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### Blood drives

Two American Red Cross Blood Drives are scheduled this month. On Monday donate between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Medical Center. Call Spc. Michelle Huffman at 533-2918 to schedule an appointment. The next drive will be Aug. 24, from 2-8 p.m. at Eifler Gym.

Remember to drink extra water starting the day before the drive and eat a small low-fat meal or snack two to four hours before donating. If you have any questions, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

You may also donate at the American Red Cross Center near Donovan Dodge Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Tuesdays from noon to 6 p.m. Call 458-4858 for information.

### Focus Group meeting

The Focus Group Meeting will be held at the Fort Huachuca Commissary Conference room held by R.D. Fischer, store director at 10 a.m. Sept. 19.

The meeting is open to all ID card holders.

### Range closures

- Saturday – T1, T1A, T2
- Monday – AD, AI, AW, T1, T1A, T2
- Tuesday – AD, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
- Wednesday – AD, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
- Aug. 23 – AD, AF, AL, AN, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
- Aug. 24 – AD, AM, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
- Aug. 25 – AU, AV, AY, T1, T1A, T2
- Aug. 26 – AU, T1, T1A, T2

For questions regarding the closure of ranges please call Range Control at 533-7095.

### Chapter meeting

The Arizona Silver Chapter, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association, will meet Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the La Hacienda Club.

For information, contact Paul Angelo at 459-4932.

### CGSOC courses offered

Officers have an opportunity to take the Command and General Staff Officers' Courses at Fort Huachuca starting this fall. Both Phase I and Phase III of CGSOC will be held one weekend each month from October to May in the Greely Hall Distance Learning Center.

Phase I is open to majors and promotable captains in any of the armed services. Phase III is open to all officers who have successfully completed the first two phases.

Interested candidates should contact either Maj. Rick Meador by email at [meadorr@fhu.disa.mil](mailto:meadorr@fhu.disa.mil) or at 538-5099, or Maj. Mo Ostroff by email at [mostr@aol.com](mailto:mostr@aol.com), or at (602) 650-3137.

### Women's Equality Day

The Women's Equality Day Theater Luncheon will be held Aug. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the La Hacienda Club. The cost is \$8 for the show and lunch.

Lunch will be served, then two historic women, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, will be portrayed during the meal, in theatrical form.

Contact the military equal opportunity office at 533-1717, 533-3696, or 533-5305 for more information.



Photo by Stan Williamson

### This sign's for you

**Mike Kennedy (left) the sign maker for the Directorate of Installation Support gives a hand to Chad Gerle, a temporary employee with CABACO, as they install the first of more than 60 new crosswalk-warning signs.**

**The signs are in the new fluorescent reflective diamond grade lime green color, and will be placed at all crosswalks on the installation, starting with the on-post Accommodation Schools.**

**Gerle is an Army Brat who during the course of his childhood attended all three of the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools.**

**Drivers are cautioned to obey the posted speed limits. With school starting today, the Military Police will be strictly enforcing the 15 M.P.H. speed limits near the schools.**

**Also, today and every Thursday is an "early release day" and schools will dismiss their students as follows: Johnston School - 1:15 p.m.; Myer School - 1:30 p.m.; Kindergarten - 1:40 p.m.; and Smith School - 1:45 p.m.**

## 86th Sig. soldiers practice protection

By Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert  
11<sup>th</sup> Sig. Bde. PAO NCOIC

As a humvee pulled onto the narrow, dusty road, the driver came face to face with a concertina wire roadblock and a soldier brandishing an M16 rifle.

After coming to a stop, the armed guard approached the vehicle and challenged the driver with a question, awaiting a response that should include a password, letting the guard know the person is authorized access to the area.

Satisfied with the answer, the guard pulls the wire obstacle aside and lets the driver enter.

While mission success is always the focus of any training exercise, force protection is critical to achieve the objective.

Soldiers from companies B and C of the 86<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion spent Aug. 8 honing their force protection skills at North Gate.

"It's important to know how to protect yourself in all situations," said 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jason Cody, headquarters platoon and operations officer for Co. B, 86<sup>th</sup> Sig. Bn.

During the day, the soldiers went through a variety of training such as hasty fighting positions, how to set up concertina wire, patrolling, setting up a security perimeter and other force protection measures.

The training gave soldiers the chance to leave their signal equipment in the motorpool and let them focus on the skills they normally don't get a chance to practice in depth.

"You have to keep hitting soldiers from different angles and challenging them in different ways," Cody said.

If soldiers don't focus on these skills periodically, they will become rusty, said Staff Sgt. Cedric Ward from Co. B.

As the soldiers trained on different aspects of force protection, they said it's a good break from their job-specific training and that these are the soldiers can't live without.

"The mission isn't just communications," said Staff Sgt. Frederick Dalton, operations NCO for Co. C, 86<sup>th</sup> Sig. Bn. "You've got to be able to defend a site, protect it and occupy it safely too."

Along with force protection training, the companies were also honing their skills throughout the week on a variety of other tasks such as first aid and land navigation.

After the training ends and the soldiers roll the concertina wire back up and leave the training areas, the soldiers said they will be better prepared to keep their units protected no matter where they are deployed.

Soldiers never know when they are going to need their basic soldier skills to save their life, said Sgt. Christopher Gross from Co. C.

## Graduate saves life, honored with Soldiers Medal

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa  
Scout Staff

Blood is thicker than water and family ties were definitely coming between one soldier and the Pacific Ocean.

Spc. Raymond G. Boyer, a soldier with Company E, 309<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, who was awarded the Soldiers Medal during his graduation ceremony Aug. 9, said his heroic instincts came almost natural in June 2000 when he saved his father-in-law's life during a near-fatal drowning.

Boyer was attending the Russian Linguist Course at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., when his efforts became stout.

He and his wife's family took advantage of the California sunshine one day with a day at the beach, when terror struck his father-in-law, Kent Hansen, as he was swept 400 feet into sea by an undertow.

The scene was described by Pvt. Noah McQueen, distinguished graduate of the class, as something fierce, while Boyer received the highest peacetime award for bravery in front of the 16 other Human Intelligence Collector Course graduates.

"Braving 50-degree waters, eight-foot waves, and deadly riptides, Specialist Boyer

swam 100 meters to save the life of his father-in-law. Battling fierce currents for 10 minutes, he fought his way to shore and struggled to hold his father-in-law's face above water. Because of Specialist Boyer's act of exceptional personal courage, putting his own life at extreme risk, his wife's father is alive today," McQueen said. "Specialist Boyer's selfless sacrifice, disregard for personal safety, and brave act of heroism exemplify the finest qualities of a soldier."

The ordeal ended nearly 15 minutes later, as Boyer had managed to pull Hansen to safety 30 feet from shore where a lifeguard helped in the rescue.

Boyer's wife Tara Lee and 8-month-old daughter Caitlin, could not attend the ceremony, though they will all soon be headed toward his next duty assignment in Germany.

Boyer's parents Kathy and Wayne attended their son's graduation and prestigious ceremony.

Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Kenneth Kilbourne presented the Soldiers Medal to Boyer at the ceremony. Afterward, Boyer was congratulated by Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Haubrich, command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca and MI Corps.



Photo by Angela Moncur

**Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Kenneth Kilbourne presents Spc. Raymond G. Boyer with the Soldiers Medal.**

## National Airborne Day

Sixty-one years ago, 48 brave volunteer members of the U.S. Army Parachute Test Platoon pioneered a new method of warfare. Their successful jump led to the creation of a mighty force of more than 100,000 paratroopers. Members of this force were assigned to the legendary 11th, 13th, 17th, 82d and 101st Airborne Divisions and numerous other units that fought in every theater during World War II.

The soldiers of the Parachute Test Platoon also forged a unique warrior spirit, a relentless passion for victory, and a reputation that still strikes fear in potential adversaries. Beginning with the first combat jump by the men of the 2d Battalion, 503d Parachute Infantry Regiment, over North Africa in November 1942, airborne and special operations soldiers have made a total of 93 combat jumps. Since World War II, paratroopers have continually distinguished themselves in battle, earning 69 Congressional Medals of Honor and hundreds of other awards for valor.

Today, as we celebrate the anniversary of the first official Army parachute jump, I join all Americans in recognizing these heroes. We salute our Nation's sky troopers, both past and present, for their great service and personal sacrifice in the defense of freedom and liberty around the world.

Best wishes to all for a memorable observance.

GEORGE W. BUSH

## Lifelong Learning

### Grant to provide for student support program

By Denise Merkel  
Public Information Officer

Plans to implement a Student Support Services Program that provides intensive support to high-risk Cochise College students will soon be realized, thanks to an \$800,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The College applied for the grant in September and is negotiating some details of the grant proposal with the DOE. The four-year pilot program will begin by the spring 2002 semester.

Selection of participants will focus on low-income, first-generation and disabled students. An SSSP office will conduct a needs assessment for each participant, evaluating family and work responsibilities, study skills and learning styles, and career interests and abilities.

The assessment will help in developing a comprehensive Individual Education Plan for

each participant so that staff can monitor progress, identify problem areas, and provide benchmarks toward graduation and/or transfer to a four-year institution.

"If Cochise College can provide the instruction and support these students require to expand their vision, the foundation for transfer to four-year institutions will be in place," said Janet Martinez-Bernal, a languages instructor at the Douglas campus.

The SSSP will include a one-week Summer Transition Seminar to acclimate students to the College environment and establish a foundation for a positive first-semester experience. The seminar will cover career exploration, a review of language skills, time management and study skills and the Internet.

Selecting participants will be a challenge. During the 1999-2000 academic year, the financial aid office identified a large percentage of Cochise College's more than 4,000 stu-

dents as low-income.

In spring 2000, more than half the student population was considered low-income and first-generation, according to the financial aid office, and eight percent were disabled.

"The individual problems encountered by eligible students severely threaten the likelihood of success," said Bo Hall, interim dean of student services. "In combination, these problems prove overwhelming for many students."

The SSSP will help students reach their educational goals by providing regular cultural experiences; visits to four-year institutions; trips outside southeast Arizona; opportunities to learn and work with computers and the Internet; and assistance with basic skills like math, English, reading and writing. Some goals of the program include boosting student retention, transferring participants to four-year institutions and improving student satisfaction.

### Arts and crafts classes offered at Cochise College

By Megan Acord  
Scout Intern

Looking for a class that's fun and provides credit toward a degree? Now's your chance to get into one, plus it's right here at the Arts and Craft Center. August 20 is the start of the next session of courses. Cochise is offering 3-credit classes in beginning photography, ceramics, and jewelry making through Dec. 10. Each class is four hours long and is held once a week on Wednesdays.

The beginning photography is an introduc-

tion to the use and function of the camera and black-and-white darkroom technique. Students must have access to a fully adjustable 35mm camera. Prerequisite(s): None. Ceramics is an introduction to clay, glaze, and kiln processes and wheel thrown techniques with a general historical survey of ceramics. Prerequisite(s): ART 103 and ART 231 or permission of instructor. The jewelry making class is a studio course in basic jewelry making processes including fabrication; silver soldering, lapidary and casting. Prerequisite(s):

ART 103 and 231 or permission of instructor. "Having this partnership between Cochise and Arts and Crafts enables the soldiers and their families to meet the requirements that is not available anywhere else. It allows Cochise to offer Arts and Crafts while providing a facility," according to Ralph Italia at the Army Education Center. The cost is \$41 for civilians and \$35 for military. Sign up through the Education Center at the Cochise office. Call 515-5463 or the Army Education Center at 533-2391 for more information.

# Noonan: Transforming the intelligence force

By Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Aug. 14, 2001) — The Army's Military Intelligence Corps isn't going to transform itself just because the rest of the Army is doing it, but because there are a number of other operational reasons to do so, the deputy chief of staff for intelligence recently told reporters.

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Noonan Jr. listed those reasons — changing world demographics, increasing technology transfers to Third World countries, information proliferation and defense spending trends — during a 45-minute media roundtable discussion Aug. 9 as part of the Association of the U.S. Army's Intelligence Symposium at the Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington.

"ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) is a critical enabler for the Objective Force," Noonan said, referring to the Army's Transformation force of the future.

### Urbanization & Population Growth

Unlike the relatively open rolling terrain of Western Europe where the Army expected to fight during the Cold War, the Army will likely face opponents in urban terrain during future conflicts, according to Noonan.

Why should the Army and the intelligence community be concerned about cities? Because that's where the people are, and because cities have become centers of instability as they grow, the senior Army intelligence chief said.

People move to large cities with the expectation of bettering their lives, he explained, but those people are often disappointed as the expected high-paying jobs aren't there. Further, unlike Washington or Los Angeles, large-city infrastructure and resources are often strained or overwhelmed by an ever growing population.

Noonan predicted access to one of those scarce resources, fresh water, will be a cause for conflict in the future, much like conflicts in recent years over oil.

About 53 percent of the world's population currently lives in cities, and that figure, according to sociologists, is expected to grow to 66 percent by 2020, Noonan reported.

The general also predicted Asia as a future hotbed of instability due to population growth.

"Fifty-one percent of today's population resides in China and India," Noonan said. "By 2020, four of the five most populated nations in the world will be in Asia ... Historically, 30 percent population growth means war."

### Third-World Countries with First-Class Weapons

Calling it a readiness issue, Noonan said the Army must maintain its technology edge in weapons and intelligence systems.

"I heard estimates somewhere that 85 percent of all military applicable research is done here in the United States," he said. "One of the problems I have is protecting that data."

Yet, he said, there are web sites on the Internet where

anyone can order complete state-of-the-art Russian weapons systems and other high-tech gear.

"We've had to refocus Army intelligence to track technology in the same way we used to track the Russian order of battle," Noonan said. "We want to track who has what technology and how will it be used. We don't want to get off the airplane and discover the bad guys have some technology we didn't know about."

If the MI corps can get technology transfer information to operational commanders in a timely manner, those commanders can train their troops to counter the technology before going in, he said.

Citing Iran as having a little more than 500 ballistic missiles today, Noonan predicted they will have three times that number within three to four years. "You have to ask yourself: is that all defensive in nature?" he said.

### Global Community

The World Wide Web is accelerating globalization through the proliferation of information, and that proliferation is creating national security concerns in areas the United States wouldn't have been interested in a decade ago, Noonan said.

The Berlin Wall and its divisiveness was the symbol of the Cold War, and the symbol of the new millennium is the Web with its inclusiveness — making the world one global village, he said.

"Last year we had a problem in East Timor," he said. "Many people say the crisis in East Timor was precipitated by problems in Thailand. We saw an Asian economy fallen, Indonesian interest (rates) fallen, a crisis in the government which engendered a liberation movement in East Timor. All of that comes into play now and we are involved in that."

"That flow of information and globalization is making our Army and military change."

### Defense Budgets

While the United States still spends more on defense than other nation, that spending, like most Western nations, has gone significantly down in the past decade, Noonan said.

The only region of the world where countries are increasing their defense budgets, he said, is Asia.

Where is the money going? To build weapons of mass destruction, buy weapons systems from Russia, increase ballistic missile inventories and import Russian nuclear scientists, the general said.

"There is just a huge proliferation of new technology," Noonan said.

### 'Space-to-Mud' Approach

To keep track of it all, Noonan said he envisions a "space to mud" intelligence approach, better sharing of intelligence among the various federal intelligence communities and a more robust human intelligence capability.

"I'm going to leverage everything from a satellite on down and move that information to the operational commander,"



U.S. Army photo

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Noonan Jr. speaks out on why change is good.

he said. "It's not intelligence by echelons anymore, but more of a collaborative effort. We've got to move information at the right time to the right person."

However, information does not equate to knowledge, and information overload can be a problem, Noonan admitted.

"We've got to determine how to sift out what is important," Noonan said. "We are not where we want to be yet, but we are on our way. DCX I gave us a glimpse into the future on how to do that."

DCX I, a warfighting exercise that used off-the-shelf and prototype digital technology to increase timely situational awareness, was held at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., in April. A second digital exercise will kickoff in early October at Fort Hood, Texas.

Also, Noonan admitted moving information from one intelligence agency to another has often been time-consuming or impossible due to equipment that was not designed to talk to each other. The agencies are working the problem, he said.

"I see a time when a commander shouldn't have to ask for imagery, because it is already there," Noonan said.

On the human intelligence side, Noonan said the Army might move toward partnerships with academia to provide open source, in-house area experts on different world regions. Also, the Army will reduce the number of trained linguists, he said, and will rely more on contractors for the more obscure languages.

"You've got to remember what a great melting pot America is," Noonan said. "There are lots of second-generation folks who love their country out there."

As the MI Corps transforms itself to meet new challenges, one of those challenges will be to indicate what will happen next.

"The key is to change part of our collection system to be more predictive," he said. "Right now, we are good at saying what is in place right now. The idea is to get out front of what is happening."

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Arizona Cactus research center and garden owner and operator David Epele gives Company A, 86th Signal Battalion soldiers a taste of the prickly pear cactus. Spc. Zeph Lane and Sgt. Jason Molok, center soldiers, said the cactus wasn't too bad and that they learned how to better survive in the desert.



Spc. Anthony Johnson from Company A, 86th Signal Battalion, samples the prickly pear cactus during the unit's field trip to Arizona Cactus near Bisbee, Ariz.

## Desert safety

### Signal soldiers learn basic desert survival skills

Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert  
11th Sig. Bde. PAO NCOIC

Edible cactus, signaling for help and using desert plants to make rope were just a few lessons learned by Company A, 86th Signal Battalion soldiers Aug. 9.

The soldiers took a field trip to Arizona Cactus near Bisbee, Ariz. where they toured the research center and garden, learning how to survive in the desert.

"We deploy to the field ... and we really don't know too much about this area, our environment here," said Sgt. Brad Brackin, Co. A, 86th Sig. Bn. safety NCO.

As the soldiers walked through the center, they saw more than 800 varieties of high desert life, many of which the soldiers see when they deploy for a field training exercise.

This was not just a sightseeing trip though. David Epele, the center's owner and operator, also dispelled many myths people have about cactus and the desert.

Many soldiers said they had no idea that there are no poisonous cactus and in particular, the prickly pear cactus is not

only good to eat, but also has medicinal purposes.

"I feel like I learned a lot. I'm from Arizona and I learned stuff about cactus I've never heard of," said Pvt. Sam Reynolds, Co. A network systems operator and maintainer.

Spc. Benedict Barroga, a petroleum fueler with the company said he never thought people could eat the flowers and fruits of cactus.

This field trip gives soldiers a nice change of pace while still providing good training, said 2nd Lt. Matthew Jeffcoat, a platoon leader in Co. A. "Any type of training that you learn from is good training."

While the focus of this event was learning desert survival skills, the soldiers said it was a good chance to learn about the region and to improve relations with the community.

Any regional training soldiers can experience is good for them, Reynolds said.

Whenever the military and civilian community can do things together, it helps build a better understanding of what the Army is doing and it improves relations, Brackin said.

## A little business with Fort Huachuca can go a long way

By Wilma J. Rose  
Director of Contracting

The Army wants you! Especially if you own and operate a small business that can provide needed products and services for the military and Fort Huachuca.

### How to do business with Fort Huachuca

To encourage interest and responses from local businesses in products and services purchased by Fort Huachuca from open market sources, the Directorate of Contracting is now posting solicitations for quotations, bid, and proposals on its website at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/doc/>. To access the solicitations, click on Bidding Opportunities for solicitations which are current or on Business Opportunities, then on Recent Solicitations for solicitations which have recently closed.

Note that in order to sell products or services over \$2,500 to any Department of Defense contracting activity, registration in the Central Contractor Register is required. Information on CCR is available at <http://www.ccr2000.com/>.

DOC solicitations are also available on the Army Single Face to Industry (ASFI) website at <http://acquisition.army.mil/default.htm>. Interested parties may review solicitations without registering, however, to submit quotes, bids, or proposals electronically, registration is required.

To register, click on Industry Registration/Administration. To view DOC's solicitations, click on Contracting Opportunities, click on the Contracting Office drop down menu, scroll down to Fort Huachuca DABT63, scroll down on the screen, and click on Locate Solicitations.

Firms interested in solicitations from Fort

Huachuca and other Army activities should review the information at ASFI.

Solicitations for other Department of Defense and Federal activities are available at FEDBIZOPPS at <http://www.arnet.gov/FedBusOpps/>, as are solicitations from Fort Huachuca and other Army activities.

Additional information on doing business with Fort Huachuca may be obtained from <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/doc/> or by contacting Chuck Collins, the Directorate of Contracting's Small Business Specialist, 533-3001 or [chuck.collins@hua.army.mil](mailto:chuck.collins@hua.army.mil).

### Some frequently asked questions:

#### 1. What is a small purchase?

A small purchase is generally a purchase valued at \$100,000 or less. It is formally known in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101 as a purchase under the "Simplified Acquisition Threshold" or SAT. If, however, a product or service is considered a commercial item (and many are), the value of the purchase can be as great as \$5,000,000. A very detailed definition for a commercial item can also be found at FAR 2.101, but a very general definition is an item that is available commercially off the shelf. Interested parties can review the FAR and the DoD and Army FAR supplements (DFARS and AFARS) at <http://www.arnet.gov/Library/Other/regs.html>

#### 2. What type of work is normally involved in a small purchase contract?

Items costing \$2,500 or less can be purchased with either a Government purchase card (GPC) or by convenience check. This is called a micro-purchase. The micropurchase threshold for construction is \$2,000 or less.

No competition is required for micro-purchases. Individual organizations on Fort Huachuca have been granted the authority to use a GPC to make purchases for their organization. If the vendor does not accept the GPC, the contracting office can issue an order for goods or services and be paid by a government convenience check.

Items costing between \$2,500 and \$25,000 can be purchased with a GPC by contracting office personnel or via a purchase order or delivery order. Orders via purchase or delivery order are generally paid by check by Defense Finance and Accounting Service, although provisions can be included in the contract for payment by GPC. Purchases within this range (\$2,500-\$25,000) require competition of at least three vendors and, if the product or service can be provided by two or more small businesses at a reasonable price, must be set aside for exclusive competition for small businesses. Announcements are not always required for purchases between \$2,500 and \$10,000. The requirement can be satisfied by the contracting office contacting three vendors for written or oral quotes or by placing a solicitation on the Fort Huachuca Directorate of Contracting's web page to request quotes from any small businesses that see the solicitation. See <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/doc/> for more information.

Items costing between \$25,000 and \$100,000 can be purchased with a GPC by contracting office personnel or via a purchase or deliver order. These orders also are generally paid by check by Defense Finance and Accounting Service, although provisions can be included in the contract for payment by GPC.

#### 3. Are there any special

#### considerations given to prospected contractors?

Under the Small Business Act and other related public laws and acts, generally, acquisitions of supplies or services that have an anticipated dollar value between \$2,500 and \$100,000 are automatically reserved for small business concerns and must be set aside for exclusive small business competition. There are, of course, exceptions. An example of an exception is when the product or service is not available from small businesses at a fair and reasonable price. There are other setaside provisions for small and disadvantaged businesses, HUBZone firms, and firms certified by the Small Business Administration under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act. We do not yet have a formalized program for women-owned small businesses, but anticipate one in the near future. When one of these other setaside programs is involved, the solicitation will state the type of setaside and provide additional information on how a firm can determine if it is qualified to submit a quote, bid, or proposal in response to that particular solicitation.

#### 4. Where can information about a small purchase contract be found?

Regulations governing all Army acquisitions are included in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the Department of Defense FAR Supplement, and the Army FAR Supplement. These regulations are available for review by anyone at <http://www.arnet.gov/Library/Other/regs.html>

Actual solicitations from Fort Huachuca and other Army activities can be found ASFI. Solicitations for other Federal activities are available at FEDBIZOPPS at <http://www.arnet.gov/FedBusOpps/>.



Photos by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Musical chairs for the wee ones looked so much fun that later parents and soldiers got involved with the action. Those who missed a seat during the game were offered sweets to ease the blow.



Dallas DuBois, 23 month months old, masters the pen drop game. Father Staff Sgt. Douglas DuBois, HHC, USAG, and mother Jennifer help him along.



Sgt. Nichole Rose paints the first part of a camouflage pattern on Nathan Raysor, 7, during the Organization Day. Raysor took the painting in shifts throughout the day and by the end he had on his war face.

Face painting was done free of charge and included candy and balloons. A favorite with the girls was bright hearts on their cheeks.



The Marine Corps ran the bench press competition at Eifler Gym during the Organization Day.

At Warrior Field they sold donuts along with Marine Corps stickers and T-shirts during the USAIC&FH Organization Day. Any money raised went toward the Marine Corps Ball in November.

# Consumer Alert

## Beware of scams in education by crafty companies

### Special to the Scout

Across military installations, there are on-going scams which use the College Level Examination Program, or CLEP, name to sell "so-called" test preparation materials.

Salesmen target military personnel and their families by scouring the east coast during one year, moving to the central United States, then finally ending up at installations on the west coast or overseas.

Some set up tables at the Post Exchange, claiming they are authorized to sell encyclopedias and educational materials in the Navy Exchange and Army/Air Force Exchange System; some claim to be affiliated with the post education center and make appointments in the servicemember's home.

The mobility of both military members and military attorneys allows these sales companies to move around the country, change names, and operate until they are once again exposed and banned from the installation.

Once this occurs, the companies simply move to a different region of the country.

A central theme of these unscrupulous agents lies in their continuous promise that they are selling CLEP home-study kits which will prepare individuals for the CLEP test.

Unfortunately, these study materials are inadequate for preparation and the claims made by these agents are patently false.

Some study packages include encyclopedias, which are not necessary, or computer packages at inflated prices. To make matters worse, these materials often cost as much as \$2,300. Some companies tell the service members they can use TA or GI Bill benefits, which is not accurate.

Contracts are normally written with a down payment, (i.e., \$75,) and the remainder in monthly payments of \$75 -\$80. When the servicemembers realize they have been cheated, they are told that they are obligated to reimburse or threatened with destruction of their credit rating.

Often the test preparation company and the lending party are in close alliance (or one in the same) and are purposely intimidating.

The companies promise quick, easy fixes to getting a de-

gree through testing. Some include information on specific schools with External Degree Programs, such as Thomas Edison State College, Excelsior College and Charter Oak College, or imply (falsely) that they represent one of these schools.

Their sales materials may even include a sample diploma from one of these schools. Claiming they are affiliated with a specific school can create a negative public attitude toward the school.

There are a variety of free or low-cost alternatives for acquiring needed study references for CLEP and other credit-by-exam programs.

CLEP Sample Tests are distributed to all DANTES Test Centers, available for Test Control Officers to download from the DANTES web site, and are available free to any servicemember.

DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and Excelsior College Exams study materials are available to anyone on the DANTES web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/exam/index.htm>

Servicemembers can also study for the tests by obtaining used textbooks at a college bookstore or at local libraries.

When a servicemember has been induced by fraud or mistake to enter into a contract, that party may have the contract set aside and seek restitution of those benefits lost by the transaction.

Servicemembers should see their Army Education Counselor before signing anything related to purchasing educational support materials. If they feel they have been misled into signing a fraudulent contract, they should contact the post legal office.

If the company is selling CLEP preparation materials, alert the College Board, Clay Hensley, at (212) 713-8064 or contact him via email at [chensley@collegeboard.org](mailto:chensley@collegeboard.org).

Also, the Federal Trade Commission is interested in companies who sell using unfair or deceptive practices.

The FTC monitors predatory scams and frauds nationally. Servicemember can file a complaint online at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). Remember, if the offer from a company sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

## Family unit fun

The annual U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Organization Day brimmed with family fun at Warrior Field on Friday.

Among the gusto and esprit de corps the military units put out during competitions, the family units had even more fun.

Multiple events were played throughout the day, which meant yummy prizes and lots of laughs.

The all day event included competitions for the Commander's Cup, where Company E, 309th Military Intelligence took the trophy, as well as more free spirited competitions, like the three-legged race.

Food vendors offered everything from good old-fashioned burgers to sweet temptations throughout the day.

Balloons were handed out to both children young and old, as well as complimentary face paintings to liven up the bunch.

The day ended with a final formation awarding each unit for their victories in various sporting events throughout the year.

See pages B1 and B3 for more photos and information.

## Why do these scams exist?

- Desire for quick, easy degrees
- Persuasive salespeople
- Misleading ads
- Consumers' lack of financial sophistication
- No knowledge on accreditation

## Test prep companies

**Goal:** Sell study materials/practice tests for CLEP and other college credit exams for high profit

- Target military, especially young
- Give misleading info., make false promises

## Claims: (All false)

- Materials they sell are best available.
- Associate degree or 60 credits earned easily
- Can earn credits w/out enrolling in college
- All colleges grant credit for CLEPs/DSSTs
- Company affiliated with College Board, ETS or specific college(s). May use CLEP logo.
- Tuition assistance or GI Bill can be used.
- Encyclopedias/ dictionaries essential.

## Reality

Cost up to \$2,300.

- Materials inadequate, available elsewhere
- Sales reps don't represent CLEP or any college
- TA or GI Bill can't be used
- member signs contract with down payment and monthly installments

## Common problems

- Engage in deception
- May have no authority to sell on post
- May require payments before product delivered
- Fail to tell member about cooling-off period (3-7 days) within which soldier can cancel
- Salesperson can't be reached after sale made

## What study aids are available?

- Free CLEP tests through Education Center
- College textbooks at post/MOS libraries

## What should service member do?

- See Army education counselor before signing any contract and seek legal assistance.

## ASD receives award

### GFOA release

CHICAGO – The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to Heidi Noperi, business manager.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 14,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, Ill. and Washington, D.C.

## Navy OCS: Success

By Megan Acord  
Scout Intern

Local Navy C2R3 Jeffrey Ramey, applied and was accepted to the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. for a 13-week training course.

"I yelled for joy," Ramey said when he was accepted. "I felt nervous, after weeks and weeks of waiting."

According to Ramey, the OCS program was designed by Navy officers and educators to give an individual a basic working knowledge of the high-tech naval establishment on and off ashore to prepare that individual to assume the responsibilities of a naval officer and begin developing them to their full potential.

"By attending this school I hope to have gained a more professional and personal experience," he said. "It will give me the opportunity to refine my leadership skills, mentor young Navy sailors, and learn from the senior enlisted."

Ramey said, OCS is extremely demanding, both physically and mentally. An individual should be committed to the goal of earning a commission in the Navy before arriving at OCS. "I am ready to go anytime and start to learn and improve my intellect," he said.

Ramey's ultimate goal in 20 years is to be commander of a ship, have completed the Naval War College, receive a masters degree in physiology, and he hopes to be teaching as an instructor. When he is ready to retire from the Navy, Ramey said he hopes to have had a positive impact on the Navy.



Photos by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

From right, wife Jantana Proctor, newly named Deputy of Futures, Jerry Proctor, and Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, just before Proctor swore in Monday at the Lakeside Activity Centre Ballroom in front of nearly 150 people.



Jerry Proctor, recently named deputy for the U.S. Army Intelligence Center's deputy for Futures, said, "I am but one member of a team." Though he is at the helm for providing intelligence systems to allow commanders to remain, "Always Out Front!" Proctor realizes it is not a one-man show.

## New SIES on board

As Jerry Proctor swore in as the new deputy for Futures, he also pledged to remain true to the Army's Intelligence motto and remain "Always Out Front!" with his new position.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, swore in Proctor and said, "It's a great day for us and a long day coming," as the six month position was filled.

Thomas noted the outstanding job Proctor did as the Training and Doctrine Command's manager and said his leadership skills were top notch, which made him ideal for the position.

Although Proctor is technically still an Army colonel who is on retirement transition leave, he received a special waiver to begin civilian work as the Intelligence Center's deputy for Futures.

"The Challenges of the future must be brought into Futures," Proctor said, as he realizes the changing role of military intelligence.

The goal of the Futures office is to provide intelligence systems to allow commanders to react first.

Proctor swears to remain passionate about his work and said he and his wife, Jantana are happy to be on board.

# RWBAHC launches self-care program for trainees

### RWBAHC release

In an effort to save training unit time, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center launched a new self-care program for advanced individual training soldiers here Tuesday.

SCAITS (pronounced skates) is the Army's Self-Care Advanced Individual Training program that promotes self care and reduced the amount of lost training time due to sick call. It increases soldiers' ability to make health care decisions and select available treatment options without needing to see a health care provider at sick call.

The self-care program started at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in 1997, and has become the model for other Training and Doctrine installations to emulate. Fort Leonard Wood's program saved more than 14,000 hours of training time, and as a result, TRADOC expanded the self-care philosophy to five other training sites, including Fort Huachuca.

According to Lt. Col. Jane L. Lindner, chief, Preventive Medicine Wellness and Readiness Service at RWBAHC, one soldier can lose up to two hours of time per sick call visit. With SCAITS, that time can be lowered to 10 minutes. Soldiers can

bypass the Troop Medical Clinic and pick up self-care medicines, such as Motrin, for minor ailments without having to wait to see a provider at the clinic. "This is a very exciting program all around, saving training time for the units and wait time for the soldiers, as well as freeing up provider time for more urgent and complex patient care issues," said Capt. Ronna Winn, RWBAHC.

Initially, all AIT soldiers receive a self-care guide and a one-hour briefing on how to use SCAITS, said Lindner. The guide provides specific instructions on managing common, self-limiting signs and symptoms such as cough, runny nose, pain, etc. Treatment options are provided which focus on preventive strategies, non-drug treatment and over-the-counter medications.

In addition to the self-care guide, soldiers with a history of tobacco use will also get an "I Kicked It In The Army" self-help kit which is designed to keep them tobacco-free while they are in training. Once the soldier has signs or symptoms of illness, they refer to the self-care guide to determine if self-care is an appropriate health care option. If so, they obtain the necessary clearance paperwork from their drill sergeant and go to the SCAITS Triage and Pharmacy site located in the Virginia Dining Hall. Drill

sergeants also receive special training about SCAITS, Lindner said.

There are specific safety guidelines for using the SCAITS program to ensure soldiers get the necessary level of care for their illness or medical condition. For example, if the soldier's temperature is above 100.5 degrees, he or she must be seen in sick call. Also, soldiers may not use SCAITS on two consecutive visits for the same chief complaint. This would be an indication that the self-care treatment is not working and requires evaluation by a health care provider.

SCAITS is a completely voluntary program, and each soldier has the ability to either select self-care or see a health care provider at sick call. Soldiers may use SCAITS for minor complaints and may also be seen at sick call. The program is an additional health care option available for use at the discretion of the AIT soldier and only when the symptom or complaint is appropriately managed with self-care treatment.

For further information about SCAITS, call Lt. Col. Lindner at 533-5912.

# Army to restructure medical MOS field

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — This fall the enlisted medical field will start a six-year transformation to combine its low-density MOSs, and increase the training medics receive before and after they arrive at their first duty station.

"Army medics are good, but we're working to make them better," said Lt. Col. Richard Edwards, Army medical department personnel staff officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. "Active-component soldiers will have to meet necessary requirements by 2007 or change their military occupational specialty. Reserve components will have until 2009 to make the transition.

The Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate will reclassify five MOSs Oct. 1 and place them under the Career Management Field 91 (medical). The most affected will be combat medics (91B) and licensed practical nurses (91C). Their jobs will be combined and reclassified as health-care specialists (91W).

Medics who are reclassified as health-care specialists will be assigned a transitional Y2 Army skill identifier until they meet certain qualifications. Promotable sergeants first class and above won't get the ASI, Edwards said.

"Senior enlisted soldiers will be grandfathered in because their roles are supervisory instead of functional," Edwards added.

"Junior enlisted soldiers will be required to gain certification by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, Basic Trauma Life Support and Trauma-AIMS, which consists of trauma assessment, advanced airway, IV therapy, medication and shock management.

"They will also have to renew their certifications every two years."

A great number of the soldiers are already qualified, Edwards said. Once they turn in proof of their certification to Health Services Branch, Personnel Command for approval the Y2 identifier will be removed, he said.

Training for health-care specialists will be available from many sources, and units can use a combination to best fit their mission and operational tempo, said Lt. Col. Patrick Wilson, 91W synchronization officer, Office of the Surgeon General. Good units have been conducting much of this training for years, he added.

"Plans are underway for the Office of the Surgeon General to provide some funding to help units pay for test fees, workbooks and instructor training material," Wilson said. "Also to help ease the unit workload of tracking the transition, OTSG developed a web-based tracking module."

The module is simple to use and is linked to multiple databases for automatic updating, Wilson said. Most significantly, he added, it allows command involvement by giving approved us-

ers the capability to view individual and unit transition and sustainment status.

"We've now established a new standard," Wilson said. "We've raised the bar for Army medicine at the most important level - that of the combat medic."

The need to restructure the medical field came after Operation Dessert Storm and Dessert Shield, according to Edwards. It was determined that medics needed to be more efficient after graduating from their advanced individual training, he said.

"In the past, medics received the bulk of their training when they arrived at their first unit, but during Dessert Storm it was no time for training. They were expected to be able to function when they got on the ground," Edwards said.

The then surgeon general Frank Ledford decided to renew and revitalize the medic program to make it more viable, said Edwards.

Part of making the medical field more functional is improving their level of training.

The advanced individual training for health-care specialists located in San Antonio, Texas, will be extended to 16 weeks instead of the current 12-week course for combat medics and licensed practical nurses.

There will be two 16-week pilot programs starting Sept 10 and 24, said Sgt. Maj. Thomas Bannon, Army Medical Department Person-

nel Proponency Directorate sergeant major. The first 91W course will start Oct. 15, he said.

Another part of the transformation started in January when the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery skilled technical score for combat medics increased from 95 to 105, Bannon said. The required general technical score is still 110.

Other changes to be made Oct. 1 are: optical laboratory specialist (42E) will be deleted and reclassified to optical laboratory specialist (91H); patient administration specialist (71G) will be deleted and reclassified to patient administration specialist (91G) and medical supply specialist (76J) will be deleted and reclassified to medical supply specialist (91 J).

The health-care specialist will be the base medic, but there will also be eight other ASIs medics can receive which will require more training, Bannon said. Those specialties are: dialysis specialist, licensed practical nurse, occupational therapy specialist, physical therapy specialist, orthopedic specialist, ear, nose and throat specialist and cardiovascular specialists.

"When you're on the battlefield and wounded, there are several stages of care you can receive," Edwards said.

"There's buddy aid and the combat life saver, but most people are going to be looking for the first medically trained person on the site, and that's our medics."

# Community Updates

## Special military rates

Days Inn East of Universal Studios Florida is offering military personnel special room rates from \$35 per night (Sunday-Thursday) and \$39 per night (Friday and Saturday). Rates are per night, plus tax and based on space availability and valid now through Dec. 20. These special rates are not available during holidays or special events. Up to a \$40 surcharge may apply during October weekends.

## Force protection training

Two makeup classes for the annual mandatory Force Protection training are offered at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Aug. 28-29 in the Cochise Theater. Persons arriving after the session begins will not be admitted.

Directorates or units sending large groups to the sessions should coordinate prior to the sessions to ensure that space is available.

Contact Bill Ivory, chief Force Protection Operations, Directorate of Public Safety, at 533-5249 for more information.

## Ed Center short staffed

Due to a severe staffing shortage and the current hiring freeze, the Army Education Center will, on occasion, have limited counseling services available. Where possible, the center will attempt to give the public advance notice of days when services will be limited. For the month of August, there will be no mandatory transition counseling, no DD 295 completions, and no formal career Monday-Wednesday. There will be no VEAP to MGIB conversions on those dates, either. (Note: This is especially important information for drill sergeants who have Advance Individual Training students appearing before MED Boards.) Tuition Assistance will still be available on those days.

## DOIM computer classes set

The Directorate of Information Management will offer several computer classes during August. Classes start promptly at 9 a.m. and size is limited to 14 students. It is mandatory to sign up for a class prior to attending. It is beneficial to sign up as early as possible, as classes fill up quickly. The classroom is in De Rosy Cabell Hall (Bldg. 22324) on Christy Ave.

Today – Power Point 2000

Monday – Creating Web pages with HTML

Wednesday – Outlook

Aug. 27 – The Practical PC

Aug. 29 – Intro to the Internet, Part I

Aug. 30 – Intro to the Internet, Part II

Candidates for the advance courses must have taken the basic courses or have instructor approval first.

## PAO hosts Stringer Course

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Officer is hosting its second Public Affairs Stringer Course Sept. 20.

This free course will run 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Quality Training Center, Classroom 4 (off Christy Avenue).

The course is designed to provide the fort's military and civilian employees with training that will equip them with the tools needed to successfully provide information to *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper and local media (i.e., radio and television). Commands, directorates and partner interested in getting the word out on post and to local communities are encouraged to send representatives.

Civilians providing a completed DD 1556 form will obtain training credit. Military will receive a certificate of completion at the close of the course.

To register, call Ginny Sciarrino at 533-1285. Seating is limited. Registration deadline is Sept. 17.

## FHOCSC membership drive

The Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club is having a welcome and signup coffee for membership 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lakeside. To have your organization represented, call Trish Crider at 452-8103 or Kristal Olmstead at 378-9611.

## OCSC membership drive

The Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host a membership drive and welcome coffee 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at LakeSide Activity Centre. The club encourages new and student spouses

to see what the club has to offer, including crafts like basket weaving, quilting, paper piercing, soap works, cake decorating, as well as other special interests. Meet area Chamber of Commerce representatives, such as *A.D. Furniture Repair & Restoration* and many others.

For information, call 452-8103 or 378-3564.

## Old Crows meet

The Cochise Chapter of the Association of Old Crows will host its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 23 in the Boots N' Saddle Room of La Hacienda.

The guest speaker will be Wilma Bernardo, chief of force design at Fort Huachuca, speaking on the Military Intelligence Transformation Structure.

Cost is \$7.75 for German buffet and salad bar; \$6.75 for buffet only; or \$5 for salad bar only. Make reservations no later than Aug. 21.

RSVP to one of the following: Dick Mortensen at 459-0447 or mortens@c2i2.com; Gene Frantz at 533-2331 or arthur.frantz@hua.army.mil or Bill Meyer at 458-7070. This luncheon is open to the public.

## Labor Day flea market

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club invites its regular vendors, military and civilians of the community to sell their wares at the Lions Flea Market on Labor Day weekend. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 31 for set up. Sept. 1 and 2 will be normal fee and Sept. 3 will be free. Gates close at 5 p.m., Sept. 3. Debi "The Rock Lady" promises to be there, so bring your young ones and those that are young at heart to do some climbing. For information, call Laroy Hinzman at 378-1399.

## 2001 CFC begins

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will run Sept. 17-Oct. 31. Organizations should be on the lookout for a tasking letter requiring them to appoint a Unit Coordinator.

The initial meeting for Unit Coordinators will be held Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m., in Room 2111B of Greely Hall. The training session for unit coordinators and key workers will take place from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Sept. 5 in Room 1215, Greely Hall Auditorium.

If you have questions regarding the training, call the CFC Coordinator at 538-6048 or e-mail terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil.

CFC Homepage address: [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc). A homepage for Southern Arizona CFC is anticipated for Sept. 1.

## CFC seeks stories

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will run Sept. 17-Oct. 31. Each year, millions of people are helped by the contributions made to the charitable organizations represented by CFC.

Some local charities include Fort Huachuca Youth Services, Fort Huachuca Cavalry Association, Fort Huachuca Widowed Support Group/Center, CANTER, Cochise County Humane Society, United Way of Sierra Vista and Cochise County, Catholic Community Services of Cochise County and Sierra Huachuca ARC, to name a few.

This year, we are also 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.

## Take a bus

Soldiers stuck on Fort Huachuca because they don't have transportation can take the bus. Sierra Vista Public Transit can take you where you want to go, including *The Mall, Putt Putt Golf, Hastings, Wal-Mart and Cochise College*. There are pickup locations all over Fort Huachuca and the City of Sierra Vista. Pick up a schedule from any bus or call 459-0595 for route information.

## Sprinklers prohibited

Fort Huachuca residents are reminded that sprinklers are prohibited. Residents may water with a hand-held hose at anytime throughout the year. Also remember with the rains come the long weeds and grass. Yard maintenance

is a requirement for accepting government quarters. Neighborhood agents inspect areas every Tuesday to ensure shrubs are trimmed, grass cut and edged and general policing of the area is complete. If you are going to be gone on vacation, you need to have a point of contact responsible for your house and yard. So enjoy your summer, but let's keep Fort Huachuca a beautiful place to live, work and visit by taking care of our yards.

## 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. 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>.

## Foster families needed

Devereux Arizona is a private, non-profit organization funded by the Arizona Department of Economic Security and donations. It is currently seeking qualified, loving families to become foster parents for children. Currently, there is a need for respite providers (short-term foster care overnights, weekends or holidays), family based shelter providers (foster care overnights up to three months, sometimes longer) and therapeutic providers (long term foster care three months or longer for children with more severe emotional or physical needs or a longer history of abuse or neglect). For more information, call 458-2761. Free local training and 24-hour crisis support is provided.

## 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.)

## 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.

## Dental sick call times

Soldiers who need to go on dental sick call must report to Runion Dental Clinic and sign in between 7 and 7:30 a.m. This will allow the staff to treat patients with urgent conditions who cannot wait for a scheduled appointment.

## Veterans' Benefits briefing

A Veteran's Benefits Representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix Regional Office will give briefings 8 a.m.-noon Aug. 23 at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420.

The representative covers such 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 Sept. 20, Oct. 12, Nov. 2 and Dec. 20.

## Combat Lifesaver courses

Due to recent changes, all Combat Lifesaver Courses must be taught by medical personnel. To meet unit requirements, one course will be held quarterly by R. 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.

# Law school now available to junior Army officers

WASHINGTON — The Army is now accepting applications to fund law school for eligible lieutenants and captains.

Under the Funded Legal Education Program, up to 15 active-duty commissioned officers may be able to attend law school in the fall of 2002.

The program is open to officers in the grades of second lieutenant through captain. The Judge Advocate General will accept applications through Nov. 1.

Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active federal service when training begins, officials said. They said interested officers should register immediately for the next Law School Admission Test, commonly called LSAT.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The JAG's Funded Legal Education Program), officials said, adding that those interested can contact the Fort Huachuca staff judge advocate at 533-2094 for further 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, 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 Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

## Kino gospel revival

The Kino Chapel Gospel Service invites the public to its upcoming revival to be held at 7 p.m., Aug. 22-24 at Kino Chapel, Fort Huachuca. This year's theme is "One In Spirit and Purpose" (Philippians 2:2).

The guest speaker for the event will be the Rev. Roderick Mitchell, Pastor of New Life Church, Cleveland, Miss. Mitchell is nationally renowned for his works in preaching, teaching and uplifting the ministries of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## Preschool screening set

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District will be conducting a preschool screening Aug. 23 for all 3-, 4-, and non-kindergarten 5-year-olds residing on Fort Huachuca.

The screening instruments the schools intend to use are designed to survey gross- and fine-motor skills, communication skills, cognitive development and socio-emotional development. In addition, they will be testing hearing and vision.

Through the screening process, the schools hope to identify those children in need of any type of early childhood special education services.

If you suspect a disability in your preschool age child, call the FHAS district office at 458-5082 before Aug. 16 to make an appointment.

## Greyhound adoption day

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Adoption Day on Aug. 25 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The adoption day will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd.

The program needs temporary homes for these dogs. The league will host its annual picnic Aug. 18. For information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

## Army Intelligence Ball set

The 26th annual Army Intelligence Ball is Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel at Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road in Alexandria, Va. Co-hosts are Lt. Gen. Robert W. Noonan Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, and Brig. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

Cost is \$45 per person. For reservations contact Capt. Susan Gillison at (703) 706-2111 (DSN 235-2111) or Dave Elliott at (703) 706-2870 (DSN 235-2870). More information is available at [www.inscom.army.mil](http://www.inscom.army.mil).

## POW/MIA Walkathon

The 2001 POW/MIA Walkathon has been rescheduled for 6 a.m. Sept. 19 on Chaffee Parade Field. 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 Monday. 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. 1st Class Zella English at 533-2294.

## POW/MIA prayer luncheon

The Chaplains Activities Office here will host the 2001 POW/MIA Recognition Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 19 at the LaHacienda to honor POW/MIAs. Tickets can be purchased from unit command sergeants major and sergeants major.



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# RWBACH, military pharmacies withdraw Baycol

WASHINGTON - U.S. military pharmacies are no longer issuing Baycol, a cholesterol-lowering medication also known as cerivastatin.

This step was taken because its manufacturer voluntarily withdrew it from the U.S. market, according to Office of the Army Surgeon General officials.

Military beneficiaries who are currently taking Baycol should consult with their physicians about switching to another medication to control their cholesterol levels, said Col. Marina Vernalis, cardiovascular consultant to the Army surgeon general. Those taking Baycol who experience muscle pain or also take the drug gemfibrozil should immediately discontinue the Baycol and consult with their physicians, she added.

Gemfibrozil, another cholesterol-lowering medicine, is also sold under the name Lopid.

Bayer Pharmaceutical Division, Baycol's manufacturer,

withdrew the drug Aug. 8 because of reports of sometimes-fatal rhabdomyolysis, a severe adverse reaction that breaks down muscle cells. The withdrawal was made in the interest of patient safety because of the risk of Baycol used in combination with gemfibrozil, according to Col. Mike Heath, the Army's pharmacy consultant.

"Rhabdomyolysis is a rare muscular problem that usually occurs early in drug therapy," Heath said. "In addition to muscular weakness and pain, symptoms associated with the condition include tenderness, fever, dark urine, nausea and vomiting."

Vernalis advised that patients who discontinue the Baycol will likely experience increased cholesterol levels. She said such changes do not occur immediately but are apt to occur over a couple of days or weeks.

Other drugs that can be safely substituted for Baycol are

readily available at military pharmacies, Heath said. He added because Baycol will no longer be available from any pharmacy, all patients need to have their prescriptions changed to an alternative drug.

Capt. Ronna L. Winn, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, said patients who are taking Baycol should discontinue the medication and contact their provider or the RWBAHC pharmacy for guidance on an alternative medicine and further treatment instructions. Provider appointments can be made by calling 533-9200. Questions for pharmacy can be directed to 533-2520.

Additional information on the Baycol withdrawal can be found on the Food and Drug Administration Web site, <http://www.fda.gov>.

(Editor's note: Information taken from an Office of the Army Surgeon General release.)

## Environmental Assessment published for West CPOC expansion

By Tanja Linton  
Media Relations Specialist

Post officials released an Environmental Assessment analyzing the impact of expanding the West Civilian Personnel Operations Center here today.

Fort Huachuca is publishing a "Finding of No Significant Impact" in the local newspaper to announce that the Environmental Assessments concludes that expanding the WCPOC will not significantly affect the environment and to invite public comments on the proposed expansion.

Fort Huachuca is considering accepting and supporting the proposed expansion of the operations at WCPOC.

The WCPOC currently manages personnel records for almost 18,000 Department of the Army employees throughout the western United States. The WCPOC expansion would increase support to more than 34,000 personnel files.

To manage this increase, the WCPOC would increase the number of civilian employees by 102. The local Civilian Personnel Advisory Center would increase by four employees. Approximately 56 of the new employees would come from Fort Huachuca and the nearby communities, with the remaining 50 employees coming from outside the region.

"Before we decide whether to accept this expansion, we wanted to consider the environmental effects this expansion of the WCPOC would have on Fort Huachuca and our surrounding communities," said Jim Chambers, deputy garrison commander. "We've taken a hard look at the environmental impact and are holding the WCPOC to very stringent water mitigation measures. This kind of cooperation allows us to balance our dual missions of supporting the Army and environmental stewardship."

Based on the analysis contained in the EA, implementation of the proposed action to ex-

pand operations of the WCPOC would not significantly impact the quality of the environment at Fort Huachuca or within the upper San Pedro River basin.

There will be an estimated 21 acre feet of water usage as a result of 50 employees relocating from outside the region.

To mitigate WCPOC's direct, indirect, interrelated, interdependent and cumulative water usage impacts, the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency will provide \$75,000 to Fort Huachuca to install conservation technology, fund work on various water mitigation projects on Fort Huachuca, and to purchase conservation easements off-post, near the San Pedro River. This mitigation fee should mitigate approximately 50 acre-feet.

What this means is that the WCPOC will more than offset their water usage associated with their employees and family members. This will help Fort Huachuca in its goal to fulfill its vital national defense mission and continue to

reduce its water usage in the region.

This proposed expansion of the WCPOC is a result of the Department of the Army's decision to close two of the seven continental United States Civilian Personnel Operation Centers at Fort Belvoir, Va., and Fort Benning, Ga., and distribute their civilian personnel workload among the five remaining CPOCs.

The Army invites the public to review and comment on this "Finding of No Significant Impact" within 30 days of publication by writing to Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: ATZS-ISB (Kent), Fort Huachuca, Ariz. 85613-6000. Comments or requests for copies of the Environmental Assessment may be faxed to (520) 533-3043.

Beginning today, copies of the assessment will be available for review at the Fort Huachuca Post Library, the Sierra Vista Public Library, the Benson Public Library, the Bisbee Public Library, the Huachuca City Public Library, and the Tombstone Public Library.

## 5 fruits, veggies a day helps keep the doctor away

By Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Brown  
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion  
and Preventive Medicine

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans suggest that we eat a variety of fruits and vegetables to promote a healthy life style. The recommendations are to eat at least two servings of fruits and three servings of vegetables each day.

Besides tasting good, fruits and vegetables contribute to better health because they are low in calories and fat, filling, and high in fiber, vitamins and minerals. Fruits and vegetables are rich in nutrients because they provide the best sources of Vitamin A (carotenoids), Vitamin C, folate, and potassium. (See graphic for sources of these nutrients.)

Fiber is found only in plant foods: fruits and vegetables, dry beans and peas; and whole grain bread and cereals. They are quick to prepare and easy to eat. Choose whole or cut-up fruits and vegetables rather than juices, which have minimal amounts of fiber. Eating a variety of plant foods containing fiber is important for proper bowel function-it helps to reduce the symptoms of chronic constipation that are associated with diverticular disease and hemorrhoids. It also may lower the risk of heart disease and some cancers.

Most people can get enough vitamins and minerals by eating a reasonable daily diet that includes plenty of whole grains, fresh fruits, and vegetables. Vitamins and minerals are necessary for life and good health. They assist the enzymes and hormones that the body needs to grow, repair, produce energy, remove wastes, and defend against infection. In addition, they keep bones strong, eyes sharp, brain alert, and protect against

cancer and heart disease. Fruits and vegetables also contain disease-fighting phytochemicals that enhance health and may

even prolong life.

The 5-A-Day for Better Health Program is a nationwide nutrition campaign to encourage Americans to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day for better health. The program is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBHF), a non-profit organization representing the fruit and vegetable industry. Both programs, along with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, send the same message of promoting healthy diets and healthy lifestyles for Americans.

Every year, the NCI and the PBHF coordinate 5-A-Day activities in every state in the United States, the four United States territories, military service branches, and the Indian Health Services. Since the 5-A-Day Program was formed, it has focused on prevention and changing lifestyles for better health. The message has stimulated thousand of Americans to make positive changes in their daily lifestyle, leading to improvements in the way they eat.

Today, the demand for fruits and vegetables has increased, and Americans are encouraging and motivating each other to eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day for better health.

Follow the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and strive to eat at least two servings of fruits and at least three servings of vegetables each day. Create change in your community through your families, schools, health professionals, and commercial facilities by demanding more fruits and vegetables at school, at work, in restaurants, and in vending machines. Encourage and motivate your friends and neighbors to do the same. Your challenge is to live healthy, the 5-A-Day way!

### Sources of Vitamin A (Carotenoids)

- \* Orange vegetables like carrots, sweet potatoes, pumpkin
- \* Dark-green leafy vegetables such as spinach, collards, turnip greens
- \* Orange fruits like mango, cantaloupe, apricots
- \* Tomatoes

### Sources of Vitamin C

- \* Citrus fruits and juices, kiwi fruit, strawberries, cantaloupe
- \* Broccoli, peppers, tomatoes, cabbage, potatoes
- \* Leafy greens such as romaine lettuce, turnip greens, spinach

### Sources of Folate

- \* Cooked dry beans and peas, peanuts
- \* Oranges, orange juice
- \* Dark-green leafy vegetables like spinach and mustard greens, Romaine lettuce
- \* Green peas

### Sources of Potassium

- \* Baked white or sweet potato, cooked greens (such as spinach), winter (orange) squash
- \* Bananas, plantains, dried fruits such as apricots and prunes, orange juice
- \* Cooked dry beans (such as baked beans) and lentils

## Religious Updates

### Episcopal Church School

Episcopal Church School kicks off Sept. 16 for children ages 2 - 10 from 8-8:35 a.m., Room No. 30 at the Main Post Chapel.

Episcopal Church School for youth, ages 11 and up is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room No. 41 at the MPC. The Youth will be studying "Christian Vocation".

For more information, contact Audra Parker at 452-8669.

Kino Gospel Ministries are presently meeting. It includes ages 4-17 years old. The Gospel Sunday School, ages 5-12 years old, meets from 8-9 a.m. at Murr Community Center. The Gospel Children's Church, ages 4-17 years old, meet from 9:30-11 a.m. at Kino Chapel activity room. Every fourth Sunday is Youth Emphasis Sunday, at that time ages 4-17 will be involved in the service at Kino Chapel, from 9:20 -11 a.m. There is a Youth Bible Study on Thursday nights, at Kino Chapel activity room, from 6-7 p.m. The adults meet at that time in the Kino Chapel sanctuary.

There is also an Etiquette Training class for various ages, at the Murr Community Center, every third Sunday of the month, at 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Rev. Simpson at 458-4699.

### General Protestant Sunday School

General Protestant Sunday School for ages 18 months thru adult, meets at the Main Post Chapel, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Classrooms locations will be posted. Children's Choir, ages 4 years old thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade starts Sept. 9, and meets at the Main Post Chapel activity room section A, from 10:20-10:50 a.m. Children's Church, ages 3-8 years old, meets at the Main Post Chapel, room 45 (starting Aug. 26, they will meet at the Main

Post Chapel activity room section A), from 11:15 a.m. to noon, in conjunction with the 11 a.m. General Protestant Service. For more information, contact Donna Irsik at 459-4877.

### Catholic CCD

Catholic CCD starts Sept. 9. It includes Pre-Kindergarten through high school. CCD is from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Classrooms locations will be posted. No confirmation class is offered this year. Confirmation class will be every other year on Fort Huachuca. For more information, contact Kati Cobb at 439-8888.

### Protestant Women of the Chapel

Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) will be meet from 9 -11:30 a.m. every Tuesday starting Sept. 4 at the Main Post Chapel Activity Room. Four Bible Study classes will be offered:

- Precept "How to Study the Bible and Titus"
- Beth Moore "Jesus the One and Only"
- Gian Karsen "Her Name is Woman II"
- Mommy and Me "Shepherding a Child's Heart"

All women are welcome, and child care is provided. For more information, contact Wendy at 515-7409.

### Women's Ministry Book Club

The Women's Ministry Book Club meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Friday of every month to discuss an inspirational book the members have read together. Meetings are held in different homes each month, and all women are invited. For more information, contact Murreyelle Bothwell at 459-3970.





Courtesy photos

Celeste Earhart as Susan B. Anthony



Anne Foster as Elizabeth Cady Stanton

# Women's Equality Day

## Theater luncheon depicts Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony

By Megan Acord  
Scout Intern

This month we celebrate Women's Equality Day. In 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified granting women the right to vote. It was certified as part of the U.S. Constitution. Referred to as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, it states, "The right of citizen of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or any state on account of sex."

Charles S. Abell, assistant secretary of defense for personnel and readiness stated in his announcing of Women's Equality Day 2001, "Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment (Women's Right to Vote), but also calls attention to on-going efforts toward achieving equality for all Americans and recognizes women as leaders and role models."

The U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day in 1971 to honor women's continuing efforts toward equality.

In honor of these women, Fort Huachuca's Military Equal Opportunity Office is hosting a "Women In History" theatre luncheon at the La Hacienda, starring Anne Foster as Elizabeth Cady Stanton an American reformer who, along with Susan B. Anthony (Celeste Earhart), led the struggle to gain the vote for women's suffrage. Each woman devoted 50 years to overcoming the nation's resistance to women's suffrage.

"We selected a lunchtime theatre for this year's celebration of Women's Equality Day, because it dramatizes and brings American stories to voice, and hopefully the performance will place into one's mindset some of the struggles that women have gone through, all to attain equality," said Sgt. 1st Class Curtis L. Moorer, equal opportunity advisor here. "We chose the Women in History Organization for this performance because of their dedication to the education of all people, regardless of age, race or socio-economic status through the dramatic recreation of the lives of notable women who made significant contributions to our United States of America, and enhanced the growth and development of our Nation."

The luncheon is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 29 at the LaHacienda. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased through unit EO reps or by calling EO (military) at 533-1717 or EEO (civilian) 533-2028 for tickets.

"Recognizing that we all have infinite dignity and self-worth, the equal opportunity staff would like the attendees to leave with the knowledge that creating an environment that values diversity and fosters mutual respect, and cooperation among all persons, is not only expected, but is simply the morally right thing to do," Moorer concluded.

### Anne Foster as Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Anne Foster joined Women In History in 1998 and currently portrays Abigail Adams, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, Annie Sullivan, and Amelia Earhart.

Foster has found that WIH has provided her with the opportunity to combine her lifelong love of performing with her newfound love of history. "Until recently I had never felt much passion for history until related to a play I was working on. Now I can't seem to get enough of it. Women in History affords me a rare forum for combining so many of the things I

love to do – from the research and writing and costuming, to the actual portrayal with a live audience. I only wish I could have learned history in this multi-dimensional kinesthetic way when I was a kid. It would have been so much more engaging."

Foster is a full-time writer/editor for the Creative Division of American Greetings, Inc. Her background is in theater, receiving a BA in Speech and Drama from Ursuline College and working for over 40 years in the varying capacities of director, playwright, composer, lyricist, choreographer, and actor in professional and community theater in the greater Cleveland area. In 1975 she co-founded Cornucopia, Inc, a non-profit organization that offers vocational opportunities, job training, and placement to mentally and physically challenged adults. Cornucopia currently owns and operates Nature's Bin, a Lakewood health food market and deli. She has two sons and three daughters, all pursuing divergent career paths and with whom she has written her "favorite chapters of family history."

### Celeste Wagner Earhart as Susan B. Anthony

Celeste Wagner Earhart has been with Women In History since its inception in 1991 and has served on the board of directors as secretary since that time. The characters she portrays are Belle Boyd, Molly Brown Rachel Carson, Isadora Duncan, Flora Stone Mather, Ida Lewis, Juliette Gordon Low, Clara Booth Luce, Barbara Mabrity, Baby Doe Tabor, Calamity Jane and an Italian Immigrant.

Earhart enjoys her ongoing commitment to WIH because "I have always been passionate about women's place in the history of our country. By telling the stories of these women, I have the opportunity to share my interest in the most creative way I know. I come from a long line of seamstresses, both my grandmother and aunt, and feel fortunate to be able to work with vintage clothing as well as making costumes for the characters."

Earhart is an administrative secretary for a law firm. She also teaches a class on herbs and owns Herbs & Things, a home-based business that focuses on enlightening people about the various uses of herbs. Ms. Earhart is an avid horsewoman and enjoys gardening and cooking. She is also the busy mother of two teenage daughters and a grown daughter.

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## Proclamation Celebrating Women's Right to Vote

On Aug. 29 the Fort Huachuca Military Community will celebrate Women's Equality Day. This year's National theme is "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote."

On July 13, 1848, five women met for tea in upstate New York. Having commiserated about the lot of women in American Society, they did something brash and wonderful. They sent off a notice to the local newspaper announcing "a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious conditions and rights of women" to be held just six days later in Seneca Falls. The Women's Rights Movement was born. The convention participants drafted a Declaration of Sentiments, which began: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, That all men and women are created equal." One resolution called for universal women's suffrage. One hundred women and men from all walks of life signed that Declaration. Only one, nineteen-year-old Charlotte Woodward, lived to see women win the right to vote.

In the decades following the convention at Seneca Falls, many of the rights expressed in the prophetic Declaration of Sentiments became law. The ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution secured a woman's right to vote; the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 barred employment discrimination; and the enactment of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 guaranteed equal opportunity in education and sports. On Women's Equality Day, as we look back on what we have accomplished, we also recognize how far we have to go before we complete the journey that began so long ago. As women continue to distinguish themselves in boardrooms, classrooms, courtrooms, and family rooms across America, we must renew our efforts to empower all women with the rights and opportunities promised by our founders.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's celebration and I encourage you to celebrate and remember the contributions and sacrifices of women to our American society, and country as a whole.

**John D. Thomas Jr.**  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

# Kinderland remains open; operations have changed

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Rumors about the Kinderland Group Home child care facility permanently closing are not true. Dan Valle, director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Sandy Sanders, chief, Family Child Care Division, DMWR, together said Kinderland will remain open, but there have been some changes in the way it operates.

"As you may know, the Kinderland Group Home opened as an extension of the Family Child Care (FCC) program in July of 2000 in order to provide hourly child care alternatives," Valle said. "This was necessary because our

New Beginnings Child Development Center (CDC) did not have the capacity to do so. Since then several things have changed.

"First, a new Department of the Army (DA) child care policy requires facilities such as Kinderland to operate as a satellite of the CDC instead of an FCC program," he said.

"Secondly, Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools made changes in their Kindergaten. This opens up program spaces and now allows the CDC to care for hourly infants and toddlers. Furthermore, DA is changing the way they are going to fund CDCs beginning in Fiscal Year 2003," Sanders added, saying this

"census-based" system will be used to allocate appropriated funding to CDCs based on the number of spaces (children) they have the capacity to care for. "In this regard, they have also relooked how many children can be put in the same square footage which means that even more children will be able to be cared for in FY 03". Beginning now, however, we have the ability to care for 14 additional infants and toddlers, a real important age group, and that is exciting."

This increased capacity at the CDC, now permits the hourly care for infants and toddlers who had been cared for in Kinderland.

Does this mean that Kinderland will be closed permanently?

"No!" said Sanders. Instead, Kinderland now becomes an important asset and a satellite of the CDC. As such, Kinderland gives the CDC additional capacity beyond its current location. Therefore, if the capacity at the CDC is exceeded, additional staff will be placed in Kinderland to care for the additional children as needed.

If you have a need for hourly child care or questions about Kinderland, call the New Beginnings Child Development Center at 533-5209.

# Grant to provide for new Student Support Services program

Cochise College

Plans to implement a Student Support Services Program that provides intensive support to high-risk Cochise College students will soon be realized, thanks to an \$800,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE).

The College applied for the grant in September and is negotiating some details of the grant proposal with the DOE. The four-year pilot program will begin by the spring 2002 semester.

Selection of participants will focus on low-income, first-generation and disabled students. A Student Support Services Program office will conduct a needs assessment for each participant, evaluating family and work responsibili-

ties, study skills and learning styles, and career interests and abilities.

The assessment will help in developing a comprehensive Individual Education Plan (IEP) for each participant so that staff can monitor progress, identify problem areas, and provide benchmarks toward graduation and/or transfer to a four-year institution.

"If Cochise College can provide the instruction and support these students require to expand their vision, the foundation for transfer to four-year institutions will be in place," said Janet Martinez-Bernal, a languages instructor at the Douglas campus.

The Student Support Services Program will include a one-week Summer Transition Semi-

nar to acclimate students to the College environment and establish a foundation for a positive first-semester experience. The seminar will cover career exploration, a review of language skills, time management and study skills and the Internet.

Selecting participants will be a challenge. During the 1999-2000 academic year, the financial aid office identified a large percentage of Cochise College's more than 4,000 students as low-income. During spring 2000, more than half the student population was considered low-income and first-generation, according to the financial aid office, and eight percent were disabled.

"The individual problems encountered by

eligible students severely threaten the likelihood of success," said Bo Hall, interim dean of student services. "In combination, these problems prove overwhelming for many students."

The Student Support Services Program will help students reach their educational goals by providing regular cultural experiences; visits to four-year institutions; trips outside southeast Arizona; opportunities to learn and work with computers and the Internet; and assistance with basic skills like math, English, reading and writing.

Some goals of the program include boosting student retention, transferring participants to four-year institutions and improving student satisfaction

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