We provide anything a family member may need in terms of assistance. We solely exist to support the military and their families free of charge," Mortensen said. "It just breaks my heart when I hear about a family member who didn't know where to go or what to do when they needed help.

"We are available to them, so they need to take advantage of our services. We are very family-member oriented. In fact, a lot of the people who work here are family members themselves, so they have been in the same situation before in trying to deal with deployments, raise a family in the military or transition to a new place."

Details on each service offered through ACS will be highlighted in a special feature next week in The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper, according to Mortensen. With the upcoming outline, families can study the different programs in detail and choose the best services to suit their situation.

The ACS office is located just past the traffic circle on post and across from the credit union. For more information, call 533-6871.

ness is their responsibility.

A few years ago, the Army changed Family Support Groups to Family Readiness Groups because the new name clarifies the mission of what the groups are all about. "The focus is on readiness," said Gail Mortensen, Family Services coordinator. It encompasses the total Army family concept, including civilians.

FRG is a group of volunteer soldiers and family members that provides social and emotional support, outreach services and information to family members prior to, during and in the immediate aftermath of family separations. Each unit should have an FRG, Mortensen said.

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Marks: Take care of families, make self-reliant

By Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

In the two weeks that Brig. Gen. James A. Marks has been commander of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, he is convinced that Fort Huachuca trains the best soldiers who possess great leadership.

He has seen firsthand how well disciplined, ready, prepared, engaged and capable his soldiers are, and since soldier readiness is up to par, his focus is family readiness.

"We do soldiering well," Marks said. "But we've got to do those other aspects of caring for our families and making them self-reliant, so they want to be a part of this team."

Marks took charge of Team Huachuca 17 days ago. If there's one military moment that will forever be embedded in his mind, it'll be when he took command here, just minutes after terrorists attacked America. Immediately, his plans changed.

"I threw away my prepared speech for assumption of command. It was no longer relevant," Marks said. "What became relevant was truly making sure that we as an Intelligence Corps and an installation understood the magnitude of the events that had taken place on the East Coast, the blatant assault of our national heritage and what we hold as pure and true and free.

"It's been a rather mix of emotions assuming command when I did, but the demands of the period have caused me to get out and about more so than I would have under normal circumstances, and what I've seen has been wonderful.

Marks came to Fort Huachuca after serving as the assistant joint chief of staff for Intelligence at U.S. Forces Korea. He has left his mark at a host of command positions throughout his 25-year military career.

Previous assignments include 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii, XVIII Airborne Corps and 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., 7th Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Ord, Calif., 6th Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and assignments at Fort Hood, Texas, Heidelberg, Germany, and Sarajevo, Bosnia.

Marks has truly seen enough to experience

intelligence at its best. In an interview with the commanding general, Marks talked about being at Fort Huachuca.

What message would you like to send to the Fort Huachuca community?

"Marty and I are honored and blessed to be here. We want to be a part of your community. We want to get out and about, and find out what are the issues and concerns you as community members have.

"Professionally training soldiers, growing leaders, and personally taking care of families, helping them take care of themselves, leveraging the great power that the family members bring will make us strong and vital.

"We're excited about being here. This is a fascinating time to be doing what we're doing. It's our first time to really be embedded and truly a

part of this community." The Marks were here 20 years ago when Bess was born. Marks was enrolled in the MI Advance Course then and he said a lot has changed.

"We look forward to finding out what those changes are and how we can help prepare this installation and great community for the next 20 years."

How would Brig. Gen. Marks like to be portrayed?

"I would like to be portrayed as two ingredients — as a good, professional soldier, dedicated to the profession of arms, who is a student of the profession, and who spends time ensuring that I'm ready for contingencies that are out there. I want to make sure I'm doing my part, and that part is to make sure I'm always ready for what's out there.

"The most important thing I'd like to be portrayed as is a good husband and a father. That's critical. The Army is what I do. Who I am is 'Spider Marks' — dad and husband, so I've got to make sure I spend time doing that right as well." Marks and his wife Marty have three daughters: Bess, 20, 17-year-old Maeve, and Claire, 13.

Many people want to know about the nickname Spider. How did you get it, and where did it come from?

"You'll never know," Marks said, but later

explained that he was nicknamed Spider as a child. When he grew up and entered West Point in the early 1970s, he intended to drop the nickname Spider and use his birth name James. At West Point, he introduced himself to his peers and superiors as James, but one day, one of his old buddies, who was also attending the academy, addressed him as Spider in front of superiors and fellow students. From that moment on, the nickname remained. He held onto James A. "Spider" Marks throughout his military career.

Marks spoke about the 'comfort zone' that soldiers find themselves in.

"I've always firmly believed that as soldiers, we have a comfort zone that we achieve over the years. And as true soldiers, that comfort zone is the ability to apply what it is we have learned in those tactical situations."

He refers to the comfort zone as 'the point of the bayonet' when the soldiers are in their environment applying skills they have learned. "They understand how they fit, how they can improve, and they understand where their weakness and defaults are. That's our default mechanism. That's our comfort zone."

Marks said soldiers should emphasize things they do not routinely touch and often times take for granted.

"We take for granted those we love, the place we live, the children who are around us. We can be the best, hardest-core, most professional military force ... capable of de-

ploying today, to fight tonight if necessary. We can do that, but we don't routinely reach out and embrace our families and make sure they're cared for."

He added that we must make sure we go out of our way and apply the same level of energy, focus and passion to take care of our families, making sure our families can take care of themselves.

"I'm talking self-reliance. We're not running a complete health care or community care system here. We're trying to create self-reliance, family readiness. You can't do that if you're not proud of where you live, excited about the schools your kids go to, that you're part of a community you're engaged in and you feel like you're part of something that extends beyond your immediate family. Your family is the centerpiece of this greater, larger community that you are a viable contributing member of."

In closing, Marks explained it had been common for Army installations to be open to the community, but in wake of the Sept 11 attacks, we will never go back to what the way things were.

"We must redefine what normal means," he said. Normal now is checking sources of identification, vehicle checks and being safe and secure. Reconnecting with the community is also important. We're just taking extra security measures in doing so.



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks addresses the crowd during the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Change of Command ceremony Sept. 11.

To the Fort Huachuca community:

The Marks Family, my wife Marty, our three daughters and myself, are very happy to join you in this wonderful community. We look forward to getting to know you during our time here.

Personally, it is a privilege and an honor to be the commander of the outstanding soldiers and civilians assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. At the same time, I am fully aware of the awesome responsibility attendant with this position. I will seek your input often to help in this job.

My priority is simple. Take care of people. If we all do that right, if we treat each other the way we want to be treated, if we are a disciplined community that respects each other, great things are possible.

I come from a family of soldiers. Both my father and grandfather were soldiers. If I have learned but one lesson from them, it is to be passionate about the profession of arms and to enjoy the company of those who sacrifice so much to be in our ranks. Hard work and fun are not mutually exclusive. And I want to ensure that we don't take the fun out of our work.

Our world as we knew it significantly and forever changed beginning on the day I assumed command. However, our mission to train soldiers and grow leaders remains unchanged.

I thank each of you for your support in carrying out our mission. I pledge to you and your families the total dedication of the Marks Family.

May God bless each of us and provide us strength in the weeks and months to come as we carry out our country's missions.

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks
Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca

Manage your stress

By Capt. Lisa Blackman, Ph.D.
59th Medical Wing

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — Given the recent terrorist attacks and the resulting changes in both the military and civilian communities, it is more important than ever to think about how to manage stress.

Stressors (events that effect us) can actually be positive or negative. A positive stressor may be a wedding, birth of a child, or even a vacation. A negative stressor may be problems at work, a loss or break-up of an important relationship or exposure to an extreme event.

Common symptoms are often divided into physical, emotional and behavioral categories. For example, physical symptoms might be headaches, gastrointestinal distress, changes in energy or sleep and muscle tension.

Common emotional signs might be anger, sadness, nervousness, irritability, guilt or mood swings. Some behavioral signs that can indicate a stress reaction are changes in eating patterns, decreased participation in activities, withdrawal and increased substance use, including tobacco, alcohol, caffeine and over-the-counter medications.

There are many tools that you can use to manage stress. It is helpful to continue with healthy routines such as exercise, eating right, and limiting caffeine and alcohol use. Be sure to use social supports such as talking with friends and relatives, going to church and other groups meetings and engaging in hobbies and fun activities.

Remember to take deep slow breaths and work breaks as needed. If sleep is a problem, keep to regular bed times and waking times and try to "wind down" at least 30 minutes before bedtime.

After events as extreme as those in the past week have been, it is hard to know what an abnormal reaction may be. If you notice a marked decrease in your ability to fulfill obligations associated with work, parenting or social demands, you may benefit from speaking with a Life Skills provider, chaplain or other counselor. See your family physician with any sudden and severe medical symptoms.

For any mental health concerns, call the Department of Behavioral Health, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, at 533-5161.

(Editor's note: This article was supplied by the Air Mobility Command Public Affairs Office.)

Preparing to deploy

Service members can reduce deployment stress

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

When service members take the vow to protect their country from all enemies, foreign and domestic, they do so realizing that they could get called on at a moments notice.

The following pre-deployment tips ensure service members and their families are prepared and can also help to alleviate stress.

Some major areas of concern for soldiers before they deploy include making sure their families as well as their finances will be taken care of during their absence.

Soldiers should make sure all their family members have access to medical care and are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Systems.

For more information, call 1-800-538-9552. Service members should also ensure their family members have up to date ID cards and initiate the proper paperwork now if the expiration date on their family member ID card expires during the service member's deployment.

Military members need to check their service records to ensure the contact information is correct and update their Service member's Group Life Insurance information by using the SGLI election form (VA Form SGLV-8286.)

Service members should make the proper arrangements for automobile storage while they are gone and should renew their vehicle registration prior to deployment. Some insurance companies offer reduced rates for deployed service members whose vehicles will not be in use.

While service members are deployed they are still responsible for paying their bills and may want to appoint a family member or a spouse with a power of attorney in their absence. A power of attorney grants the holder the ability to sign documents on another's behalf.

The Staff Judge Advocate's Legal Assistance can help soldiers with power of attorneys and with updating, preparing and updating a will especially if they have minor children.

If military personnel are deployed when it comes time to file their federal income tax returns they can apply for an extension by filing Form 2350: Application for Extension of Time to File U.S. Income Tax Return.

Another important part of soldier readiness includes pre-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

11th Signal Brigade soldiers load duffel bags onto the C5 airplane Sept. 8. About 15 soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade deployed via the aircraft for Bright Star, the world's largest U.S. and coalition forces exercise. More than 150 brigade soldiers are participating in the exercise. The 11th Sig. Bde. will provide the communications network for U.S. Forces during the exercise.

deployment immunizations. The U.S. Army Center for Health and Promotion and Preventive Medicine provides deployment medical information sheets that provide basic information on side effects, precautions and drug interactions.

For more information on pre-deployment readiness or to download forms, visit http://deploymentlink.osd.mil/deploy-prep/prep_intro.shtml.

(Editor's note: Information was provided by Deploymentlink.osd.mil)

Signal soldiers deploy to D.C.

By Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert
11th Signal Bde. PAO

Seven 11th Signal Brigade soldiers deployed to the Washington, D.C. area Sept. 13 to assist with communications support for Operation Noble Eagle in the wake of the Pentagon attack Sept. 11.

The soldiers, mainly wire systems installers from the 504th Signal Battalion, left from a training exercise in Virginia and made their way to the Washington, D.C. area to provide their communications system expertise.

The 11th Signal Bde. soldiers are reinstalling fiber optics and other communications lines to assist Pentagon personnel in getting the communications system back on line.

Army Knowledge Online account mandatory by Oct. 1

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Every soldier, reservist and Army civilian will be required to have an Army Knowledge Online account by Oct. 1.

This requirement was spelled out in a memorandum signed Aug. 8 by Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki. The memo outlines the goals and direction for Army Knowledge Management, a strategy to transform the Army into a "network-centric, knowledge-based force."

The Army Knowledge Online portal is a central part of that strategy.

In the future soldiers, reservists, National Guardsmen, and civilians will no longer have to send away for copies of their personnel and financial records; they will be able to access this information through an Army Knowledge Online account, officials said. Eventually, they will be able to view and update their personnel data on the Web.

All Army Knowledge Online users will also be given an e-mail account that they can use for the rest of their career and even after retirement.

The e-mail address will stay the same no matter where soldiers and civilians are stationed worldwide, officials said.

Army Knowledge Online provides secured access for users. In the future, new soldiers and employees will be issued an Army Knowledge Online account with their identification card.

To sign up for an Army Knowledge Online account go to <http://www.us.army.mil> and click on "I'm a New User."

Air Force officer training develops leaders

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

Officers are the military's leaders, whether it is during peacetime or conflict situations. They make decisions that impact the nation's security force.

And their training encourages the development of leadership and problem-solving skills that make them influential in all aspects of the military.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Susan Hankinson-Davenport didn't enlist with the intention to attend Officer Training School, but now she's glad she did.

"I love everything that the military stands for. The integrity — all the core values. It's something that you really can't find in the civilian world," Hankinson-Davenport said, who currently works at the 314th Training Squadron as a military training leader, similar to an Army drill sergeant.

"I think I can be a good leader because I've had 12 years experience as enlisted. Hopefully I can incorporate the teamwork and camaraderie I've learned throughout the years."

Now as a future candidate, Hankinson-Davenport will use her computer degree to further her Air Force career in communications information systems.

The Basic Officer Training Program is Hankinson-Davenport's gateway to the U.S. Air Force officer corps. BOT will help Hankinson-Davenport prepare for leadership

challenges faced as an officer in the Air Force. As an officer trainee, Hankinson-Davenport will be tested for 12 weeks, and challenged in an intense academic, physical and military training program.

Hankinson-Davenport has been at Fort Huachuca for nearly six years, working in signals intelligence. Now as she's off to Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., she leaves future airmen with a goal: "Always volunteer for the hard job. Look toward the tough things to make you a better airman and a better person."



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Air Force Staff Sgt. Susan Hankinson-Davenport (right) performs an on-the-spot inspection of Airman 1st Class Antonio Grant's trainee and identification cards. Grant is a signals intelligence student and flight leader.

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Fort Huachuca Youth Council meets regarding misconduct

OSJA release

On Sept. 5, the Fort Huachuca Youth Council met at the installation's courtroom in Greely Hall and heard two cases involving juvenile misconduct on Fort Huachuca.

The first case concerned a teenager apprehended for fighting with another teenager on post. The Council ordered her to perform twenty hours of community service.

In July, the Youth Council imposed 20 hours of community service on the other teenager who participated in the fight.

The second juvenile appearing before the Youth Council had been apprehended for shoplifting computer games at the Fort Huachuca Post Exchange. The Youth Council directed him to perform 24 hours of community service, to tour the County Juvenile Detention Center, and write a 1,000-word essay.

The Youth Council meets monthly to hear cases of juvenile misconduct on Fort Huachuca

under the authority of Army and Fort Huachuca regulations.

Juveniles apprehended by military police for minor offenses on post have the option of appearing before the Youth Council or appearing before a magistrate judge at Federal Court in Tucson. Most elect to appear before the Youth Council.

The Youth Council may impose rehabilitative measures such as writing essays and letters of apology, restriction and/or community service. In appropriate cases, the Youth Council can order juveniles to pay restitution for the damages they have caused. The Council can also recommend barring a juvenile from Fort Huachuca.

Representatives from the garrison command, the three brigades on post, social service agencies on and off post, the installation schools and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate sit on the Youth Council. Youth Council hearings are closed to the public.

USMA offers premier training

West Point release

The United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. is the world's premier institute of leader development. Graduates not only receive a Bachelor of Science degree but also a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, gaining practical leadership experience that is virtually unmatched in any other profession.

Each year approximately 250 soldiers, active, Reserve and National Guard, and more than 100 dependents of military members are offered admission to West Point or the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

For a dependent to be eligible, he or she must be the son or daughter of a career military member which refers to members of the armed forces, who are on active duty other than for training and who have served continuously on active duty for at least eight years, or who are, or who died while they were, retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay.

Also included are service members currently serving in the Reserve component who are credited with at least eight continuous years of service computed under section 12733 of Title 10, United States Code (i.e., at least 2,880 points). Finally, Reservists who would be, or who died while they would have been, entitled to retirement pay except for not having attained 60 years of age are also included in this category.

The prep school prepares soldiers for success at West Point through an intensive curriculum focused on English and mathematics. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, unmarried with no legal obligation to support dependents, high school graduates, under 23 years of age prior to July 1 of the year entering USMA (under 22 years of age prior to July 1 of the years entering the Prep School), of high moral character and must have a sincere interest in attending West Point and becoming an Army officer.

Those who meet the basic eligibility requirements, have achieved SAT scores greater than 1000 or ACT composite score of 20 or higher and achieved good grades in a college preparatory high school curriculum are especially encouraged to apply. All application requirements must be met by April 1, 2002, to be considered for an appointment to West Point or the USMAPS in July 2002. For more information, call Capt. Cliff Hodges at (DSN) 688-5780 or (845) 938-5780, e-mail tc2324@usma.edu, or fill out the request form at <http://forms.admissions.usma.edu/cb>.



Courtesy photo

God bless the USA!

Eighth-grade students from Colonel Smith Middle School hold God Bless the U.S.A. signs during a school-wide assembly Sept. 14. (From left) Autumn Cartwright, Amanda Hazelmyer, Pelelini Masaniai, Taylor Hinson, Niesha Henry and Vanessa Leyva.



Courtesy photo

Prayer at the pole

On Sept. 14, the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, the students and faculty at Colonel Smith Middle School met at the flagpole during lunch in honor of fallen Americans. Teacher, Pati Hawker, led the group in a recitation of the 23rd Psalm. Students and faculty prayed for the nation and the president and afterwards sang "God Bless America."

Community Updates

Adopt a greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Adoption Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area at Bookmans' Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd.

For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

MCSE certification offered

A Microsoft Certified System Engineer certification will be offered as a pilot at Fort Huachuca beginning Friday through the University of Phoenix.

Information packages, class calendar, the statement of prerequisite skills, and the self-validation statement are all available at the UOP offices located at the Education Center or Haymore Plaza. Registration is ongoing and classes fill quickly. For more information, call Alan Beaudrie or Steve Johnson at 1-800-659-8988 to speak to one of the ITECH advisors. Active duty military have first priority. Tuition Assistance is available, subject to availability of funds.

Benefit breakfast

Veterans organizations of the Sierra Vista area and the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will be hosting a Benefit Breakfast 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday for the victims' families of the terrorist attack of Sept. 11. The cost is \$4. All proceeds and any cash donations will go for this cause and be sent to the appropriate destination. Breakfast will be served at the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elk's Lodge. The public is encouraged to participate.

SAMC welcomes new members

The Fort Huachuca's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club welcomes all newly arrived SAMC and Sergeant Morales members coming from other installations. The post Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the La Hacienda Club on Fort Huachuca at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is Tuesday. For more information, call the SAMC secretary, Sgt. Jaime Clayton at 538-6324 or the Vice President, Drill Sgt. Shandella Vaughan at 533-6403.

Buena host families needed

Sierra Vista Sister Cities is recruiting Buena host families for the Fourth Annual Student Exchange.

Ten 16-year-old students and two teacher chaperones from Radebeul, Germany will visit Sierra Vista Oct. 13-Nov. 3. Students will attend Buena with their host student, visit city middle schools and get to know the community.

To host a German student (insured and fluent in English), the committee is looking for Buena students of the same age with an extra

bed in their home, a friendly attitude and good grades.

Parental approval is required. Buena students may also have the opportunity to travel to Radebeul in May on a reciprocal exchange.

For more information, call Joe Mesch at 459-6893 or e-mail meschfamily@earthlink.net.

Diabetes education class

"How to Eat Donuts and Stay in Control" is a new, monthly education class for persons with type-2 diabetes. This class will be held the first Thursday of each month at noon, in the Preventive Medicine Classroom at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center and will be taught by a pharmacist and certified diabetes educator.

For more information, call Capt. Ronna Winn, R.D., C.D.E. at 533-5133. Interested persons should ask their provider or call 533-9200 to sign up for the class.

Commissary ID card check

The United States Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card to Dependents (AF136-3026i, July 29, 1999) states that children ten years old or older must be issued an ID Card DD Form 1173. This ID Card must be presented at ID check points in the post commissary store as well as other facilities available to military dependents, active or retired and includes all military services. For information, call Debbie McWhorter, Fort Huachuca ID Card Office, at 533-1608.

Carpooling encouraged

Post officials recommend carpooling to alleviate the wait at the East Gate. The left lane of the East Gate entrance is reserved for cars with two or more people.

Call EOC

Groups and organizations are asked to call the Emergency Operations Center at 533-2291 to inform post officials of the status of any upcoming meetings or events.

Shuttles for teachers, students

Teachers and students may ride a shuttle to and from on-post schools. Shuttles leave the Thrift Shop parking lot at 6:45-8:30 a.m. and will take teachers/students back to the lot between 3-5 p.m. Parents must walk student through Main Gate and show proper identification to enter post.

Designated parking

Designated overflow parking lots have been established in areas with major work centers on post. Shuttle buses will run daily from 6-11 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. Greely Hall workers should park at Chaffee Parade Field.

Adjutant General Services

Until further notice, the AGD/MILPO offices will be open with reduced capabilities Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4

p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays only the ID Card Branch will be operational from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Personnel with emergency requirements should contact the Emergency Operations Center at 533-1992.

CFC seeks personal stories

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will run Monday through Oct. 31.

This year, the local campaign is seeking personal stories from individuals who have been helped through the services provided by CFC supported organizations.

If you have a personal story you would like to share, or have questions regarding this year's campaign call the CFC coordinator at 538-6048 or e-mail terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil.

CGSC course offered here

Both Phase I and Phase III of the Command and General Staff Officer Course are being offered at Fort Huachuca. The classes start in October and will be held one weekend each month.

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including: Both a higher graduation rate and higher grade point average; workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students; professional and structured learning environment; instructor support.

Class sizes are limited. For enrollment information, call Rick Meador at 538-5099 or e-mail meadorr.fhu.disa.mil; or call Maj. Mo Ostroff at (602) 650-3137.

Green to Gold

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next "Green to Gold" briefing, 11 a.m.-noon, Oct. 5 at the Post Education Center (Building 52104).

White Lion sale

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club has postponed its White Lion Sale set for 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 6 at the Lions Flea Market. Make your donations of unused items (no clothing) at the flea market, or call Lee at 378-1399 or Art at 456-9033 for larger items.

Military families who reside on post are welcome to set up their wares. Bring military ID and call Lee Hinzman for a free space. There are a limited amount of spaces. The Lions will make special arrangements to help you set up a day early.

Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

CFC luncheon rescheduled

The Combined Federal Campaign luncheon has been rescheduled until Oct. 12 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lake Side Activity Centre. Several CFC organizations have designated relief funds for the recent terrorist attacks. For

info/tickets, call 538-6048.

MP Ball postponed

The 18th Military Police Detachment 60th Anniversary Ball has been postponed until Oct. 13. For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas P. Pollmiller or Spc. Iolani C. Blas at 533-3434/5342.

Search, Rescue team

The Cochise County Search and Rescue team is holding an open house Oct. 17 at the Cochise County Sheriff Department Emergency Operations Center located on the North East corner of Foothills Drive and Highway 92. The public is encouraged to come see what services the SAR team provides. Applications will be available to allow anyone interested in joining to apply. Static displays, equipment and vehicles will be on display. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Raul Limon at 803-9298 or Tom Huntoon at 432-2706.

Federal jobs workshop

The next Federal Jobs Workshop is from 8-10 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420. These provide general information on how to find out where federal jobs are, how to apply for a federal job, 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 Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

Intel symposium set

AFCEA International will host its annual Fall Intelligence Symposium Oct. 24-25 at the Defense Intelligence Analysis Center, on Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. This year's theme is "Intelligence and National Strategy."

Richard L. Haver, special assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, will open the symposium and Navy Vice Admiral Thomas R. Wilson, director, Defense Intelligence Agency, will close it. In between, the symposium sessions will examine recent studies that have focused on the state of the community, spotlight new prerequisites for gathering and creating intelligence, highlight new requirements and technologies for analysis and sharing, and explore budgetary opportunities and challenges.

For more information on this professional development event, including a detailed agenda, a listing of all confirmed speakers, fees, directions, general information, and secure on-line registration, visit www.afcea.org/fallintel2001/default.asp.

For more information or to have a registration packet mailed, call Terry Rogers at (800) 336-4583, ext. 6238 or e-mail trogers@afcea.org. Attendees must be U.S. citizens and have a top-secret clearance with SI/TK access.

College partnership benefits students, corporation

Cochise College release

A partnership between Cochise College and Southwest Systems Engineering Corporation will provide computer science students with greater access to state-of-the-art equipment and real-world training.

In exchange for the use of facilities and equipment, the college provides administrative support for classes, educational credit and grade reports to students, and 180 credit hours of instruction to SSEC employees. The current agreement extends to the end of the spring 2002 semester. SSEC is currently providing the space and technology for two sections of Digital Communications and Network Hardware.

"The class equipment is costly," said Jeannie Neeley, computer information systems instructor, "but SSEC had purchased it for their own training."

Collaboration between the two isn't entirely new. The College courses offered at SSEC took place last spring, and the

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association helped fund an internship at SSEC this summer.

"We know education is the way of the future for us," said Dominic Politi, SSEC president and chief executive officer. "Our relationship with Cochise College is real. We've developed a level of trust, and next year we'll build on it."

Cochise College and SSEC are preparing to offer additional upper-level computer courses, including BiCSI training which is an international organization that provides training for voice, data, and video distribution design and installation and is recognized throughout the military. The training will be incorporated into the Cochise College curriculum and led by Jose Perez, a network engineer at SSEC and a BiCSI certified instructor. There are fewer than 200 BiCSI instructors in the world; Perez is the only one in Cochise County.

"One of the biggest benefits is that we see our education offerings actually taking place," Perez said. "We will work hand

in hand to produce the best student possible and to give them the best possible education."



Cochise College photo

Students enrolled in Digital Communications and Network Hardware attend class at Southwest Systems Engineering Corporation in Sierra Vista and receive college credit.

Family from Page 3

Real heroes make up Fort Huachuca's FRGs, said Mortensen. "Those people who stepped up to the plate and said, 'Yes I will be the Family Readiness Group representative for our unit' during the times when not so many people may have felt that FRGs were important are heroes. FRGs, the rear detachment and commander, and first sergeants are the team that will make 'taking care of our own' a reality."

Volunteers are also significant to the success of FRGs.

"If we don't have family volunteers, then who will run the FRG's when you deploy?" Marks asked leaders, adding that soldiers must empower their families to become more knowledgeable and self-reliant should they deploy.

The FRG is the link between family members, their deployed spouse and the company. The main objective of the FRG is to form a network through

which it can educate families about military family issues and support one another through the concerns that come with military life.

FRGs enable spouses to find answers to their problems, situations and questions, Mortensen said. That's done by:

- Promoting more efficient use of community resources
- Reducing soldier and family member stress
- Increasing the soldier's ability to devote his or her full attention to the mission by offering reassurance that the family members have close, reliable and friendly support
- Caring for each other
- Providing a helping hand when needed
- Increasing morale
- Fostering increased levels of cohesion, and confidence, for family members and deployed soldiers

— Helping family members develop a more positive attitude toward themselves, the unit, the deployment and the Army

While FRGs help spouses solve problems, myths about the groups remain. The group is not a babysitter, social worker, taxi driver or a loan officer; however, help in these areas may be provided in emergency situations, Mortensen said.

Military community members, such as spouses and children make up FRG's target audience. Others include teachers, youth directors, child development personnel, Army Community Service personnel, unit leaders, local retirees, the civilian workforce and members of the local community.

The best way service members can be sure their families are well informed is by giving their commanders accurate contact information on their spouses and family members.

Spouses can also help themselves by:

- Searching out resources through Army Community Service that provide assistance
 - Supporting their soldier. It enables them to do their job and remain focused on the mission.
 - Supporting fellow military families
 - Staying in touch with their spouses by calling, writing or emailing them when they are away.
- Family Readiness Groups, like other groups, are as good as the leaders and members make them. Marks said the key to maintaining an effective FRG is having an updated telephone roster, publishing a newsletter regularly, developing a network system, evaluation and providing feedback.
- "We can't overstate the importance of family readiness," said Dan Valle, director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Army Community Service offers FRG training for existing groups and for units that want to form an FRG. Call 533-3686 for more information.

Pets of the Week



"Shadow" is a female young adult domestic shorthaired cat. She is black and white and very cute. She just weaned a litter of kittens and is ready for a new home. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, a microchip, all vaccinations, a feline leukemia test and deworming.



"Justin" is a six month-old tan and black male shepherd mix. He is very playful and would love a home with older kids. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, a microchip, all vaccinations, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Eddie" is a young adult neutered male black and white lab mix. He is a great dog, but needs obedience training and a family with no kids or kids over 8 years old. His adoption fee is \$9, which includes a heartworm test, all vaccinations, a microchip and deworming.



"Jasmine" is a very cute, 10 month-old female tan and white lab mix. She also loves to run and play. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, a microchip, all vaccinations, a heartworm test and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.

CFC donations can be earmarked for terrorist attack victims

By Gerry J. Gilmore
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WASHINGTON — As part of this year's Combined Federal Campaign, the director of the Office of Personnel and Management has authorized special solicitations of federal employees — including DoD civilian and military — and other initiatives to provide relief for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In a Sept. 12 memorandum for heads of federal departments and agencies, OPM Director Kay Cole James wrote: "In view of the magnitude of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, I am authorizing department and agency heads to allow a special solicitation of federal employees at the workplace.

"Such a special solicitation will allow federal employees to assist the ongoing relief efforts in New York City and the National Capital Area with a one-time cash or check donation, outside the normal CFC procedures," she added.

DoD's CFC campaign and associated terrorist victim relief solicitations "are starting up already for those organizations that have received supplies and have had their CFC key workers and team captains trained," said W. Stephen Kelly, director of Washington Headquarters Ser-

vices' voluntary campaign management office.

DoD's CFC ceremonial kickoff, he added, is slated for Oct. 2. Kelly recommends that military and DoD civilians use their CFC pledge cards to choose payroll deduction contributions, noting that organizations are currently receiving "record amounts of cash and checks" earmarked for terrorist attack disaster relief.

"I'm confident they would also strongly welcome payroll deductions, knowing such deduc-

tions for understandable reasons tend to be four to five times larger than cash or check contributions, and keep coming to them across the year," he remarked.

A number of charitable organizations that take part in CFC are involved in the New York and

Washington relief efforts, James said. Employees can continue to direct their contributions to designated charities during the CFC, she added.

However, she added, "the CFC of the National Capital Area and the New York City CFC are uniquely equipped to receive and distribute employee contributions, either to existing CFC charities that are involved in relief efforts" or to the specially created relief funds.

For more information on the Combined Federal Campaign and associated relief efforts for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, see the OPM CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc.

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Kay Cole James

PT uniform price to increase Oct. 1

AAFES release

Effective Monday, several items, including the Army Improved Physical Fitness Uniform, will increase in price.

The Army, Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales Stores will undergo an annual Defense Supply Center Philadelphia

price change. The DSCP, not AAFES, determines all MCSS price changes.

In addition to the Army Improved Physical Fitness Uniform, other items will have price adjustments as well. In order to take advantage of this year's prices, soldiers and airmen need to visit their local MCSS by Sept. 29.