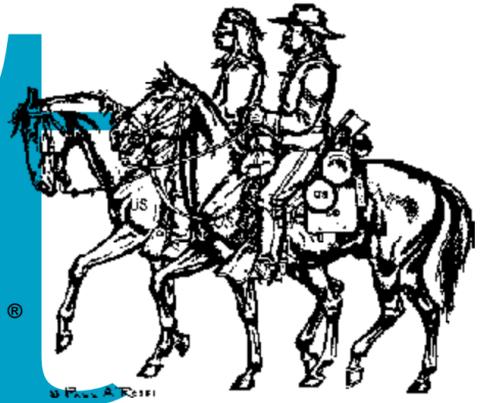




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File claims now

If you have a claim to file with U.S. government, you should know that the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30) is near.

All non-emergency claims not processed by Sept. 19 will not be paid until the fiscal year 2002 budget is passed, which will likely not be until well after Oct. 1.

This means that if you have a claim and want it processed and paid soon, you should submit it as soon as possible.

For more information on how to file a claim, visit the Claims Office website at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/> by clicking on the Judge Advocate General office link or stop by the Claims Office, first floor of the JAG Office in Building 51102, and pick up an information packet.

Also, you can call the Claims Office at 533-2212 or 533-2784.

Commissary closed Tuesday

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Tuesday in observance of Labor Day. The store will open regular hours Wednesday.

AG association forms

Adjutant General soldiers, officers and civilians are encouraged to help form the Thunder Mountain AG Regimental Association.

An organizational meeting will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. today in the Geronimo Room of La Hacienda. Cost for the German buffet is \$6.20 or \$7.35 with salad bar. Drinks are included.

For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Scarlett Williams at 538-6947; Marcia Ferguson at 538-6868; or Sgt. Milline at 538-6629.

The organization is sponsored by the U.S. Army Signal Command G1.

SAMC induction ceremony

The Sgt. Audie Murphy Club will hold its induction ceremony at 2 p.m., Sept. 7 in the Greely Hall Auditorium.

USAIC&FH ceremony set

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr. will relinquish command of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca to Brig. Gen. James A. Marks in a change of command ceremony at 8 a.m., Sept. 11 on Brown Parade Field.

MICA seeks volunteers

The Military Intelligence Corps Association gift shop at the MI Museum on Fort Huachuca is in desperate need of volunteers.

The shop hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The volunteer does not need to work the entire shift or every day. As with all volunteers on post, Army Community Service provides child care.

Green to Gold briefing

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next Green to Gold briefing 11 a.m.-noon Sept. 7 at the Post Education Center, Building 52104.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The Fort Huachuca Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration is set for noon-2 p.m. Sept. 28.

Anyone interested in setting up a display table or bringing food samples should call Master Sgt. Martin Mayhew at 538-0909.

Got news?

Call The Scout at 533-1987.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Football follies

Sgt. Anthony Ross Jr. from Company A, 40th Signal Battalion tries to splice through Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Signal Brigade defenders Spc. Anthony Moreli (right) and Spc. Antion Phillips in a flag football game. The units were competing for bragging rights and the commander's cup during the brigade organizational day Friday at Veterans Park in Sierra Vista. The brigade's three battalions and HHC, 11th Sig. Bde. stationed at Fort Huachuca competed in softball, flag football, tug of war, volleyball and spouse's volleyball during the day. The 86th Sig. Bn. won the brigade commander's cup, posting wins in flag football and the tug of war and placing second in the other three events. Other event winners were the 40th Sig. Bn. in the softball and spouse's volleyball; and 504th Sig. Bn. in volleyball.

Fort continues aggressive conservation program under biological opinion

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Since fort officials received the final biological opinion in October 1999 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a lot of attention has been given to seeing what the military is doing as a responsible steward of its natural resources.

The biological opinion covers "land use, ongoing and planned training activities, administrative and support actions, recreation, fire management, and other activities proposed by the Army at Fort Huachuca and adjacent areas for a 10-year period." It was issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 2 Headquarters in Albuquerque, N.M., after a 19-month formal consultation period.

The opinion concluded that operations and activities on Fort Huachuca will not jeopardize the continued existence of threatened and endangered species.

The biological opinion committed Fort Huachuca to continue its ongoing environmental efforts and programs. In addition, the post was obligated to dedicate substantial resources over the next 10 years to maintain its Endangered Species Act compliance. This, the fort has done and is continuing to do, and is a high priority for the installation.

In 1999, Fort Huachuca received a Federal Energy Efficiency Award and a Federal Water Conservation Award. At the same Pentagon ceremony, a Presidential Energy Efficiency Award was given to the Army, with special mention of Fort Huachuca.

The Fort received the Energy Efficiency award because it reduced its electric bill by 475K (6.8 percent), its natural gas bill by \$253K (15.8 percent), and its water use by 86 million gallons (12 percent) from FY 1998.

Water reductions in FY 2000 continue. Since FY 1993 when the Fort used a billion gallons of water (3,066 acre-feet), conservation efforts have reduced water usage by almost 40 percent to 601 million gallons (1,844 acre-feet) in 2,000.

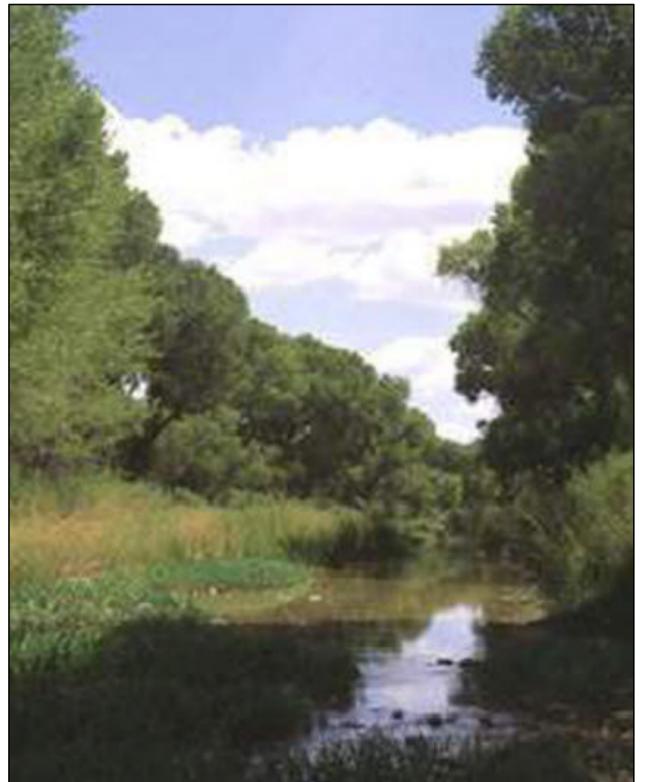
An acre-foot of water, in comparison to the indoor pool at Barnes Field House, is an area 220 feet wide by 220 feet long and 12 inches deep and would hold approximately 326,000 gallons of water. The Barnes Field House swimming pool holds 217,096 gallons of water or two-thirds of an acre-foot of water.

Post officials announced a proposed project last week to purchase conservation easements to reduce groundwater pumping near the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

The purchase of conservation easements is a new initiative for Fort Huachuca to support the installation's Water Resource Management Plan and to help meet the Army's obligations under the Endangered Species Act, as outlined in the 1999 biological opinion.

The proposed project was presented as part of an update on the fort's progress on the 10-year water management plan. Other federal agencies in the region, such as the Bureau of Land Management, have purchased conservation easements in the area.

The conservation easement plan calls for the Nature Conservancy



File photo

Fort Huachuca will purchase conservation easements near the San Pedro River to support the installation's Water Resource Management Plan.

buy the rights from local landowners to save water using \$1 million in funds from the Army. Over the next few years this is expected to help the fort to meet its responsibility for more than 3,000 acre-feet of water off-post.

"Fort Huachuca has developed proactive management practices that have gone well beyond our minimum compliance responsibilities. We're the first in the Army to purchase actual conservation easements," said Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

"These projects are a critical step in our continuing efforts to be good stewards of the environment and good neighbors in the Upper San Pedro Valley."

The post has and will continue its leadership role in water conservation in the Upper San Pedro Basin and it will continue to actively participate in the Upper San Pedro Partnership.

Soldiers' Lawyer

How can I cut down on all that junk mail I receive?

Tired of unsolicited credit offers and junk mail? Wondering where these companies get all this information about you? Or whatever happened to your privacy? Do something about it!

The major credit-reporting agencies have set-up a Toll Free Opt Out Line 888-5OPTOUT (888-567-8688), where you can call to remove yourself and family members from mailing lists that are sold by these agencies. Opting out only takes a minute or two, and only basic information such as your social security number is required. Be sure to listen closely to the options; you can choose to opt out for either two years or permanently!

Take control of your mailbox, save some trees and reduce the wasteful junk mail that may clutter your home. Call 888-5OPTOUT and Opt Out!

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NCO of the Month

Sgt. Gregg W. Frostrom Jr. of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade was named Fort Huachuca's Noncommissioned Officer of the Month for August 2001.

Frostrom attended basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. and attended Advanced Individual Training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. Frostrom has been stationed here since March 8, 1999.

His daily duties include noncommissioned officer in charge of the signals intelligence readiness facility at Friedman Hall. Since working as a Russian Voice Interceptor, Frostrom has achieved two Army Achievement Medals and two Good Conduct Medals.

This 26-year-old, Salisbury State graduate from Pocomoke, Md. resides at Fort Huachuca along with his wife, Kimberly, and daughter, Rebecca. Frostrom enjoys computers and politics and plans on one day being inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy

Club and becoming a warrant officer.

Soldier of the Month

The Fort Huachuca Soldier of the Month award for August 2001 belongs to Spc. Timothy Murdoch of the 11th Signals Brigade.

Murdoch attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and Advanced Individual Training as a Signal Support Systems Specialist at Fort Gordon, Ga.

He was stationed in Hawaii and has worked as a security clerk for the 86th Signals Battalion here since Dec. 4.

His military awards include one Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals and two Good Conduct Medals.

This 25-year-old from Amarillo, Texas enjoys horses, golf, art, and music and plans on one day paying off his house and earning a college degree. He currently resides in Sierra Vista with Melanie and Daniel Murdoch.

Lifelong Learning

Fort partners with local college to increase student opportunities

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

Number two pencils, wire bound notebooks and chubby erasers are token items of not only children who recently went back to school, but also the many soldiers who attend college courses during lunchtime and after work.

Though a partnership between Fort Huachuca and the local colleges available soldiers here has been going on for many years, the links have recently strengthened with new classes.

These classes support both military and civilian education, as well as share ideas between the communities, according to Debra L. Spohn, director, education services.

Cochise College, in particular, recently made leaps and bounds in bringing the military and civilian communities together with all college electronic classes only held on post. Arts and crafts classes, and a myriad of general education courses, are also offered throughout the day and night.

In an effort to support the special needs of soldiers, Cochise College has signed a memorandum of understanding with the post, which makes the joint venture run more smoothly when deployments or temporary duty assignments come up, according to Spohn.

In turn, Fort Huachuca has opened its arms to the college by supporting civilian students and offering the use of multiple facilities, such as the Virginia Dining Facility for a culinary arts course, and an entire building to hold the multiple history, math and science classes offered on post.

Also, Jim Freauff, internal review for U.S.

Army Garrison here, conducted a one-day workshop to help the college be more efficient and better serve the students, using the same management system as the garrison as a guideline.

"This is a joint labor of love," Spohn said of the benefits both the college and the post gain from teaming up. "It's an enormous benefit that we have on-site people to reach out and touch and talk to on a daily basis. The school is very responsive of what our needs are.

"They recognize that both the training we do and the schooling is important. And they realize that we are a valued customer and show us that we are. It seems that we have the right people in place at the college and the right leadership, like Colonel [Michael W.] Boardman, [garrison commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca] on our side."

Cochise College will continue to conduct the 40 to 50 classes offered on post each quarter, as well as begin to implement faster classes that can be done in several weekends, which can better suit soldiers who are deployed or often sent to the field, Spohn said.

"We're looking at doing some classes on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for two to three weekends in a row, rather than eight week classes. We expect this to happen next fiscal year," she said.

Spohn said she sees the partnership continuing and only growing stronger.

"The school is a terrific quality, is low cost, and recognizes the uniqueness of being a soldier," she said. "They have supported us at every opportunity. This is a good partnership."

Commissaries improve ability to keep shelves stocked

By Kevin Robinson
DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. — Providing the products its patrons want upon demand has always been a matter of good business for the Defense Commissary Agency. With Computer-Assisted Ordering, DeCA expects good business to get even better.

By the fall of this year, the agency will unveil the computer system known as CAO as its latest initiative to leverage technology, a move designed to offer "just-in-time" delivery of products to commissaries for better customer service. This state-of-the-art system is equal to the best use of technology in commercial supermarkets.

"Computer-Assisted Ordering is the next stage in advancing our science of shelf stocking," said DeCA Director Major General Robert J. Courter Jr. "This improves the commissary benefit for our customers by keeping our shelves stocked with the items they want, when they want them —

including paydays and weekends."

A typical commissary may have 14,000 or 15,000 items in stock on any given day. Currently, store personnel manually "walk the shelf" to determine what products are selling, what items remain on the shelves, what items exist in the backroom and what items are projected to sell.

Instead of employees walking the store and entering data by hand, the CAO system automatically monitors what a commissary sells and what is delivered to the back door. Through computer analysis, the system predicts what items customers will want to buy throughout the year — down to any particular day during a given month.

Ultimately, the system determines what's needed to keep the shelves stocked between deliveries and reorders. This is the essence of "just-in-time" delivery, said Curt Day, chief of DeCA's Operational Support Unit tasked with fielding CAO.

"Ordering the right items at the right time is one of the main challenges store personnel face," Day said. "With CAO we can keep our shelves stocked at a rate of 99 percent and decrease our

backroom inventory."

DeCA has researched the computer systems of several commercial retail grocery stores to determine what form of CAO would best fit the agency and its network of suppliers and distributors, Day said. "We found three possible CAO systems that could work with retail stores and had the specifications we wanted. We knew we would have to tailor the software for DeCA's needs; there is no one size fits all."

Eventually the agency selected an off-the-shelf software package used by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, since the package shared many of the same "environmental factors" that also affect the commissary's retail grocery operation, such as payday cycles and troop deployments. "AAFES gave us their CAO package, and we will adapt it to fit our needs," Day said.

"AAFES provided both the software and its employees' expertise in use of the CAO process," added Rose Parkes, DeCA's director of Information Technology. "This has truly been a cooperative effort."

Once the system is tested, DeCA will begin deploying it in January 2002, first to 187 of its medium to large commissaries, and later to smaller stores on an as needed basis.

At the store level, managers such as Fort Lee's Jerry Hamilton see the computer system as a great tool to help them in their daily chore of tracking items stocked and sold.

"It should make my workload a lot easier," Hamilton said. "It will reduce the stock in the backroom tremendously and increase my stock availability for customers."

And it will make shopping easier for customers by making sure products are available for purchase at all times. As such, Computer-Assisted Ordering is a key technology that enables DeCA to measurably increase customer satisfaction and grow sales.

Increased sales in turn improve the agency's ability to leverage large-volume buying to get the best prices from grocery suppliers and maximize customer savings.

"After all, great savings are why we are here," Day said.

Commentary

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

"What is recess?" had to be one of the single most shocking questions I've received lately from my five-year-old. Could it be this young mind had no comprehension of the idea of breaking away from her desk and running willy-nilly out to the playground? Could it be her anticipation of going to school was really about learning?

How refreshing to think the desire to better one's self through education can take precedence over "recess." Is education a priority for you?

Education may not be one of the seven Army values, but in this time of transformation I believe it plays a vital role in each of our lives at Fort Huachuca. Education can come in many forms. It isn't all about sitting behind a desk anymore.

Some of us saw our children off to their first day of school in the last couple weeks. For me it was a moment when I realized my

oldest daughter considered education an adventure - the twinkle in her eye at the prospect of riding the school bus, the excitement of picking out her first lunchbox and the intense desire to become a teacher after her first day of school. Albeit it was so she could "teach [her little sister] something and make her practice it over, and over, and over again."

I encourage all the parents here to get involved in their student's education and school activities. The Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools held its first open board meeting with parents yesterday. If you couldn't make this meeting, keep your eye out for announcements in *The Fort Huachuca Scout* about the next one.

According to Guillermo V. Zamudio, FHAC superintendent, "Parent involvement in the education of their children is not only wanted by the school staffs, but their involvement is expected."

Some of us registered for our first college classes or are continuing our pursuit of a college degree. I commend those adults for

making the decision to dedicate themselves to this pursuit.

Balancing work, school and, for some, family responsibilities can be overwhelming on most days and just plain hard on the rest. I encourage all those working adult students to take advantage of the assistance programs the fort offers. I'm talking about everything from academic assistance (available at the post Education Center) to "sanity" assistance.

By that I mean, make sure you take care of yourself with all the additional stress you may be feeling. Parents' Night Out, offered at the Child Development Center, is a great way for working/studying parents to make time to enjoy an evening out.

Some of us are experiencing education in a myriad of other ways than sitting in a classroom. We are attending hands-on training seminars in our career fields, we are going TDY to put our knowledge to use in field training exercises, and we are sharing ideas with our peers from around the world.

Everyday there is an opportunity for education of some form, even if it is only to take the time to see education from a kindergartner's point of view. I encourage everyone to look for those instead of concentrating on when the recess bell is going to ring.

What is recess?

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Intelligence conference draws senior MI leaders

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

More than 300 senior military intelligence leaders from around the world will gather here next month for the Army Worldwide Intelligence Conference.

The conference, an annual event, will focus this year on Military Intelligence support to the Army's Transformation and on the MI Corps transformation to maintain its readiness to provide military intelligence information to combat leaders at all echelons.

The United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will host the 2001 AWIC, Sept. 10-14, 2001. The main conference site is the Greely Hall auditorium, with overflow facilities in Alvarado Hall's Fitch Auditorium.

According to Capt. David Jones, an AWIC project officer, the goals of the AWIC are for senior Army intelligence professionals leave with a common picture of the MI Corps' vision and objectives; with an emphasis on meeting the challenges of a transforming Army with one voice; and for maintaining the unity of the MI Corps.

Jones said, the conference organizers hope to unify the MI team composed of soldiers, civilians, and contractor personnel at all echelons, to discover and optimize the benefits of collaboration in mission accomplishment.

It is anticipated that approximately 250 of the conference attendees will use many of the local facilities, such as hotels and restaurants during their stay in the Sierra Vista area.

Soldiers and employees who work in the vicinity of Alvarado Hall, Greely Hall and Kelly Operations Building should expect some parking restrictions during the conference. Conference attendees will be directed to use the Greely Hall South Parking Lot 2.

While here, conference attendees will also enjoy a number of activities sponsored by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Among these activities are a luncheon, dinner, golf tournament, trail ride and a barbecue cookout.

Misuse of government vehicle results in removal

SOCO release

According to the Department of Defense Standards of Conduct Office website, an agency removed a Canine Enforcement Officer Team Leader on charges of misuse of a Government owned vehicle and failure to observe proper security practices for cocaine.

In this case, the employee used a Government owned vehicle to drive to lunch which violated agency policy. Further, the former Government employee had left over 250 pounds of cocaine worth about \$2 million in the Government owned vehicle while he was at lunch.

The car had been parked in the restaurant parking lot in an area where narcotics trafficking is a problem. The agency appealed the Administrative Judge's decision to suspend rather than remove, and the Merit Systems Protection Board upheld the penalty of removal.

The Board found that a very high standard of conduct and degree of trust were required of the appellant, and the deciding official had testified the appellant's conduct had done "irreparable damage" to his supervisors' confidence in his ability to follow the agency's policies.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Sgt. Catina Steen from HHC, 11th Sig. Bde., gets doused with water to help ease the effects of CS gas after exiting the chamber.



(At left) Staff Sgt. Mark Juzwiak from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Sig. Bde., puts on his Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear before entering the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical chamber on Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Aug. 21. Soldiers from the unit trained on NBC protection skills during the event.

Signal soldiers learn basic NBC skills

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

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Signal Brigade spent the morning of Aug. 21 refreshing their Nuclear, Biological and Chemical protection skills during a training event on Fort Huachuca.

The unit held classes on how to use M8 and M9 detection paper, how to decontaminate skin and equipment with the M291 Individual Decontamination Packet. The company troops finished the training by putting on their Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear and heading into the gas chamber.



Spc. Magarita Rivas from HHC, 11th Sig. Bde., shakes off the effects of CS gas after exiting the NBC chamber.

From Counsel

Managing your credit can help you enjoy 'good life'

By Capt. Michael J. Bartlett
& Capt. Sandi Belto
78th Legal Support Organization

Credit allows consumers to pay for products over a period of time. Without credit, most consumers would not be able to purchase houses, cars, electronics, and otherwise enjoy the good life.

Consumers with "good credit" are generally able to obtain more credit, more readily and with more favorable terms (i.e., lower interest rates, and extended payment terms) than consumers with "bad credit."

As a result, developing and maintaining good credit is important. This article provides some basic suggestions for properly managing your credit.

Organization is the key to managing your credit. Find a logical system to pay your bills and stick with it. Following are some practical pointers for developing a good payment system.

— Make sure that the creditors have your current address so that you will timely receive your bills.

— Open your bills on the day you receive them. Do not leave your bills unopened because the amount of money you owe makes you feel depressed, angry or frustrated.

— Once opened, review your bills to ensure they are accurate. Pay particular attention to late charges that should not be there, increases in your interest rate, unauthorized charges, and whether the prior months payment was properly credited to your account.

If there is a billing error, immediately call

the creditor to try to resolve the problem. If calling does not resolve the problem, write to the creditor, enclosing proof of the payment, such as copies of cancelled checks or money orders.

— If you do not pay your bills the same day you receive them, designate one place to put all of your bills. Placing your bills in one designated will ensure that they are not lost, misplaced, or forgotten.

— If you have several bills, place them in chronological order in your designated place based upon when the payments are due. Each bill will state the date that the payment is due, or, if your last month's bill was not timely paid, that your payment is "past due."

If your payment is past due immediately mail the payment. Placing your bills in chronological order will ensure that you know when your next bill is due.

— Mail your payment between 8-10 days prior to when the bill is due. Take into account that the post office is closed on national holidays and Sundays. If the creditors mailing address is in another state, you may need to mail payment earlier.

Payments mailed to various creditors on the same day may take different lengths of time to reach different creditors and be processed. If you pay attention, you can determine how long it generally takes from the date you mail your payment to a creditor for the creditor to receive and process your payment will dictate when you need to mail the payment.

— Make a note when you mailed the bill,

the amount of your payment and the check number/money order number that you used to pay the bill.

These payment notes should be made directly on the statement (i.e., the portion of the bill that lists your monthly charges and balance, and that you do not mail back to the creditor).

Also, if you have a dispute and speak with a creditor, note when you talked to the creditor and what the creditor said directly on your monthly statement. By doing this, you will maintain an accurate and easily accessible record of what activity has occurred on your account.

— Save and file each statement in a folder or other filing system. Ensure that each creditor has a separate file so that if a dispute arises you will readily be able to access your account information regarding that creditor. An accordion folder works great.

— If you receive a bill and realize that you will not have the money to pay the bill until after it is due, call the creditor immediately and inform the creditor when you will be able to make the payment. Often times a late charge can be avoided if this is done.

— If you have a high interest credit card and have a good credit history, you may be able to get your interests rated reduced. Short-term interest rates, to which the creditors are tied, are at historical lows. Call your credit card company and request that your interest rate be lowered.

If you are a good customer, the creditor will want to make you happy and will generally lower your rate to make it more competitive. A reduction in the interest rate you are charged can save you hundreds of dollars each year, which is money in your pocket.

— If possible, pay creditors by personal check, not by money order. A cancelled check leaves no dispute as to whether the creditor received your payment and what amount you paid. Banks maintain copies of your cancelled

checks for several years. Money orders do not provide the same protection.

Unless you save a copy of the money order receipt, you will have no way to demonstrate that your payment was made if the creditor later indicates that the payment was not received. Moreover, it costs a dollar or two each time you purchase a money order, which is a waste of money. Personal checks are also more convenient to use than money orders.

Additionally, many checking accounts pay you between one to three percent interest without any monthly fee if you electronically deposit your paycheck.

— The best way to make car and house payments, or student loan payments, is electronically or through an allotment. Most banks offer and encourage making these types of payments electronically.

Making your payments electronically (a day or two after your paycheck is deposited) or through an allotment will ensure the payment is made timely each month. Moreover, student loan companies offer a .25 percent interest rate reduction when payments are made electronically.

Making one-half of your mortgage payment twice of month instead of a full mortgage payment once a month will typically save thousands of dollars over the life of a thirty-year mortgage. The net effect of such an early payment plan is that you will make the equivalent of one extra mortgage payment each year.

Typically, this will save you thousands of dollars in interest over the life of the loan and eliminate several years of mortgage payments. Many outside companies offer this service for a minimal charge.

The foregoing should provide you with some helpful suggestions for paying your bills on time, which will enable you to develop a good credit history. It is easy to manage your credit. All you have to do is do it.



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Band and clowns entertain the crowd at the 1903 Labor Day celebration in Silverton, Colo., a mining town much like Bisbee, Ariz. (Photo by Russell Lee.)

'Workers holiday' has historic start, recognizes nation's builders

By Airman 1st Class Brad Estridge
Special to The Scout

"Labor Day differs in every essential from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor.

"All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

Labor Day, in fact, is dedicated to all men, all women, and all children. It is a day to break from our usual monotonous daily activities and celebrate that which has helped build and hold our nation together...the American worker.

Labor Day originated more than 100 years ago. Although to this day no one is quite sure on who originally proposed this "workers holiday," some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, first suggested a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

However, another, more popular theory points towards a man by the name of Matthew Maguire. Recent research shows that Maguire proposed a holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

It is however a known fact that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic. Whoever proposed the "workers holiday" though, America will forever be grateful.

The first documented celebration of Labor Day was held on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882 in New York City. The Central Labor Union held a second Labor Day just a year later on Sept. 5, 1883.

The following year the first Monday of ev-

ery September, as proposed, became the official date for the "workers holiday."

In years following the Central Labor Union urged others to adopt the holiday. Between 1885 and 1886 the government developed a movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into New York, however the first law was passed by Oregon on Feb. 21, 1887. Later that same year, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York took on Labor Day by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade, Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed.

By 1894, 23 other states had adopted Labor Day into their systems. On June 28 of that same year, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Through the years Labor Day has been celebrated by parades, speeches by prominent people, and even vast coverage by the media. However it came about, or whoever suggested it, one fact remains.

Labor Day is a day set aside to recognize and honor those who fought so hard for our country's freedom, strength and leadership.

It's not just a day to honor workers. It's a day to honor America. So on this and future Labor Days be safe, have fun and relax.



Barbecues and picnics have long been part of Labor Day's history. Here townsfolk serve up lunch at the free barbecue at the 1903 Labor Day celebration in Ridgway, Colo. (Photo by Russell Lee.)

Labor Day signals end of summer season

By Col. Michael Boardman
USAIC&FH Garrison Commander

The National Safety Council estimates that 474 people may die and 25,100 people may suffer nonfatal disabling injuries in motor vehicle crashes over the day Labor Day holiday weekend this year.

The lives of an additional 345 people involved in crashes, however, will be saved because they will be wearing their seat belts.

Soldiers must become increasingly aware of the dangers associated with driving during the holiday. More importantly, they must know what they can do to protect themselves — by buckling their seat belts.

If they are traveling with their family, ensure that other passengers wear their seat belt and make sure children are securely restrained in the back seat in age-appropriate child safety seats or booster seats.

If everyone were to buckle up this Labor Day weekend, the NSC says it would save an additional 128 lives.

In addition to wearing safety belts, the NSC urges motorists to follow these safe driving practices in order to survive on the highways this Labor Day weekend:

— Don't drink and drive. In 1999 (latest available figures), 47 percent of all traffic fatalities over

the Labor Day weekend involved an intoxicated or alcohol-impaired driver or non-motorist.

— Allow enough travel time for frequent breaks on longer trips. Drowsy drivers are an increasing problem in our fast-paced society.



Boys' sack race during 1903 Labor Day celebration in Ridgway, Colo. (Photo by Russell Lee.)

Drowsiness can reduce reaction time almost as much as drinking.

On the home front, the NSC estimates that about 6.9 million Americans suffered disabling injuries in the home in 1999, and nearly 28,800 died. Falls in the home or on home premises are the leading cause of accidental death, accounting for 9,600 deaths, or about one-third of all home fatalities.

Other leading causes of death include poisoning, fires, drowning, and suffocation by ingesting food or objects that obstruct breathing.

Labor Day is the last holiday of the summer season. Make your holiday a fun fill event and be ready to come back to work on Tuesday.



Miners with their children at the 1903 Labor Day celebration in Silverton, Colo. (Photo by Russell Lee.)

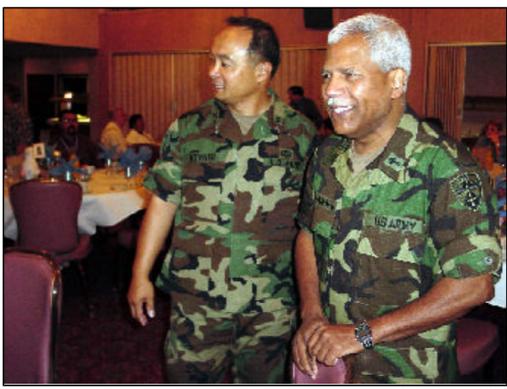


Photo by Joan Way

EPG Prayer Breakfast

Col. Hugo Keyner (left), commander of the Electronic Proving Ground, welcomes Chap. (Col.) Philip D. Kalyanapu, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Alexandria, Va. to the first EPG Prayer Breakfast on July 27 at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Kalyanapu inspired attendees at the breakfast with his message "Do Not Worry."

Women's Bible study begins

PWOC release

Fort Huachuca's Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold its Fall Kick-Off from 9-11:30 a.m., Tuesday at the Main Post Chapel. The theme is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus," based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Four weekly Bible studies will begin Sept. 11.

— **How to Study the Bible and Titus (Precept course).** Inductive Bible study allows you to discover for yourself the many truths in God's Word. In Titus, learn how to live with integrity in the midst of amorality. Leader: Julie Barbee.

— **Jesus, the One and Only by Beth Moore.** Gain new understanding of the life of Christ while encountering life-changing truths to encourage and challenge you in daily life. Leader: JoAn Daggett.

— **Her Name is Woman 2 by Gien Karszen.** See how God uses everyday women like you by looking at the lives of women in the Bible. Leader: Jody Dale.

— **Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp.** In this groundbreaking parenting series, discover new biblical insights to reaching hearts of children of any age. Leader: Cindy McCracken.

PWOC welcomes women of all denominations. Childcare is provided to military identification cardholders.

Community Updates

MAC hosts luncheon

The Military Affairs Committee's monthly luncheon is std for 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at LakeSide Activity Centre. The superintendent of Sierra Vista Public Schools, Dr. Renae Humberg, is guest speaker. Cost of the buffet lunch is \$8.50. For reservations call the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

Diabetes education class

"How to Eat Donuts and Stay in Control" is a new, monthly education class for persons with type 2 diabetes. This class will be held the first Thursday of each month at noon, beginning Sept. 6, in the Preventive Medicine Classroom at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. Class will be taught by a pharmacist and certified diabetes educator.

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

NAFRE dinner dance

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1400 is sponsoring a dinner dance 5-9 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Ethel Berger Center. Theme is "The Good Old Days." Buffet dinner consists of marinated chicken/beef stroganoff, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, drinks, tax and gratuity all for \$11 per person. Music provided, dress in encouraged to set theme, but is optional. There will be opportunity drawings throughout the night. For more information, call the Gordon's at 366-4213.

Asthma education class

Parent University has included asthma education for parents in their curriculum. The class will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Murr Community Center and will be taught by Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center nursing staff. For more information, call Lt. Debe at pager 533-3500, No. 420.

CFC keyworker training

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County is set to run Sept. 17-Oct 31. Training for all unit representatives and unit keyworkers will take place 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. in Wednesday in the Greely Hall Auditorium. Unit representatives and key workers may choose a time that best suits their schedule.

For information, or questions about this training, call Maj. Terry Hurley at 538-6048 or e-mail terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil.

CFC Kickoff Luncheon date set

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign will run Sept 17- Oct 31. Every year, the CFC provides an opportunity for all federal employees to donate money to their favorite local, national, and international charities.

Beware of scorpions, snakes; seek medical advice

By Fred Reamer, Safety Office and Sheridan Stone, Wildlife Biologist

We are well into the time of year when people want to be outdoors day and evening for everything from gardening, cook outs and outdoor sports in the developed areas of post, to picnicking and hiking in the more remote areas. This is also a time of year when the most types wildlife are active and moving around to make their living.

Scorpions

Worldwide there are 1300 species of scorpions, with 86 of these naturally occurring West of the Mississippi River. Scorpions are venomous arthropods, related to spiders, mites and ticks. Our exposure is somewhat limited as scorpions are nocturnal, feeding on insects, spiders and other scorpions while we are normally indoors at night.

Centruroides exilicauda is known as the Arizona Bark Scorpion. This two and three-quarter inch tan scorpion spends his days under rocks or other surface objects and under the bark of trees. The venom from a bark scorpion is used for both prey capture and defense. It can inflict a painful and medically significant sting, especially to infants and children.

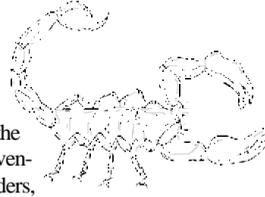
Symptoms in children include involuntary motor activity, agitation and possibly respiratory problems. Severe pain, swelling at the sting site and frothing at the mouth can also occur. Death is rare. An antivenin active against the bark scorpion sting is made by Arizona State University and is only available in Arizona.

When my wife was stung by a bark scorpion on a late summer night on our patio three years ago, we headed for the Emergency Room. Within sight of the hospital, she seemed to be doing fairly well. We turned around and went home to check the information available on the Internet. A call to Arizona Poison Control provided information on what serious symptoms we should be watching for. Breathing problems topped the list. She experienced numbness rising up the leg into the upper body. Pain persisted for months.

She always wears shoes on the patio these days. If stung by a scorpion, seek help to make an informed treatment decision.

You can take steps to prevent scorpions from entering your home. Periodic insecticide spraying or other natural controls outside the home will reduce the number of scorpions, spiders and other insects. If the area near doors and open windows is clean and free of clutter, the arthropod population may be reduced.

Old shoes kept in the patio or garage areas for dirty outside jobs should be knocked together to dislodge any unwanted critters. If small children or pets are not an issue, consider using glue boards inside the home near entry doorways.



For more information or in case of an emergency, contact the Arizona Poison Control at 1-800-362-0101 or on the web at www.pharmacy.arizona.edu/centers/poison.

Snakes

Fort Huachuca's greatest reptile diversity is made up by different kinds of snakes. Most of these types are non-venomous (venomous means they have venom to inject, like animals; poisonous means they have poison or toxins if you eat or brush against them, more like plants).

But the diverse, ecologically well functioning Fort Huachuca habitats do support six types and healthy populations of venomous rattlesnakes, along with the small, secretive Arizona coral snake.

The three larger (five feet or less, usually two to four feet) rattlesnake species live down where most of us work, live and play — in the desert scrub, grasslands and woodland foothills.

The three smaller (three feet at most, usually two feet or less) rattlers live higher in the forest and mountain rock faces and talus slopes.

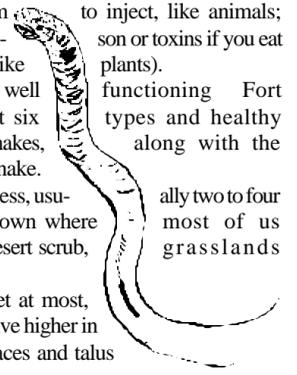
Remember that venomous snakes have and prefer to use their venom for food, not for defense. Rattlesnakes are very good at sensing how big, where and how far away we are, and able to sense we are too big either to eat of for the venom to really protect them from us very much. The rattler is designed and inclined to use the rattle end to warn us away, and to give it space and time to move to safety (for both of you)!

One quarter to one half of the rattlesnake bites in Arizona are dry bites; that is, no venom is injected. The snake has bodily control, and a choice whether to inject its precious venom, and may give you one.

Remember many bites have no venom. Ignore entirely other amateur remedies you may know or read. And do not waste time catching the snake. A snake in an emergency room probably will not help the quality and attentiveness of your care. Most medical staff will not be comfortable seeing a live or dead snake in a hospital, nor skilled at identification.

Just get as calmly and safely as you can to emergency care. Shock may be the greater danger than the venom. Oxygen and full life support is what these facilities can provide, not just dealing with the venom. Antibiotics may be called for, and anti-venin may be needed under medical supervision.

Your brain is much larger and developed, so leave the snake alone, watch it if it's in a populated area, and call or have someone call the Housing Service Order desk (533-3151), the Wildlife Section (533-1867, 538-0492), or the Military Police station (533-2181).



The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff Luncheon will be held Sept. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre Ballroom. The menu will be a Bourbon Street Buffet.

Tickets are \$7.50 and the RSVP date is Sept. 12. Contact your unit coordinator for tickets or call Maj. Terry Hurley at 538-6048, or e-mail terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil.

Range closures

Saturday	T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	No Closures
Monday	No Closures
Tuesday	AG, AL, AQ, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AG, AL, AO, AS, AV, AQ, T1, T1A, T2
Sept. 6	AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Sept. 7	AM, AU, AY
Sept. 8	AU, T1, T1A, T2
Sept. 9	AY

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

Holiday refuse schedule

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, the refuse contractor will adjust the pickup schedule as follows: Occupants with a regular pickup on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday. Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday. Post pickup of dumpsters and roll-offs normally emptied on Monday will either be dumped Tuesday or Wednesday. Any questions concerning refuse service may be directed to the contract inspector at 533-3574.

Commanders Access Channel

Did you know the Fort Huachuca Commander's Access Channel 97 is on Cox cable channel 97 on your television, whether you live on post or in Sierra Vista?

The CAC is a great way for you to inform the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista community about what's happening in your organization. It's updated daily with upcoming events and activities that may be of interest to you.

The Public Affairs Office also airs videotapes provided by Soldiers Radio and Television on the CAC as a way of keeping our viewers informed about current events in the Army.

To air announcements or for more information, contact Pat Dillingham at 533-1850.

CFC seeks personal 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.

17th Signal Bn. reunion planned

The 17th Signal Battalion Association is planning a reunion from Sept. 18-22, 2002 at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel in Williamsburg, Va. The reunion will emphasize a military theme and will include a golf tournament. According to Arlo D. Janssen, vice president for public affairs of the association, the 17th Signal Bn. Assn. is a designated WWII Commemorative Community. For more information, write Arlo D. Janssen at 10209 Cedar Pond, Dr., Vienna, VA 22182; or phone (703) 281-3170 or e-mail adjanssen@aol.com.

Foreign service exam

The U.S. Department of State has launched a worldwide initiative to recruit foreign service officers this year. The department invites individuals interested in experiencing a global lifestyle and making a difference in the world to register to take the Foreign Service Examination in the United States by Wednesday. The exam will be held Sept. 29.

For information about becoming a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State, or to register for the Foreign Service Exam, please visit the new recruitment website for the Foreign Service Exam at www.foreignservicecareers.gov or call (202) 261-8888.

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.

Stress reduction class set

The next Stress Reduction Class is scheduled from 1:30-4 p.m. Sept. 12, 19 and 26 on the 2nd floor of the Raymond W. Bliss Army

Health Center here. These three sessions make up one class.

Class is open to active duty members, family members, retirees and civilians.

To sign up or for information, call 538-0625.

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 Sciarino at 533-1285. Seating is limited. Deadline is Sept. 17.

CGSC course offered here

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

The classroom option has many advantages over the correspondence version, including:

— Both a higher graduation rate and higher grade average;

— Workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students;

— Professional and structured learning environment;

— Instructor support.

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

Attention travelers

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service at Seaside, Calif., is closed. All travel vouchers must now be mailed or FAXed to the address or phone number below. Seaside will continue to forward any travel vouchers they receive to Indianapolis, but this will result in delays in reimbursement for the traveler.

DFAS Indianapolis Center
Travel Operations - Indianapolis
8899 East 56th Street
ATTN: Dept. 3777
Indianapolis, IN 46249-3777
FAX 317-510-5551 DSN 699

Pets of the Week



"Max" is a tri-colored short-haired male adult hound dog mix. He is a little shy, but a wonderful companion. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Bianca" is an adult cream/white female spayed Samoyed mix that is good with kids. She is a very sweet, calm dog. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Cali" is an adult, female domestic short-haired calico cat. She just weaned a litter of kittens. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, vaccinations, a microchip, a feline leukemia test and deworming.



"Bernie" is a young, male black and tan Bernese mountain dog mix. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is now open through lunch. There are several litters of kittens that will be adoptable in September. For information, call 533-2767.

Post to host 3,500 Scouts, adult leaders

Special to The Scout

Fort Huachuca will host the Boy Scout Catalina Council's Fall Camporee on Oct. 12-14. Over 3,500 boys ages 7 to 20 will descend on the post to recognize Scouting heroes and to learn many outdoor skills.

Scouts will participate in events ranging from shooting rifles, rappelling, archery, land navigation, Leadership Reaction Course, obstacle course and many other activities.

Most activities will take place at Site Maverick. Others will take place in various training areas throughout post. Drivers are urged to use caution.

Scouts and parents will have the opportunity to see and learn about several Army programs and systems utilized on Fort Huachuca, including a Military Police Dog demonstration, "Learn not to Burn" trailer from the Fire Department, and several other

systems taught by the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Jeff Andersen a local scout leader explained, "It's great to have such a fabulous event here on Fort Huachuca. It's a wonderful opportunity for our community to show the rest of the council and Arizona what great facilities we have and what great hosts we can be." Catalina Council and all its Scouts appreciate the continued support of Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, and Col. Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander, and their staffs.

Camporee organizers are looking for volunteers to help set-up and run several of the events on Oct. 13 and 14. Anyone wishing to volunteer and share their knowledge with the Scouts, should call Master Sgt. David Tyler at 533-6603 or Sgt. 1st Class Ernie Fedewa at 533-1181.

Civilians need Point of Entry to use ABC-C

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

As of Aug. 22, a new Point of Entry module for the Army Benefits Center-Civilian was put on their Employee Benefit Information System website, www.abc.army.mil, to make it easier for employees to create their POE account.

The new module is intended to reduce the number of calls that ABC-C and the SWCPOC Help Desk currently receive regarding POE account creation.

"The module has been thoroughly tested," said a spokesperson for the SWCPOC. However, the e-mail notification of successful or unsuccessful attempts to change a password is not available yet.

The contractor is working on it. When it is available, the SWCPOC will notify all employees.

ABC-C web advisory

"Please be advised that a new log-on procedure has been implemented to allow access to the EBIS application.

"If you are a new user, you will need to create a Point of Entry account. Please ensure you are entering the correct information to identify yourself as a user of this application.

"Additionally, please follow the guidance provided in creating your password. Your password must contain 8-10 characters, cannot match any portion of your SSN, and must contain at least 3 of the following 4 characters: an upper or a lower case letter, or a number, or a special character.

"If you are an existing user, your SSN will replace the "USER-ID" field. The password previously created is valid.

"The feature to receive email notifications is not yet available when a successful or unsuccessful attempt in a password change has occurred.

"If you have problems creating your POE, please contact an ABC-C counselor at 1-877-276-9287 or call the SWCPOC Help Desk at DSN 856-2000 or commercial 1-785-239-2000 during normal business hours for assistance."

The new POE module has screen designs created to provide examples of password combinations. The new system eliminated the need to create a "USER-ID," and allows users to enter their SSN as the USER-ID.

As a security measure, the SSN is masked and does not appear on the screen as it is typed; asterisks are seen as numbers. Also, if you forget your password, you can re-establish a new one.

You also have an option to choose to be notified of successful or unsuccessful attempts of a change to a password.

For system security purposes, DoD requires an eight-day waiting period between password changes before a new password can be created.

Users will receive a warning notice if their password has expired. Users are required to reestablish their password, but it should be noted that you cannot use the same password within a six-month period.

If your password is between 80 to 89 days old you will receive a warning notice that your password must be changed every 90-days.

Local Scout wins highest honor

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

Alex Laszok, of Boy Scout Troop 432, was awarded the highest honor of Scouting in a ceremony at Kino Chapel on Aug. 11.

Laszok received the Eagle Award for his performance as a Boy Scout and for his trail repair project on Fort Huachuca.

In addition to the Eagle Scout award, Laszok received an eagle statue from Sierra Vista Mayor Tom Hessler.

Also present for the ceremony were Maj. Gen John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca, and his wife, Verdun; Sgt. 1st Class Ernie Fedewa, Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence; his grandparents, Ronald and Bettye Smith; his parents, retired Col. Richard Laszok and his wife, Debbie. During the ceremony, Laszok presented flowers to his mother,

Debbie Laszok, and his grandmother, Bettye Smith.

According to Fedewa, the fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service.

The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years.

Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 4 percent of all Boy Scouts do so.

This represents more than one million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1911.

Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting — citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness — remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank.



Alex Laszok receives Eagle Award.

Cat news? Call 533-1987