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Vacation Bible School

The Main Post Chapel is seeking volunteers to assist with Vacation Bible School, scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Aug. 10 at the chapel. This year's theme is "Moving On."

Vacation Bible School volunteers will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. tonight. Volunteers are needed to teach, play music, conduct arts and crafts and serve refreshments.

For more information, contact Donna Irsik at 459-4877 or Chaplain Houck at 533-8774.

OSJA closed Friday

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed 3-4:30 p.m. Friday for its annual mandatory training in professional conduct. For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer 3 Dennis Tyree at 533-2095.

OCS board convenes

The next installation Officer Candidate School Interview Board is scheduled to convene Aug. 15-17, in the Roadrunner Conference Room, Murr Community Center.

The deadline date for application to be received by the Adjutant General Directorate is Monday. All applications must be submitted in an original and three copies to the Personnel Operations Division, Building 41421 (ATTN: ATZS-AGO). Do not send applications through distribution.

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

USAIC&FH Org. Day

The annual U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Organization Day is scheduled from 6 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 10 on Warrior Field. The event is open to all USAIC&FH soldiers, civilians and family members.

The all-day event will include sporting events, military competition events, food booths and various children's activities.

For more information, contact your unit Organization Day point of contact.

Hall of Fame recognition

The Hall of Fame Recognition Ceremony is scheduled at 10 a.m. Aug. 13 in Fitch Auditorium, Alvarado Hall. Personnel who are being recognized should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. for accountability purposes.

Contact Capt. Jeanne Duran at duranj@hua.army.mil or at 533-1180 by close of business Aug. 9 to RSVP for this year's ceremony.

Water outage set

There will be a water outage from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

This outage is necessary in order to move a fire hydrant. Area affected will be Winrow Road (between Arizona and Lawton) to include 107-129AB Winrow.

Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth and trouble-free project and the Directorate of Installation Support appreciates your cooperation and patience during this project.

Flyers will be distributed to occupants to further notify them of this outage.

For more information, call Dyke Erickson at 533-2717.

CPAC closed

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today for the organization's annual picnic.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

The race is on

Aaron Newsome, 11 (right), and his partner, Brill Viza, 13, head for the finish line while John Corwin, 14, and his partner try to catch up. The youths were participating in a three-legged race during the 40th Signal Battalion's Organizational Day Friday at Garden Canyon on Fort Huachuca.

Army deserter returned to post

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

An Army deserter is back in military custody and has been returned to Fort Huachuca Tuesday morning to face court martial.

Pfc. John Daum of Company C, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, went absent without leave sometime around June 11.

He was facing charges for smuggling ketamine and marijuana across the border at Nogales April 21, and he went AWOL just prior to his court martial date.

Daum was dropped from military rolls 30 days after he went AWOL and was then registered as a deserter with the National Crime Infor-

mation Center database. Had he been stopped by police for any reason, the information about his deserter status would have come up on their computers.

Military police officials coordinated a sting operation with Portland, Ore., police to apprehend Daum. Daum was taken into police custody when he turned up at a Western Union office to pick up money he thought had been wired to him.

In addition to facing his original drug charges, Daum now faces additional charges for desertion.

A new court martial date has not yet been scheduled. Daum is being held at Cochise County jail pending his court martial.

Fort schools begin registration

FHAS release

Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools will hold student registration on Aug. 1-3 for all grades K-8.

All students (new and pre-registered) must register between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the appropriate school for their student(s) grade. There will be a special registration area set up for those parents who pre-registered in the spring.

Parents will need to pick-up the 2001-2002 School/Student Handbook, miscellaneous district information materials, free/reduced lunch applications, class and/or locker assignments, and update any information concerning emergency contacts, etc.

When registering new students, parents must supply a birth certificate, shot records and previous school records (or address to send for them). By Arizona law, those students whose immunizations are not up-to-date will not be allowed in school until verification is provided to the school nurse that these requirements have been met.

Registration will be as follows:

Myer & Johnston Schools	Smith Middle School
July 31 A-K	Aug. 1 A-K
Aug. 1 L-T	Aug. 2 L-T
Aug. 2 U-Z	Aug. 3 U-Z

Parents who missed their assigned registration time or were unable to make the assigned time should call the appropriate school for further instructions.

School starts on Aug. 16. If you are not sure which bus number your child rides, check with the school personnel during registration time, or call them.

School numbers are as follows:

Johnston Elementary School (Grades 1,2,3)	459-8798
Myer Elementary School (Grades K,4,5)	459-8986
Smith Middle School (Grades 6,7,8)	459-8892

Every Thursday is an "early release day" (including the first day of school) and schools are dismissed as follows:

Johnston School	1:15
Myer School	1:30
Kindergarten	1:20
Smith School	1:45

(Editor's note: Don't miss The Fort Huachuca Scout Back to School insert in next week's newspaper.)

Rangers don tan beret

By Bridgett Siter
Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — A select group of veterans, representing rangers from every major conflict since World War II, were issued tan berets, July 26 at Fort Benning, Ga., in a private ceremony designed to usher in the "donning" of a new age.

Shortly afterward the 75th Ranger Regiment followed suit.

"The black beret has been the most visible symbol of rangers in the 20th century. ... (Now) the tan beret will become the most visible symbol of the rangers who will serve our nation in the 21st century," said Lt. Col. Marcus DeOliveira, the outgoing regimental adjutant.

DeOliveira said the tan beret "reinvigorates the historical and spiritual linkage throughout the history of the American ranger.

"It's the color of the buckskin uniform of Roger's Rangers, the genesis of the ranger lineage. It's reminiscent of the sandy beaches of the European theater. It represents the khaki worn during the Korean and Vietnam eras, and the color of the sands of Grenada, Panama, Iraq and Mogadishu," DeOliveira said. "Tan is the universal color that transcends all ranger operations."

Col. Ken Keen, outgoing commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment, presented a tan beret to retired Maj. Gen. Pete Spragins, the first ranger to authorize the black beret to a ranger unit, as the commander of the 10th Airborne Ranger Company in 1951.

"I'll tell you, when I heard about this decision, I didn't like it. But it's what you do that establishes your reputation, not what you wear on your head. Now it doesn't bother me a bit," said Spragins, the very first to don the tan beret.

But by and large, rangers echoed Spragins' sentiment in the hours following the veterans' ceremony, as the regiment and the Ranger Training Brigade conducted their own "beret" ceremonies.

"It's been said that the headgear doesn't make the ranger. It's what we do on a day-to-day basis that makes us different," said Staff Sgt. Osvaldo Martinez, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 4th Ranger Training Brigade. Col. Hazen Baron, Ranger Training Brigade commander, explained the purpose of the beret

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Courtesy photo

The Disabled American Veteran van program provides free transportation to the Veterans Administration clinic in Tucson.

DAV van takes vets to clinic appointments

By Megan Acord
Scout Intern

The Disabled American Veteran van program is one of the largest programs in the Veterans Administration.

It's a charitable organization that steps in to help a community need created upon the withdrawal of a federal program—in this case termination of funds to help many vets pay for transportation to VA facilities.

The program here is designed to help disabled vets receive medical attention by providing transportation for free to the VA clinic in Tucson.

Due to a shortage of volunteers, drivers are needed. To qualify you must be 21 years old or older, complete a free background check and physical by the VA, and be insurable. For more information on volunteering for DAV, call 533-2377.

Lifelong Learning

Retired veterans continue to serve

By Tara McNealy
ACAP

It has been said that if you give a man a fish, then he will eat for a day. But if you teach the same man to fish, then he will eat for a lifetime. The essence of a teacher has never been more fully captured in any other capacity.

Imagine a world in which there were no teachers, where young children did not have someone to educate them in the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Worse yet, imagine that they did not have role models outside of their home who could set the right example on a daily basis.

The importance of the teacher has never been doubted, yet our education system continues to need more educators every year; a need that has largely been left unfilled.

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a great teacher? Would it surprise you to know that the same qualities a great soldier demonstrates on a daily basis are the same qualities the educational systems want in its teacher population? The fact is America's Schools need our Veterans' experience, dedication, and leadership.

The qualities that every great soldier takes for granted are the same qualities that today's teachers need. As a soldier, you have a huge amount of training experience and unique instructional techniques that can make a great impact on our nation's greatest resources — our children.

Have you ever wondered what kind of role model you would set for today's children, how well you could teach them, or the continued contribution you can make to society as a teacher?

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ACAP

There are currently twenty national and state placement offices that specialize in placing veterans as educators. These positions need dedicated, mature, and experienced professionals who will not only teach our children, but will serve as effective role models. Better yet, there are unique Troops to Teachers programs that allow for alternative certification requirements that can give credit for specialized military training that the civilian community is not afforded.

Did you know that since 1994, over 3,000 former military

personnel have successfully transitioned to positions as educators across the U.S.? Their continued service to their country has allowed them to collectively impact the lives of approximately 90,000 children a year. These veterans have improved America's educational system, served as leaders for America's most precious resource, and have volunteered their wide range of experience and unique background to the national cause of setting the nation's children on a course for continued success.

They have entered the ranks of educators for all the right reasons and have continued to pursue a lifetime of selfless service and dedication to a higher cause.

As mentors to the future, veteran educators continue to make a lasting impression on America, while knowing that their service to their country does not need to end after they have taken their uniform off.

If you are separating from the military and are interested in continuing to serve your country, the ACAP Center is sponsoring a Troops To Teachers briefing on Aug. 15 from 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 533-5764 or visit www.voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/.

Fort library holds 'best selling' titles

Library release

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library has the following holdings featured on The New York Times' Best Seller list available.

Fiction

"P" is for Peril
A Painted House
On the Street Where You Live
Back When We Were Grownups

Nonfiction

Ghost Soldiers
An Album of Memories
Napalm & Silly Putty
Seabiscuit
In Harm's Way
Tuesdays with Morrie
Founding Brothers
Stolen Lives

Commentary

Army spouses stronger than book portrays

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A book written by the wife of a retired officer has been receiving a lot of attention for depicting junior enlisted spouses as low-class women unable to pursue their dreams because of multiple pregnancies or lack of motivation.

Margaret Harrell, the author of "Invisible Women: Junior Enlisted Army Wives" featured the lives of three young spouses who have had to sacrifice their happiness in order to support their husbands' Army career.

First there is 20-year-old Dana, who got married after completing one semester of college, and early in her marriage she had two unplanned pregnancies. Her family is financially unstable, and their first car was repossessed. Family support groups have been no help because she feels isolated from the other enlisted spouses because of her age. And she feels the officers' wives look down on her because her husband is only a private first class.

Then there is 16-year-old Jennifer, who had to not only deal with leaving her family behind but raising an infant. When she arrived at her husband's first duty station, no one told her about the Lending Closet, so they slept on the floor and she spent her days sitting inside an empty apartment.

Friends and the unit's family support group have helped Jennifer adapt to the military community, and she said that the Army has given them a better quality of life than they could

have had in their hometown.

The final subject in the book is Toni. She's a 33-year-old native of New York with an associate's degree. When her husband enlisted as a heavy-wheel mechanic, she went from making \$19 an hour as a paralegal in New York to making minimum wage at a laundromat. At one point she looked forward to not working for a while. However, her husband, who was due to get promoted to specialist, was demoted to E-2 after failing to show up for formation on time. Therefore, she had no choice but to continue her minimum-wage job.

Toni's type-A personality led her to befriend spouses of all ranks, and she eventually became the unit's family support group leader. She said that as long as her husband is

happy, then she's happy.

People who have been in the military for a while know that their stories aren't isolated cases, which is the reason programs such as Army Family Team Building, Army Emergency Relief and Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance exist.

The Army is representative of its nation, and not everyone has the fortitude to endure the hardships of moving, deployments and sometimes financial constraints. For the spouses who are taking care of their households, going to school or pursuing a career, the best way to dispel the book's viewpoint is to be proud of accomplishments and share experiences with others.

The spouse who seeks all the benefits the Army has to offer makes the best mentor for the younger more timid spouse. I'm not talking about the first sergeant's wife, but the feisty 24-year-old who is taking advantage of a dental assistant program she read about in the post newspaper.

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

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Hide, go seek

FTC explains how to find disclosures in 'free' Internet service offers

FTC release

WASHINGTON — You've probably seen the ads for "free" Internet service trial periods. Maybe you've even received a CD-ROM in the mail that promises hundreds of hours of free Internet service.

If you're in the market for Internet service, the Federal Trade Commission wants you to know that some "free" offers may end up being high cost, long-term items. That's because important restrictions and conditions on these offers are not always disclosed clearly or conspicuously.

Most offers for "free" Internet service are valid for only one month. At the end of the "free" month, many providers automatically sign you up for their service, unless you cancel at the end of the free month. Unfortunately, you may not know that you have to cancel because some service providers hide this information — or don't tell you how to cancel should you want to.

Costs add up in other ways, too. For example, if you sign up for service and the Internet service provider doesn't offer a local phone number for you to dial in to, you'll have to pay long distance telephone charges to access the Internet. Some ISPs offer a "toll free" (800,888 or 877) number to connect to the Internet. The FTC has found that some consumers have been charged five or six dollars an hour to use a "toll free" number.

FTC officials caution consumers to ask the ISP some key questions about their service and related conditions before using any "free" offers.

— Does the free access to the Internet last longer than one month? Offers for advertised 500 free hours of Internet service in one month would require you to be online for more than 16 hours a day to use all the free hours in a month.

— When does the one month of free service start? When you sign up? When you start using the service?

— Does the ISP automatically subscribe you to their service at the end of the free trial period? Do you have to cancel before the end of the free trial period to avoid being charged for service?

— How do you cancel service? Can you cancel online or by calling the service provider's phone number?

— Is there a local phone number for you to use to access the Internet? When you get the number to dial from the ISP, ask your local phone company if it's a local or long distance number. Make sure the back-up phone number you choose is local, too. If you have to call long distance for Internet service, chances are you will rack up big charges.

— If you sign up for service, are you committing to paying for the service for a year? Longer? Some ISPs require you to agree to pay for their service for at least one year and may

charge a fee to cancel the service before your subscription has ended.

— If you sign up for service, when are you billed each month? If you decide to cancel service, you may want to do so before your billing date so you don't incur a monthly charge for service you don't plan to use. Remember that ISPs bill you before you use the service.

— If you cancel your service, does the ISP send you a notice? Get verification (e.g. cancellation number, email or letter) that your account has been canceled and check your next credit card statement to make sure you aren't still being billed by the ISP.

If you think you've been misled about an offer of free Internet service, contact the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC works for the consumer to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop and avoid them.

To file a complaint, or to get free information on any of 150 consumer topics, call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357), or use the complaint form at www.ftc.gov.

The FTC enters Internet, telemarketing, identity theft and other fraud-related complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the United States and abroad.

SCEP: opening doors to students

By Megan Acord
Scout Intern

Looking for a career opportunity in the computer science field that will give you the experience and knowledge to succeed while you go to college? Would you like to work for the U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command? Then the Student Career Experience Program is for you.

ISEC has a recruitment plan to hire computer and electronic engineers and computer scientists. These career fields make up 80 percent of ISEC's workforce.

A student may be appointed to any position that leads to qualifications in a two-grade interval that provides an opportunity for the student's growth and development.

These are the program's standards: GS-2 — High School diploma or equivalent; GS-3 — completion of one academic year of post-high school study; GS-4 — completion of two academic years of post-high school study or an associates degree.

There are two ways to apply for a position: by submitting an application through the West Civilian Personnel Operations Center website and clicking on "How to apply for SCEP." Otherwise, apply through career guidance counselors at Cochise College.

Entry level is based on education and experience. College students will work as trainees developing and testing software and databases, performing installation and setup of software/hardware in office and test environments, and writing documentation.

Students might be expected to participate in training programs that will include studying regulations and standards, and on-the-job developmental assignments.

The student benefits from the SCEP by gaining real-world experience. David LaClair, a 2.5-year veteran, gained experience by doing security work on product evaluations as a member of the Technology Integration Center.

"I don't think you can get this type of experience in the private sector," he said about benefiting from the SCEP program versus private industry.

"In private industry all of the work that is done is geared toward one specific application, whereas in the SCEP program I am given the opportunity to apply my skills to many diverse applications."

The government benefits by training students in a career field of their interest that may eventually lead to a government job. The self-paced program lasts until one receives his or her bachelor's degree in computer science or computer engineering.

Upon completion of all requirements for a bachelor's degree in an appropriate field, student trainees may be reassigned or promoted to GS-5 or GS-7 if they meet all qualification requirements.

Students will either enter the intermediate level of Engineering and Scientist Career Intern Program or will serve on developmental teams performing evaluation and configuration management of a prototype.

With today's fast-paced world and a program like the SCEP it can be one of the many career opportunities that open doors for anyone interested in Computer Science or Computer Engineering field.

For more information about this organization, check out the website at www.hqisec.army.mil or call Peter Criscuolo at 533-1778.

County's largest department divides duties

CCHSS release

Upon approval of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors, one of its largest departments, Cochise County Health & Social Services, has become two departments.

Effective July 1, the CHSS became Cochise County Health Department and Cochise Aging & Social Service Department.

The Cochise County Health Department consists of services traditionally associated with health departments: environmental health; nursing and community health; nutrition and health promotion; and prevention services/Project B.U.T.T.

Cochise Aging & Social Services includes: Cochise Health Systems; the public fiduciary; medical assistance; the Area Agency on Ag-

ing program; and Cochise County Housing Authority. There will be no changes in the provision of health or direct and social services.

The main offices of both departments will remain at Building A, 1415 W. Melody Lane, Bisbee.

However, Cochise Health Systems and the public fiduciary have special mailing addresses: Cochise Health Systems, P.O. Box 4249, Bisbee, AZ 85603; Public Fiduciary, P.O. Box 4279, Bisbee, AZ 85603.

Phone numbers are: Cochise County Health Department, 432-9472; Cochise Health Systems, 432-9481; public fiduciary, 432-9407; medical assistance, 432-9443; Area Agency on Aging, 432-9680; and Cochise County Housing Authority, 432-9460.

Kudo Korner

TRADOC honors fort counselor

The Training and Doctrine Command recently recognized Cynthia Wright as its Outstanding Collateral Duty Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor.

Wright has been a collateral duty EEO counselor for 12 years and said she always knew this is what she wanted to do.

"It's the feeling you get — working to see the wrongs righted," Wright said.

As a Department of Army certified EEO counselor and mediator, is currently working as an EEO assistant in the EEO Office. Her long-



Cynthia Wright

term goal is to become an EEO specialist.

"She has set an exemplary standard for counselors because of her knowledge of the process and skill in bring the parties to resolution," said Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

A few months ago, Wright traveled to Fort Leavenworth, Kan. to counsel a high-profile complaint. During the informal counseling, she was able to reach a resolution for the matter.

As a result, she received letters of appreciation from both the EEO officer and the complainant thanking her for her innovative strategies.

Wright has also been recognized for her efforts as manager of the Hispanic Emphasis Program.

"She's valuable," said Efrén Medrano, EEO Officer.

ISEC to change command Friday

USAISEC release

The U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command will officially change command during a ceremony Friday at 8 a.m. in front of Greely Hall. Col. John C. Deal will relinquish command to Col. Mary Beth Shively.

Outgoing commander

Deal, a native of Chester, South Carolina, graduated from the University of Alaska with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Signal Corps in 1973 under the Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

His professional military training includes the Signal Officer Basic and Advance Courses; Airborne, Ranger and Air Assault Courses; Telecommunications Systems Staff Officer Course; and the Naval Command and Staff College.

He served as a Senior Service College Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh in 1993 and 1994, and was selected and participated in a senior level fellowship as a member of the Secretary of Defense Strategic Studies Group in 1996 and 1997.

Deal holds a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Salve Regina University.

He has performed extensive graduate work in large-scale information systems at George Mason University since 1995.

Prior to his assignment to USAISEC, Deal served as the Deputy Director for Standards and Interoperability and, later, as the Executive Officer, Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (ODISC4) and Army CIO, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Other assignments included command of the 59th Signal Battalion at Fort Richardson, Alaska; Executive Officer of the 6th Signal Battalion, 6th Infantry Division (Light), Alaska; Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York; Operations and Intelligence Officer, 39th Signal Battalion, Germany; Commander, 581st Signal Company, 39th Signal Battalion, Germany; and various positions as a platoon leader and staff officer in the 13th Signal Battalion, First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Deal resides on Fort Huachuca with his wife, Gerrie, and son, Sean, a 1999 graduate of Tombstone High School.

His hobbies include rock climbing and exploring historic Fort Huachuca by horseback.

Incoming commander

Shively was born at Fort McClellan, Alabama in 1956, the daughter of an Army Ordnance Officer. After graduating from the University of Richmond in 1977, she

attended the Signal Officer Basic Course and Airborne School before reporting to her first duty assignment in the 472d Signal Company, 2d Support Command at Stuttgart, Germany.

At Nelligen Barracks, Shively served as an HF and ComCenter Platoon leader in the 472d Signal Company.

When the 93d Signal Brigade was activated, she was transferred to the 34th Signal Battalion.

While assigned to the 34th Signal Battalion, 93d Signal Brigade, Shively served as the Battalion Maintenance Officer, C Company Executive Officer, S-4, and Commander, A Company. She then became the Signal Officer for the 7th Engineer Brigade.

Following attendance at the Signal Officer Advanced Course, she was assigned to the DCSOPS, United States Army Communications Command, Fort Huachuca.

In 1985, Shively assumed command of the 209th Signal Company (TACSAT) from her husband. After completion of command, she became the S-3, 40th Signal Battalion.

In 1988, Shively was assigned to the 3d Infantry Division, Würzburg, Germany where she served as the Division Force Modernization Branch Chief and Assistant Division Signal Officer. After attending Command and General Staff College, she returned to Fort Huachuca as the Secretary of the General Staff for the United States Army Information Systems Command.

She then served for two years as the 11th Signal Brigade S-3, followed by an assignment as the Current Operations Division Chief, G-3, United States Army Signal Command.

Reassigned to Fort Gordon, Ga., Shively commanded the 67th Signal Battalion, 93d Signal Brigade for 26 months. Her husband, Col. Steve Shively, commanded the 447th Signal Battalion at the same time.

In August 1999, Shively was reassigned to Washington D.C. where she served as a Branch Chief and Division Chief in the On-Site Inspection Directorate, Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Most recently, Shively graduated from the National War College, Fort McNair, Virginia.

Shively holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Speech Communications and Theater Arts from the University of Richmond.

She also holds a Master of Science degree in Telecommunications Management from Golden Gate University and a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

Her husband is currently assigned as the Inspector General, United States Army Signal Command. They have one son, Christopher James, 22, who attends Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.



Col. Shively



Col. Deal

Chaplain Corps Celebrates 226th Birthday

Our task this morning is to remember and honor the lives of chaplain assistants and chaplains serving our soldiers

Chap. Ira Houck

By Chap. (Maj.) Ira Houck
111th MI Bde Chaplain

The Installation Unit Ministry Teams, comprising the members of all unit chaplains and chaplain assistants on Fort Huachuca celebrated the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps 226th anniversary July 24 with ceremonies held at the Fort Huachuca Cemetery.

The day began with a memorial service at the grave of Chaplain (Col.) Louis Augustus Carter, a revered chaplain who served soldiers in the Army from 1910 to 1940 to include the 25th Infantry Regiment, and the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments at Fort Huachuca.

"Our task this morning is to remember and honor the lives of chaplain assistants and chaplains serving our soldiers," said Chaplain Ira Houck who led the ceremony. "Around us stand the graves of three chaplains and chaplain assistants. If we could go to any war cemetery, we would find that Ministry Team members died in the line of duty. And many served, as you do, faithfully and vigilantly through all kinds of weather and quietly suffered for and with soldiers. They demonstrated a ministry of presence to remind soldiers of God's presence," said Houck.



Courtesy photo

Pfc. Derrick Wilson, Chaplain Assistant with the 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, lays flowers on the grave of a chaplain buried at the Fort Huachuca Military Cemetery, during ceremonies to honor the 226th Anniversary of the Chaplains Corps.

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Sgt. 1st Class Andrew J. Buniack

The ceremony included reading scripture, singing and a prayer for chaplain and chaplain assistants. Before departing the cemetery, the Installation Staff Chaplain Juan T. Loya said, "We selected the historic graves of three Ministry Team members who faithfully served at this post to highlight the significance of soldier ministry and remind ourselves that others walked this path before us. For a few moments we want to look back to the noble successes of our Army Chaplain Corps.

"By looking back at these reference points, the legacy of those who have gone before us during these 226 years, I believe we can make our way into the future and serve our soldiers with the same selfless service," he said.

The Installation Noncommissioned Officer in Charge/Chaplain Assistant Sgt. 1st. Class Andrew J. Buniack, also spoke.

"Throughout the history of our nation, the Army Chaplaincy has dedicated itself to enriching our soldiers' spiritual lives and ensuring the free exercise of religion," Buniack said. "Many chaplains and chaplains assistants have demonstrated their love for their fellow soldiers

by risking their lives so that their comrades might live.

"We must never forget," he continued, "that patriotic service costs somebody something and Ministry Teams deploy with soldiers, train with soldiers and stand with soldiers. We must always be ready to respond to the call of service to God and country. When our country calls us we will go. We will go and provide for the spiritual needs of our soldiers," Buniack said.

Three chaplain assistants laid a wreath at the graves of the three Ministry Team members buried in the Fort Huachuca Cemetery. The assemblage of chaplains, chaplain assistants and guests then moved to Garden Canyon to listen to a historical account of the Chaplaincy given by Chaplain Scott Daniel of the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion. Daniel composed a booklet for everyone's review. In his briefing Daniel told the group about the courage, commitment and legacy of Ministry Teams serving in the Army.

"Today we celebrate our Ministry Team heritage, remembering that 23 chaplains died in wars," he said. "Two Chaplains received the Medal of Honor and Cpl. Calvin Titus, a chaplain assistant, received the Medal of Honor in the Boxer Rebellion of 1900."

Daniel explained that over the years, the number of chaplains in the Army has fluctuated from 34 prior to the Spanish-American War in 1898, to more than 8,000 during World War II and more than 1,600 chaplains during

the Korean War period. More than 560 Army chaplains and 530 chaplain assistants served in Southwest Asia during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Today about 1,200 chaplains serve on active duty and nearly 1,200 more in the Reserve Components, representing five major faith groups and over 120 denominations.

"Besides celebrating the birthday of the Chaplain Corps, the day is also a time for chaplains to rededicate and commit themselves to serving soldiers and family members throughout the world," Chaplain (Col.) John Barbee, the Army Signal Command chaplain said.

"This day helps us to be reminded of the values for which our Corps is all about," Loya said. "It reminds us of the values of the institution that we serve - the great Army that we serve. It reminds us of the great sacrifices that soldiers have made throughout the years in order to keep our nation free, and to do all the things that we call upon our young people to do in serving and to keep the freedoms for the world."

One chaplain family member said, "It means a lot to us to give homage and respect and honor to the chaplains and chaplain assistants who provided ministry to all of our soldiers throughout the military," and we are proud to be a part of this effort.

Pfc. Derrick Wilson, the 305th MI Bn. chaplain assistant, added, "it is important for me as a chaplain's assistant to celebrate this anniversary every year." "This makes us all realize

and remember what they, the chaplains and their assistants, gave to our soldiers. It also helps me to remember not to take it for granted."

"It's important for us to provide ministry everywhere," added Chaplain Montez Kaufman of the 40th Signal Battalion. "Likewise, it is important for the world to know that we in America have freedom of religion - that our soldiers out on the battlefield can have a ready chaplain there at their disposal to provide religious ministry to them, when and wherever it's needed."

After the ceremony, Chaplain Gary Dale, the Family Life chaplain, spoke about the awe he feels whenever he visits cemeteries and sees the graves of chaplains buried there who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"I'm inspired by their sacrifices," he said. "I recognize the gifted people they were and their willingness to serve and ultimately give their lives in service for their country and so it becomes an inspiration to me, and I'm humbled to be part of that whole heritage."

Wilson said he gets chills whenever he visits the cemeteries and is reminded of all the things the people buried there have done. "If you don't get a chill thinking about the sacrifices our soldiers make, I don't think you're an American," he said. "I just don't think you're an American if you don't get moved by all the respect and honor that many give to our nation - it just motivates me to want to spread God's word."

Safety policy on bicycle, jogging and running revisited

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

More and more people on post are bicycling and jogging to improve their health and fitness. But at the same time, some of these individuals are placing themselves in harms way by not following basic safety rules spelled out in Fort Huachuca's Policy Letter on bicycling, jogging and running.

Anyone who rides a bicycle, runs or jogs on Fort Huachuca must comply with the following safety rules and guidelines.

Bicyclist

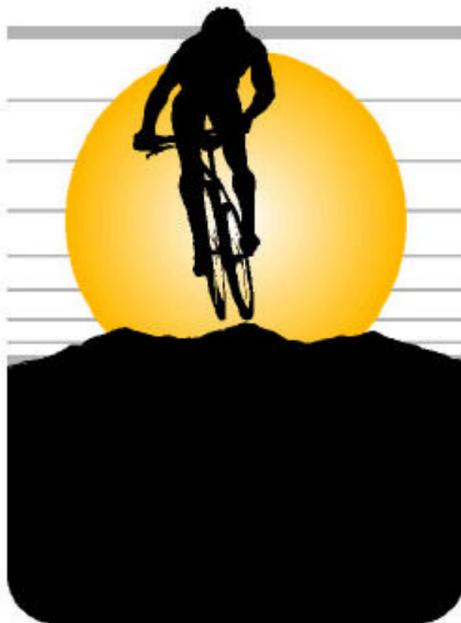
Bicyclists must wear a bicycle helmet approved by the American National Standards Institute or Snell Foundation Safety Standards, when cycling on the installation. Bicycles ridden after sunset, before dawn or when visibility is below 500 feet will be equipped with a functioning white light in front and a red reflector not less than 2 square inches in back.

Bicyclists must give pedestrians the right of way when riding on sidewalks or in pedestrian areas. Bicyclists will give ample warning to pedestrians when approaching from the rear. Use of a horn or bell is required.

Bicyclists will not carry items or passengers that interfere with control or safe operation of the bicycle.

Joggers and Runners

Joggers and individual runners will run on sidewalks or running tracks and paths, when available. They must run on the shoulder of the roads, to the extreme left side facing traffic, when sidewalks are not available. The following roads and areas not approved for jogging or running: Allison Road, Winrow Ave., Squire Ave., Hatfield Road, any road posted with a speed limit above 30 mph not designated as a routine PT route except with advance permission from Provost Marshal, and the Post Cemetery.



There have been complaints about some runners not wearing the required reflective material during periods of limited visibility. All runners must wear reflective bands, vest or strobe

lights when visibility is below 500 feet. For example, overcast days, fog, rain, 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise. The reflective band or vest must have at least 8 square inches of reflective surface on each side.

Individuals will not jog, run, or ride a bicycle in the center of traffic lanes. Nor will they be permitted to wear headphones or earphone while operating a bicycle, running or jogging.

Formations and unit runners

Soldiers participating in unit formations or runs will use road guards as required by TRADOC Regulation 385-2. Traffic and column guards will be equipped with reflective vests and cone flashlights during hours of reduced visibility.

Running formations are prohibited in the family housing areas. Unit personnel will be designated for straggler control, to assist individuals that become ill, injured or fall behind the main formation. Straggler control personnel will be equipped with reflective vests and other equipment the same as road guards.

Formations running on roads will only use approved routes at approved times of day. Approvals will be obtained from Military Police operations section. It should be noted that there are soldiers who must run after 3 p.m. daily because they are in a nighttime training cycle.

Responsibilities

The Garrison Commander may suspend bicycle riding privileges of personnel who are found in violation of this policy. Joggers and runners may face administrative discipline for violations of established policy. Company Commanders and equivalent civilian supervisors are responsible for ensuring all personnel receive instructions on this policy.

The Provost Marshal will assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this policy. Sponsors are responsible for ensuring that family members comply with this policy.

Medical Activity Command

Col. Coffman assumes command of fort MEDDAC

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

In a historic, and at times emotional, change of command ceremony on Brown Parade Field, Col. Ronald Jones relinquished command of the fort Medical Activity Command.

The ceremony July 26 introduced MEDDAC to its new commander, Col. Lydia Coffman.

Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini, commanding general, Great Plains Regional Medical Command, honored outgoing commander Jones with recollections of times spent working together.

"I could tell during his residency that he was going to be a leader," Perugini said. "And he continued his practice of being a leader throughout his career."

As Perugini recapped Jones' career and his quality of care initiatives established at Fort Huachuca, he touched on the positive changes Jones has made in medical access.

"It was about bringing a desert flower into bloom," Jones said. The reengineering of MEDDAC and implementation of quality initiatives have resulted in positive performance scores on Department of Defense surveys.

Turning his remarks to Coffman, Perugini told the audience "you have received an outstanding command team in [Coffman and her husband James]."

Members of B Troop, 4th Cavalry (Memorial) presented the traditional flowers to the outgoing commander's wife, Wendy Jones, and Coffman's mother, Yvonne Manuel. They also presented Coffman's husband, James with a MEDDAC T-shirt and coin to welcome him as part of the command team.

"This is where I gained confidence as an officer and a leader," Coffman said. "My intention is to follow in the footsteps of Colonel Jones with the highest quality of care possible in support of the Army mission."

"I believe in [the Army] values and that's the way we'll do business," she added.

Coffman was born in Beeville, Texas, and spent her childhood in the Rio Grande Valley. She graduated from high school in Houston, Texas. Her undergraduate degree is from Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her MD degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.

Following an internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, La. she was assigned on-the-job training in Orthopedics at Fort Knox, Ky., with a subsequent residency in Orthopedics at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Coffman's assignments following completion of her residency include Chief of Orthopedics at Raymond W. Bliss Army Community Hospital, Fort Huachuca; Deputy Commander, Medical Element, Joint Task Force Bravo; Orthopedic Staff, 121st Evacuation Hospital, Korea; Deputy Commander for Clinical



Photos by Angela Moncur

Outgoing Medical Activity Command Commander, Col. Ronald Jones (center), and his wife Wendy (right) bid several emotional farewells to comrades and family friends after the MEDDAC change of command ceremony July 26.

Services, Bassett Army Community Hospital; Clinical Commander, US Army Health Clinic, Fort McPherson, Ga.; Commander, 21st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas; and Assistant Professor, Military and Emergency Medicine, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md. She holds a medical license in Louisiana and is board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Coffman is a graduate of the AMEDD Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

Coffman's decorations include the Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Army Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.



Col. Lydia A. Coffman prepares for the passing of the MEDDAC guidon.



B Troop presents Coffman's mother, Yvonne Manuel, with a welcome bouquet.

Pets of the Week



"**Tigress**" is a female, brown tabby domestic shorthaired cat. She is missing one eye, but this doesn't slow her down at all! Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, feline leukemia test, all vaccinations, a microchip and deworming.

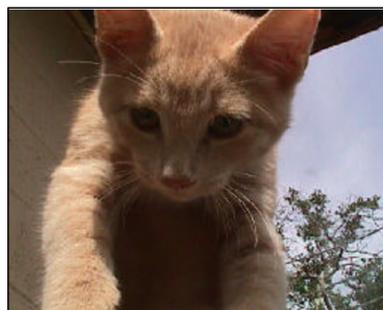


VTF photos

"**Shadow**" is a seven month-old male black and rust-colored hound dog mix. He is housebroken and good with kids. His adoption fee is \$32, which includes a neuter, heartworm test, all vaccinations, a microchip and deworming.



"**Sadie**" is a 1.5 year-old spayed female yellow greyhound mix. She is housebroken, good with kids, and very fast! Her adoption fee is \$17, which includes a heartworm test, all vaccinations, a microchip and deworming.



"**Zeus**" is a 10 week-old male orange tabby domestic shorthaired kitten. He is very feisty and loves to play. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, feline leukemia test, vaccinations, a microchip and deworming.

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

DoD tightens blood donor safety criteria

By Harry Noyes
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — To reduce further the risk of spreading "mad-cow disease" by way of blood transfusions, the Department of Defense is tightening its restrictions on blood donations by personnel who have lived in Europe for extended periods during the past two decades.

The stringent rules will cut the active-duty donor pool by 18 percent and civilian donors by about 5 percent. However, DoD can continue collecting the 105,000 units of blood that it needs annually by stepping up recruitment of donors to replace the 18 percent loss, according to officials in the Armed Services Blood Program Office.

This can only be done by increasing command support, hiring additional blood-collection personnel, integrating DoD and service blood assets, and optimizing collection sites by putting them at large installations and training bases.

The new donor restrictions, which are called deferral criteria, will be implemented by mid September. They are in line with tightened U.S. Food and Drug Administration guidelines, said Lt. Cmdr. Rebecca Sparks, deputy director of the Armed Services Blood Program Office.

Under the new rules, DoD-affiliated personnel — whether active-duty, civil-service employee or family member — will be barred from donating blood under any one of the following criteria:

(1) If, at any time from 1980 through the end of 1996, he traveled or resided in the United Kingdom for three months or more; or if, at any time from 1980 to the present, he received a blood transfusion in the U.K.

(2) If, at any time from 1980 through the end of 1996, he traveled or resided anywhere in Europe for six months or more.

(3) If, at any time from Jan. 1, 1997, to present, he traveled or resided anywhere in Europe for a five years or more.

The FDA criteria distinguish between Europe north of the Alps and south of it, applying the more stringent six-month rule only to the 1980-1990 period in northern Europe. Convinced that many DoD people might have trouble remembering temporary-duty and travel days in various countries,

DoD opted to apply the six-month rule to the whole 1980-1996 period in all parts of Europe, Sparks explained.

Both the FDA and DoD rules are less stringent than guidelines announced by the American Red Cross, which bar all donations from any person who has been in Europe for more than six months from 1980 to present.

The estimated difference in risk reduction between the two sets of criteria is very small. The FDA calculates that the new FDA criteria cut the risk of "mad-cow disease" by 91 percent. The Red Cross approach would improve the risks by 92 percent.

The actual risk is small, according to officials. In three countries that have suffered human cases, less than a hundred people have been infected out of 122 million.

Mad-cow disease is a popular term for a disease called Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy in cows and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in humans. It is a fatal, brain-wasting illness caused by run-amok proteins called prions.

The rare human cases apparently have all come from eating infected meat. None of the European victims caught the disease from blood transfusions, says Army Col. Mike Fitzpatrick, ASBPO director. He said there is no evidence that humans can get the disease that way.

However, animal testing suggests that there is a theoretical possibility of transmission via blood. Therefore, in view of the disease's devastating effects and the lack of any way to test blood for renegade prions, DoD and other health officials have opted to exercise extreme caution.

The only debate has been over how far to go in taking precautions — how to balance the remote risk of spreading mad-cow disease to a handful of unfortunate people against the much larger risk of a blood shortfall that could jeopardize thousands of lives.

DoD veterinary officials say the risk of mad-cow disease for DoD personnel is even lower than the tiny risk that Europeans face.

(Editor's note: Harry Noyes is the assistant editor at the Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Mercury.)

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Community Updates

Combat Engineer reunion

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

IEW Maintenance closed

The IEW Maintenance branch will be closed Friday due to a change of command. Normal hours will resume on Monday.

The branch will also be closed Aug. 10 for Organization Day and will resume normal hours on Aug. 13.

Range closures

Saturday	AW, T1 T1A, T2
Sunday	AW
Monday	AA, AD, AE, AG, AM, AN, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AA, AD, AE, AG, AK, AM, AN, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AA, AC, AD, AE, AG, AN, T1, T1A, T2
Aug. 9	AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AG, AN, T1, T1A, T2
Aug. 10	AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AG, AU, T1 T1A, T2
Aug. 11	AB, AG, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Aug. 12	AU

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

Mil. Council of Catholic Women

The Military Council of Catholic Women of Fort Huachuca will hold its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Friday. Rosary starts promptly at 9 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Daily Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. Catholic women are invited and child care will be provided, as well as refreshments, at the meeting. For information, call Diane Pulliam at 378-3660.

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.

Blue Cross rep visits

A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be at Fort Huachuca from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday in the Gila Room at Murr Community Center to answer your questions on benefits, claims, or enrollment. For more information, call Kathy Johnson or Eva Dixon, CPAC, at 533-5273 or 533-5735.

Friday Night Praise, Worship

Immanuel Lutheran Church will have its first Friday Night Praise and Worship Service at 7 p.m. Friday. The service will focus all attention on praising God. Not intended as a replacement for Immanuel's regularly scheduled service at 9 a.m., Sundays, this will be an extra time for all to participate in an hour of worship and praise. There will be lots of music, singing songs, readings from "The Message," a short Homily and prayers of thanksgiving. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. All are encouraged to attend.

Children need families

Devereux Arizona is holding an information-orientation meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Suite 11 of the Landmark Plaza. Come learn how to help a child and become a foster parent. RSVP to 458-2761.

Sprinklers prohibited on post

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.

Green to Gold briefing

An ROTC Scholarship information briefing is set for those active-duty enlisted who are considering becoming an officer. The briefing is from 11-11:45 a.m. Aug. 9 at the Buffalo Soldier Education and Training Center (Building 52104), Classroom 2. For information on eligibility requirements, call Capt. Dan Clark, enrollment officer, at 533-2390 or 533-3010.

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 counseling on Aug. 10, 20, 21 and 22. 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 is conducting several computer classes during the month of August. All classes start promptly at 9 a.m. and class size is limited to 14 students. It is mandatory to sign up for a class prior to attending. It is beneficial to sign up as early as possible, as classes fill up quickly. The classroom is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall (Building 22324) on Christy Avenue.

Classes schedule is as follows:

Today — Intermediate Excel 2000

Monday — Basic Database Structure and Design

Wednesday — Access 2000

Aug. 9 — Intermediate Access 2000

Aug. 10 — Advanced Access 2000

Aug. 13 — Word 2000

Aug. 14 — Form Flow

Aug. 16 — Power Point 2000

Aug. 20 — Creating Web pages with HTML

Aug. 22 — 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.

Conservation Committee to meet

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee will be 10-11:30 a.m., Aug. 15 in the Holland Room, Riley Barracks, Building 51005.

The meeting will provide updates on several local natural resources and conservation programs including current activities on Fort Huachuca, the Upper San Pedro Partnership, City of Sierra Vista Recharge Project, the Fort Huachuca Effluent Recharge Project and Bureau of Land Management SPRNCA activities. The program for this meeting will be a presentation on Gould's Turkey Management in Southeastern Arizona, presented by Brian Wakeling of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. For information, call Robert Bridges at 533-1863.

Labor Day flea market

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club invites its regular vendors, military and civilians of the community to set and 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 will 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 more information, call Laroy Hinzman, flea market chairman, at 378-1399.

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.

FHOCSC membership drive

The Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club is having a welcome and signup coffee for membership 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Lakeside. To have your organization represented, call Trish Crider at 452-8103 or Kristal Olmstead at 378-9611.

POW/MIA walkathon date change

The 2001 POW/MIA Walkathon has been rescheduled for 6 a.m. Sept. 19 on Chaffee Parade Field here. Everyone is invited to attend. Organized participants such as teams, groups, offices, activities, organizations and units must notify the Installation Operations G3 Office of their intent to participate by Monday. Individual participants are not required to notify the Installation Operations G3 Office.

For information, call Robert Bass Jr. at 533-2293 or Sgt. 1st Class Zella English at 533-2294.

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>.

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 accommodate unit requirements, one course will be held each quarter by Raymond

W. Bliss Army Health Center. Each course will have 20 slots.

Request for slots should be sent to Staff Sgt. Daniel Traver, METS Division, at 533-3727 or fax to 533-2704. Request should include soldiers standard name line and unit point of contact and be sent six weeks prior to start date.

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

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.

POW/MIA prayer luncheon

The Chaplains Activities Office hosts the 2001 POW/MIA Recognition Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 19 at LaHacienda to honor POW/MIAs. Tickets are available from unit command sergeants major.

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 meal, keepsake, entertainment and dancing to the Richard Bray Orchestra. For reservations call 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.

Passport procedure slowdown

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

The agency is converting to the new photo-digitization process and will be getting the new equipment next month.

Anyone scheduled for temporary duty or permanent change of station to locations where passports are required should process immediately.

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

Federal jobs workshop

The next federal jobs workshop is from 8-10 a.m. Aug. 17 at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420 here. These provide information on how to find out where jobs are, how to apply for a federal job, employment benefits, 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 how to understand the RESUMIX process of applying for a job here. Future workshops are scheduled Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

Check LES online

Electronic Leave and Earnings Statements are officially available for active duty soldiers via the Employee/Member Self Service Internet site (<http://emss.dfas.mil>). For more information, call Nina Sanchez at 533-2011.

Clinic hours change

The Consolidated Soldier Care Clinic hours are now 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The Consolidated Soldier Care Clinic serves permanent party, active-duty soldiers.

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Army Chief of Staff targets suicides

DA Information Service

Soldier suicides are on the rise. And in hopes of rallying his troops to confront this sensitive issue, the Army chief of staff has issued an unusually public call for commanders to take the offensive.

"We have a serious problem with suicides," Gen. Eric K. Shinseki wrote in a message published in the latest issue of *Soldiers*, an Army magazine. The matter is urgent, he said. "We must take better care of our people."

Official statistics do not indicate any increase in suicides for the military as a whole, although the Army says its suicide rate has gone up in the past two years, to one of the highest levels since the 1970s.

In the first five days of 2000, the Army had four suspected suicides, Shinseki said.

The Army is taking steps to "fine tune" its approach to suicide prevention, said Lt. Col. Glen Bloomstrom, the family ministry officer for the Army chief of chaplains. Shinseki's plea is part of that new push, he said in an interview.

The Army last year had 65 confirmed suicides and 12 deaths suspected to be suicides, a rate of 15.5 suicides per 100,000 soldiers. That rate climbed for the second year in a row and is the highest among the services.

The Marine Corps last year had a rate of 15 suicides per 100,000 service members, the Navy's was 11, and the Air Force was at 5.6.

The actual number of military suicides may not seem large, considering that the active-duty force now stands at 1.3 million. But suicides over the past 10 years have been the second-leading cause of death, after accidents.

Although official statistics on suicides among the general U.S. population are not directly comparable to the military, the

civilian suicide rate for white males in their twenties—the predominant group in the military—was about 24 per 100,000 in 1997.

A Pentagon-sponsored study in 1997, triggered by the suicide of the Navy's Adm. Jeremy M. "Mike" Boorda in May 1996, said it was not clear whether life in the military carries unique risks of suicide.

On the other hand, some aspects of the military culture may inhibit some who need help from seeking it, according to John F. Mazzuchi, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical policy.

"The military is a macho institution," he said. "There is the perception that if I let them know I'm weak they won't want me around."

It is that stigma that the Army hopes to eliminate, following an approach taken by the Air Force in recent years. The Air Force has put extra emphasis on encouraging suicide-prone people to seek help and on creating a "buddy" system in which co-workers who identify danger signs in a colleague refer that individual for counseling.

The Air Force alone among the services has managed to significantly lower its suicide rate, which stood at 15.2 per 100,000 service member in 1996. Mazzuchi and others say it is not clear, however, what accounts for that success.

Statistically, the typical military suicide is committed by a white male in the upper levels of the enlisted ranks. Frequently, the person has suffered a recent breakup of a marriage or other close relationship, and often alcohol or financial problems are involved, Mazzuchi said.

Among the military occupations at highest risk for suicide: Army infantryman, Marine small-arms technician, Navy seamen recruit, and law enforcement specialists in all services.

Myths and Facts about suicide

Myth: The tendency toward suicide is inherited.
Fact: Suicide has no characteristic or genetic quality.

Myth: Suicidal persons are mentally ill.
Fact: Many persons who have attempted or completed suicide would not have been diagnosed as mentally ill.

Myth: Asking a person if he or she is suicidal will lead them into an attempt.

Fact: Asking a direct, caring question will often minimize and diffuse the anxiety and can act as a suicide deterrent.

Myth: Good circumstances prevent suicide.

Fact: Frequently the opposite is true. Persons of means and education are sometimes more highly at risk of destructive behavior.

Myth: Motive for or causes of suicide are established and determined.

Fact: Suicide is a lengthy and complex pattern of behavior where precise motives are difficult to ascertain. Each case of suicide can be as complex as the person who completed it. (DA Information Service)

Some things you should know about preventing suicide

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Suicide! It is quickly becoming a problem within the military. In the first six months of fiscal year 2000, there were 15 reported attempted suicides here, but thankfully, none were successful.

In a recent study by the American Academy of Pediatrics on the long-term impact of child abuse, adult women who said they were physically or emotionally abused as children were more likely to have mental problems, suffer from depression and to have attempted suicide.

Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death for all persons regardless of age, sex or race; the third leading cause of death for young people aged 15 to 24; and the fourth leading cause of death for persons between the ages of 10 and 14.

It is important to take the subject of suicide seriously. It doesn't seem right that a young soldier— who has lived for such a short time - would choose to die. But those who can't get over their depression sometimes do kill themselves.

Males commit suicide more often than females, but no one is immune. In one recent survey of high school students, 60 percent said they had thought about killing themselves. About nine percent said they had tried at least once.

Why has the suicide rate in our young soldiers gone so high in recent years?

It's easier to get the tools for suicide (males often use firearms to kill themselves; females usually use pills); the pressures of modern life are greater; competition for good ratings, evaluations and schools and promotions are stiff; and there's more violence in the newspapers and on television.

Lack of interest by superiors, (NCOs and officers) may be another problem. Many soldiers today were raised in divorced households; for others, both of their parents work and their families spend limited time together. According to one study 90 percent of suicidal adolescents believed their families did not understand them. (However, this is such a common complaint that other factors are playing a role, too.) Young people also reported that when they tried to tell their leaders about their feelings of unhappiness or failure, their leaders denied or ignored their point of view.

If your soldier has been depressed, you should look closely for signs that he or she might be thinking of suicide:

Has his personality changed dramatically?

Is he having trouble with a girlfriend (or, for girls, with a boyfriend)?

Or is he having trouble getting along with other friends or with parents?

Has he withdrawn from people he used to feel close to?

Is the quality of his work going down? Has he failed to live up to his own or someone else's standards?

Does he always seem bored, and is he having trouble concentrating?

Is he acting like a rebel in an unexplained and severe way?

Is she pregnant and finding it hard to cope with this major life change?

Is your soldier abusing drugs and/or alcohol?

Is she complaining of headaches, stomachaches, etc., that may or may not be real?

Have his eating or sleeping habits changed?

Has his or her appearance changed for the worse?

Is he giving away some of his most prized possessions?

Is he writing notes or poems about death?

Does he talk about suicide, even jokingly?

Has he said things such as, "That's the last straw," "I can't take it anymore," or "Nobody cares about me?" (Threatening to kill oneself precedes four out of five suicidal deaths.)

Has he tried to commit suicide before?

If you suspect that your soldier might be thinking about suicide, do not remain silent. Suicide is preventable, but you must act quickly.

Ask your soldier about it. Don't be afraid to say the word "suicide." Getting the word out in the open may help your soldier think someone has heard his cries for help. Reassure him that you are concerned about him. Remind him that no matter how awful his problems seem, they can be worked out, and you are willing to help. Ask her to talk about her feelings. Listen carefully. Do not dismiss her problems or get angry at her.

Remove all lethal weapons from his living and working areas, including guns, pills, kitchen utensils and ropes. Seek professional help. Ask your unit's Chaplain to guide you. A variety of outpatient and hospital-based treatment programs are available.

Letter bomb injures Lackland AFB Sgt.

by Master Sgt. Jim Greeley
Air Force Print News

Aug. 1, 2001 - LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — An Air Force sergeant is listed in critical condition at Wilford Hall Medical Center here from injuries she received July 31 after opening a package containing a bomb.

Although she is listed in critical condition, officials said her injuries are not life threatening.

Her name and rank are being withheld at the request of her family, according to a Lackland spokesman.

The sergeant was injured when a bomb exploded in her hands at 11:15 a.m. in the 342nd Training Squadron's headquarters building. The explosion prompted an evacuation of the building and the surrounding area at the

base, plus an increase in the base's threat-condition level.

Lackland is currently at Threatcon Bravo.

The heightened security posture was initiated approximately 10 to 15 minutes after the explosion, according to Lackland spokesman. Investigators from the FBI, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms are working on the case.

"Our hearts and minds are with the family, friends and co-workers of our injured comrade, and we will work closely with other investigating officials until we have all the answers" said Maj. Gen. Michael N. Farage, 37th Training Wing commander.

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in the battalion's July 27 ceremony.

"The Army uses distinctive head gear to show that an organization performs a unique mission for the entire Army," Baron said. "It doesn't defy the Army's goal of unity. We're all in the same Army. It simply distinguishes a particular unit with a particular mission, and today, historically, the tan beret symbolizes the mission of the ranger.

The training brigade is the ranger's "credential agency," Baron said. "We've graduated 50,000 Rangers since 1951. More than 14,000 are on active duty," he said. "The chief of staff has decided to award distinctive head gear — the tan beret — to the rangers. It all starts here. The Army and the rangers look to us to provide role models."

As more than 2,400 soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment's 1st, 2nd and 3rd battalions pocketed their black berets and donned tan, Keen presented tan berets to a party of eight rangers, including the regiment's youngest, Pvt. Jeff Rea, 2nd Battalion, who celebrated his 18th



Photo by Staff Sgt. Amanda Glenn

Members of the 75th Ranger Regiment march off of York Parade Field, Fort Benning, Ga., after more than 2,400 rangers donned their tan berets July 26.

birthday with the donning of the tan beret.

"It's a good birthday present. This'll be a birthday I'll never forget," Rea said. "I think it's all good. This regiment will be great no matter what they wear."

(Editor's note: Bridgett Siter is a staff writer for the Fort Benning, Ga., Bayonet.)

Free placement testing set for dual-credit

Cochise College release

High school students who plan to enroll in dual-credit classes at Cochise College this year must take placement testing.

Testing is set for:
— July 30-Aug. 9 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday;
— Aug. 14-18 - 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Saturday;

— Aug. 20-28 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Testing is free and takes place in building P-5, Student Development Center, on the Sierra Vista campus.

Special placement tests will be available on a walk-in basis during the Friday and Monday senior and junior registration days.

Computerized placement tests are given in reading, math, and English. Students may take

all three un-timed tests or any combination of tests necessary to meet the prerequisites of the course. Students must meet the prerequisites for any college course they take.

Precalculus, chemistry and calculus, all of which have been dual-credit courses at Buena High School, require a math placement exam.

Students who plan to take calculus and have previously taken pre-calculus for college credit and received a C or better do not have to take the math placement test.

Those high school students interested in taking occupational courses at Cochise College at a reduced rate through the "Compact" program also must take a college placement test.

To schedule a placement test or for more information, call the testing office at 515-5447.

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