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2002 CFC to begin soon

The 2002 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will begin soon.

This year's campaign will run from Sept. 25 - Nov. 6. Organizations should have already received a tasking letter requiring them to appoint unit coordinator's and key workers.

The training session for unit coordinators and key workers will take place Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - noon and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Greely Hall Auditorium, Room 1215.

If you have questions regarding the training, call 2nd Lt. Tricia Kelley, CFC coordinator at 940-0219 or email afsgqxq@hqasc.army.mil.

Volunteers needed

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will host its Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Sept. 27 at Murr Community Center.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the event such as dancers, individuals to donate Hispanic food dishes, musicians, and individuals with artifacts pertaining to Hispanic heritage.

For more information contact Post EO: 533-1717/5305, Army Signal Command 538-0909, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade 538-0533, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade 533-3672, 11th Signal Brigade 533-5202 or Master Sgt. Shirley J. McKnight-Gullatt at 538-0909.

EEO hours of operation

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office hours of operation will be abbreviated Monday through Sept. 13. There will be someone available at the office during the following periods:

Monday 7:15 - 11:45 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday 7:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday 7:15 - 11:45 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Thursday 7:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Friday 7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

All referrals for vacant positions will be processed, please call 533-2028, prior to coming by the office to ensure someone is present.

Anyone who needs to file an EEO complaint will be asked to set up an appointment by calling 533-2028 for either an appointment with a collateral duty EEO Counselor for an intake session or be seen by the complaints manager, Sept. 16-20.

Family workshop

The 11th Signal Brigade will conduct a "How to Survive the Deployment/Reunion Experience" and "Kids on the Block" Puppets workshop for the whole family.

The workshop will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Kino Chapel. The goal is to equip soldiers and families in the brigade with information and skills to help them work through redeployment issues.

Children ages 3-12 will have a class in a separate room. The Chaplains will conduct a briefing for the adults. For more information, contact the 11th Sig. Bde. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Willard Richardson at 533-9507.

POW/MIA Walkathon

Fort Huachuca will conduct a POW/MIA Walkathon, 6-8 a.m., Sept. 20, at Chaffee Parade Field to commemorate American POWs and MIAs. This event is open to the public.

Cochise County to start spraying larvicide to control mosquitoes

Cochise County Health Department release

This week Environmental Specialists from the County Health Department will start hand-spraying larvicide on public property in certain areas of the County.

A larvicide is a product that is designed to retard growth of mosquitoes beyond the larval stage. The larvicide will be hand sprayed on areas of standing water. The County plans to start in the Kansas Settlement area near Willcox where mosquitoes have been observed.

The County will continue to hand spray

larvicide in different County areas where mosquito activity has been reported. The larvicide being used contains a type of bacillus that prevents mosquito larva from maturing to the adult stage.

Property owners can minimize the risk of mosquito-borne illness on their own property by eliminating standing water where mosquitoes can breed.

Property owners should check for items outside their home and out - buildings that collect water, such as cans, bottles, jars, buckets, old tires, drums, gutters, and other containers.

Water in outside flower vases, birdbaths,

planters and animal watering pans should be checked and changed every other day.

In areas where mosquitoes are present residents should apply insect repellent before going outdoors. It also helps to wear lightweight clothing that covers the arms and legs.

A check with Arizona Department of Health Services indicates there have been no confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in this State as of Sept. 3.

The county is continuing to trap mosquitoes to test for the virus. For general information on West Nile Virus, County residents can call (800) 314-9243.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Arizona windage

Pfc. Bobbi Smith, 69th Signal Company, adjusts her rear sight adjustment on her M16A2 rifle during marksmanship training at Range 2 Tuesday. Coming off a four-day weekend, the unit spent Sergeants Time Training prepping for weapons qualification.

Fort, community unite in freedom for Sept. 11 evening observance

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The public is invited to attend the Sept. 11 Observance: "United in Freedom," at Veterans' Memorial Park from 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday.

This observance is the culmination of the day's community and national observances.

The observance is designed to remember the victims, honor the heroes and celebrate the perseverance

of the American spirit.

Many facets of the local community and fort are coming together to remember, honor and celebrate.

During the "remembering" portion of the program, Ted Hendy, director of the Information Assurance and Security Engineering Directorate on Fort Huachuca, will share the memories of his temporary duty in the Washington area on Sept. 11 and

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New unit to assist with force protection mission

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Approximately 100 soldiers from the Arkansas National Guard will be assigned here to assist with the force protection mission for the next year.

Battery B, 2nd Battalion of the 142nd Field Artillery, nicknamed "Lethal Weapon," will be activated for one year

in support of Operation Noble Eagle and will mobilize at Fort Sill, Okla.

The unit will undergo training at Fort Sill and is expected to arrive at Fort Huachuca around mid-month.

A welcome ceremony is being planned for the unit's arrival here. Battery B, 2/142 is headquartered in Siloam Springs, Ark.

Luncheon highlights Women's Equality Day celebration

By Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Scout News Editor

Hundreds of Fort Huachuca community members came out to celebrate Women's Equality Day, Aug. 29, at La Hacienda. This year's theme was "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote."

The keynote speaker was the first female rabbi in the Army, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell.

"This is a time when we reflect back, with thanksgiving, on the contributions of so many women and men over the years, and a time when we look forward to an even stronger nation, in which both men and women can use their gifts freely," she said.

She went on to quote Golda Meir, former prime minister of Israel, who stated, "Whether women are better than men I can't say - but I can say that they are certainly no worse."

Koppell went on to firmly state that the concept of women's equality can be traced to a Biblical setting and referred to the Genesis 1:27 account of how Eve was formed from Adam's rib.

"If we are looking for some commander's guidance from the Bible, we need to look no further: men and women are created simultaneously and equally."

She laughingly suggested that an alternative interpretation of the Genesis chapter two account could be that the order of creation involved a clear hierarchy approach.

Koppell noted Biblical women who accomplished great feats, including Deborah, who was a military leader, Shifra and Pu-ah, two midwives who refused to follow Pharaoh's order to kill all of the male children, and Queen Esther, "who interceding on behalf of her people with the words, 'If I die, I die.' There are indeed some hooah women among our ancestors," she said.

Koppell also honored Susan B. Anthony, the mother of the Women's Suffrage Move-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Command Sgt. Maj. Dee K. Barnett, command sergeant major, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, presents Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell, with a token of appreciation, Aug. 29. This year's theme was "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote."

ment and who helped to lay the foundation

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TeamTalk

Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. and Marty Marks

As always, the calendar for the next few weeks is chock-full of great events, and Marty and I would like to take a few minutes to mention some of them.

First of all, Army Community Services is hosting a Fort Huachuca Information Fair this Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Murr Community Center.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to get valuable information about what's happening in our community and what services are available to you. You'll also be able to register for upcoming events and activities. Remember, you don't have to be new to our community to take advantage of this great event. We hope to see you all there.

The annual Fun Festival opens its gates Sept. 13-15 at the R.L. (Tiny) Anderson Special Events Park, right behind La Hacienda.

This great family event offers live entertainment, carnival rides, food, games, trail rides, crafts, and much more. Come on out and bring your families for an afternoon and evening of fun.

By the way, there's a new event at the Fun Festival this year – a "Mutt March."

It's a three-mile, scenic, off-road course for you and your canine companions. For more information about costs, location, and time, call 533-5031. Sounds like fun!

Now, a couple of things we'd like to remind everyone about...

First, it's that time of year again, when we – as Americans – enjoy the responsibility of voting. There is nothing more important to do than to exercise this right to vote, and it's the duty of every leader to make sure that all our soldiers and family members get involved in the electoral process.

If you haven't yet registered to vote, please do so right away. If you're already registered to vote, please make sure you participate in this great democratic process. Our Staff Judge Advocate, Col. Tony Helm, and his great team are in charge of voter registration. See the SJA or your unit's voter

registration point of contact for more information. Act now and vote.

We occasionally pass an area or yard on Fort Huachuca where it doesn't appear as though anyone is mowing, cleaning up trash, etc. Please make sure you are taking responsibility for the areas where you live and work.

Especially this time of year, when the Arizona desert really turns green and "comes alive," we all need to work extra hard to keep up with the mowing and trimming.

Fort Huachuca is a community we can all be proud of, and we need your help in doing your part to keep it beautiful.

I've asked the unit sponsors of all our housing areas to motivate those few of us who are not showing their pride in our community.

Now, even though autumn is fast approaching, the season for possible heat injuries is not over yet. It's still hot, and so we all – from the leadership down to each individual – need to make sure

that we are taking the proper precautions.

Be sure you're properly hydrated, and wear appropriate sunscreen and clothing to keep you safe from the sun.

In closing, we'd like to remind everyone about our Sept. 11 commemorations. Here on post, our troops will join together at 6:30 a.m. on Chaffee Parade Field for a formation to remember and honor the victims and heroes of the terrorist attacks one year ago.

That evening, at 6:30 p.m. in Sierra Vista's Veterans' Memorial Park, we will join with the city of Sierra Vista to host "United in Freedom," an event to honor the memories of the victims, pay tribute to the heroes, and celebrate the perseverance of the American spirit.

Both events are open to the public, and we sincerely hope you will all join with us during this day of remembrance.

Thank you for your support and all the hard work you do to make sure Fort Huachuca remains the strong, vigilant, and united community that we are.



Kubs Korner

**Carolyn Boardman
Chief Pharmacist, RWBAHC**

Lynn King, staff pharmacist, has been a solid performer and extremely dependable employee of RWBAHC.

In October 1996, he was hired and voluntarily commuted between two work sites, the Post Exchange and main pharmacies. He has always been extremely flexible in his schedule, always going the extra distance in the name of supporting the mission. Previously, the PX pharmacy had two full-time pharmacists. When decreased staffing forced a reduction in pharmacists at the PX pharmacy, Mr. King stepped in to be the sole pharmacist, supervising all operating procedures and ancillary staff since October 2001 for no extra pay. Though his workload doubled, he never complained and continued to maximize the productivity of his workplace.

He seldom takes breaks and often works during his lunchtime to insure all work is done. In the event of equipment or alarm failure, he always stays until the problem is solved even if it meant unplanned overtime.

Most recently, in April when additional staff loss required his work site to change to the main pharmacy, he changed without hesitation and offered to rotate his early, more desirable shift with the other staff

Civilian of the Month!



Above: Lynn King types information at the pharmacy to keep things moving. Right: This King deserves to wear a crown and a smile for all the work he's done.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

pharmacist to allow equality of desirable hours. King also continued to work with an extremely uncomfortable skin condition in lieu of taking sick leave because he knew pharmacy service was short staffed. Due to these reasons and as a tribute to his undying reliability, Lynn King is deserving of the Civilian of the Month.

Commander's Hotline

Call

Why is it the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center requires a person to personally come into the clinic to make a mammogram appointment and will not make appointments over the phone?

If the person states they have their doctor's prescription in hand, they should be able to make their appointment over the phone. Then at the time of their appointment they can bring the prescription.

Why do patients have to be inconvenienced by making a personal trip into the [health center]. This doesn't seem to be "customer" friendly or service oriented. Instead individuals are being required to make two trips to the health center.

Response

There are two methods to be scheduled for a mammogram. 1) Medical Treatment Facility provider puts the order in Composite Health Care System and the patient can call for an appointment. 2) Downtown provider writes out or faxes a request (usually on a prescription pad). If the provider faxes it, the patient can call in for an appointment. If the provider hands the medical order for the mammogram to the patient, then the patient must either fax it in to the clinic or present it in person.

Bottom line, we must have verification that the patient actually has the order from the provider.

**Capt. James E. Lee
Chief, Ancillary Dept.**

Have we got news for you!

Read it online, click on huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO

Scout on the Street

How have the events of Sept. 11 changed your life?



It has made the nation and myself look at life and how it is taken for granted. And it has made us unite.

**Sgt. Serous Richardson,
Company D 86th Signal
Battalion**



It has made me open my eyes to what is going on around me and how much life has to offer and how quickly it can be taken away. In five seconds everything can change.

**Sgt. Taumé Bradley,
Co. D 86th Sig. Bn.**



It put the world into a whole new perspective and it made us realize we are not invincible. We can no longer just sit back, it's time to fight for our freedom.

**Pvt. Robert Chester,
Co. D 86th Sig. Bn.**



I think it's affected me personally because of my children. I think of their safety and their future and will they be limited in any way to what they can and can't do.

**Karla Marvin,
Communications
Electronics Command**



During 9/11 I was on an airplane going to Egypt so it was a significant event because they wouldn't let us get off the plane [in Egypt].

**Sgt. 1st Class Lonnie
Hunter,
U.S.
Army Headquarters
Network Enterprise
Technology Command,
9th Signal Command**



I think that it made a lot of people realize that the U.S. isn't as safe and secure as we thought.

**Spc. Joseph Linkemann,
Co. C 86th Signal Battalion**

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Commissary meeting addresses quality of life issues

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Scout Staff

The quarterly Commissary Council met at 2 p.m., Aug. 27, in the Murr Community Center Buffalo Ballroom as an outgrowth of



Photo by a Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

1st. Lt. Jerry Rivera Santiago, Medical Activity Command, shops at the Main Post Exchange.

Soldiers' Lawyer

JAG release

Shatter the silence, vote

The right to vote can be exercised by all United States citizens in every corner of the world. Members of the military, other uniformed services, the Merchant Marine and their eligible family members and all U.S. citizens overseas are able to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

The procedures and deadlines to vote absentee vary from state to state. Read on to learn how to exercise one of your fundamental rights – the right to vote!

What is your state of legal residence?

The first step in voting is determining your state of legal residence, and consequently, the state in which you must register to vote. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act permits members of the Armed Forces to maintain a legal residency despite moving with the military.

Legal residency could be the state in which a soldier last resided prior to entering military service. A soldier can change his or her state of legal residence through two steps: first, live in the new state; second, manifest an intent to make that state his or her domicile or permanent home for the foreseeable future. Registering to vote in a state is one way to manifest an intent to make that state your domicile. Please be aware that your claim of residency – and the act of voting in a particular state – can have consequences, notably during tax season.

For example, if you are stationed at Fort Huachuca and choose to make Arizona your legal residence, you may vote in Arizona, but you must also pay Arizona income and property taxes. If you are unsure as to what your legal residency is or what it should be, you may want to consult with a legal assistance attorney before voting in a particular state.

Once you determine your legal residence, how do you vote there?

While you may be nowhere near your state of legal residence on voting day, voting can be as close as the nearest post office. But there are a few easy steps to take before you can actually cast a ballot. The first step is registering.

The Federal government helps facilitate

Commanding General, Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks' emphasis on quality of life initiatives on Fort Huachuca.

The combined council, chaired by Jim Chambers, deputy garrison commander provides an open forum for patrons to air griev-

ances and offer constructive criticism to make the commissary a more user friendly environment.

Although the meeting is open to the public, less than 20 people attended. Units and activities on the installation and many social groups such as retirees, Officer's and Civilians Spouse's Clubs and the NCO-Enlisted and Civilians Spouse's Clubs can send a representative so that the commissary and the Post Exchange can get a greater input from the community.

Gisela York, assistant manager of the commissary, opened the meeting with new business.

- York announced there will be a case lot sale held Sept. 20, 21, and 22 in the warehouse near the dairy section of the commissary. Frozen items will also be on sale, but prices will not be advertised.

- Also, customers will notice over the next two to three weeks that the shelves may look a little empty. This is due to a new demand system that the commissary is changing over to based upon register sales. Once the new Cash Register Assistance Ordering System has taken into consideration the buying patterns of the customers, York said that we will be better able to serve customers as we will not see over ordering in one area, and not enough supplies in another.

- Many customers may have noticed that the commissary seems to be understaffed. This is due to a reduction in force that is causing many of our employees' hours to be reduced from full-time to part-time. Because of this, many of our employees have had to find new employment. We ask that you please bear with us until the RIFT of Sept. 21 or a little beyond is over.

- We are also working with the high school to employ juniors and seniors. You can contact Allen Wright at Buena High School, or ask at the commissary.

Customers and members of the community may also notice we have changed our scholarship program. In the past we have sponsored both educational and Christmas

scholarships. This year, said York, we have increased the amount of our educational scholarships, and have discontinued our Christmas scholarships. Scholarship applications are available in the commissary.

A representative for the Officer's Spouses club asked, what is happening with the fish?

We now have a separate fish cooler, at the end of the meat cooler. However, at this time of year it is difficult to get every cut of fish because of the life span.

Is there a way to get more fish and lobster tanks like the delis at other stores in town? It is harder to get smaller accounts with fish suppliers like the other grocery stores, as it is harder for them to deal with the government, but we continue to try.

We are trying to get a hot food program with grilled chicken and other deli food by the end of the year, said York. We will also be putting in a section where customers can sit down and eat deli foods they have bought.

A customer asked what about price tags that say sale when the product stays the same price week after week? Sometimes our manufacturers have sales that run weeks or months. Although this may look misleading, the products are on sale, said York.

Then why can't you list the regular price and the sale price? We had done this in the past, and I will bring it up again, as it is something that would have to be sanctioned from above.

A customer asked, do you have people that check the produce and clean up what is moldy or old and shouldn't be out there?

The assistant manager assured all present that there are people checking the produce, but stated that the commissary has recently lost their produce manager and until the RIF is over, they cannot hire a new one. She said that the quality of produce has also been down, but they are doing every thing possible to correct the problems.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 3 p.m. The next Focus meeting for the PX and the commissary will be held Tues. Nov. 19, 1-2 p.m.

the registration process by providing a Federal Post Card Application, which is accepted by all states as either an application for a registration form, the actual registration, or as an application for an absentee ballot.

Typically this postcard can be used to register you to vote in federal, state and local elections. A FPCA can be downloaded from the Internet at the Federal Voting Assistance Program website, <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/>. Currently, the only locations that cannot accept the On-Line Version of the Federal Post Card Application are: American Samoa, Guam, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

For these locations, or if the Internet is not convenient, FPCAs are also available through unit Voting Assistance Officers, and the Legal Assistance Division at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

The FPCAs available through the VAOs and Legal Assistance have the added benefit that postage is already paid!

When you do have the FPCA in hand, then consult Chapter 3 of the 2002-03 Voting Assistance Guide (available on the Internet, and through VAOs and Legal Assistance).

Chapter three explains the precise requirements for registration and voting for your particular state of legal residence, because requirements can vary between the states. Some states require you to send in more than one FPCA (one for registering and one to request an absentee ballot), while other states require only one FPCA (that counts for both registration and a request for an absentee ballot).

While particular state laws vary, an example from Indiana is typical of the process. After consulting Chapter 3 of the Voting Assistance Guide, available at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/>, a legal resident of Indiana (and a member of the military) would discover that a single FPCA can be used for both voting registration, and for requesting an absentee ballot for all federal, state and local elections.

The forms for Indiana, and the particular instructions, can also be printed directly from the website, filled-out by hand, and then mailed to the clerk of the local circuit court in which the legal resident last lived.

The clerk of the court would then mail the absentee ballot to the soldier approximately 45 days before primary and general elections and 32 days before special elections, allowing the soldier ample time to vote for the person of their choice.

This relatively simple process could prob-

ably be completed in approximately 10 minutes!

Although voting laws and regulations can vary greatly from state to state, you generally must first register to vote in the state, then request an absentee ballot, and finally cast that ballot by mailing it back to your voting jurisdiction.

As in the case of Indiana, registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot is combined as one step in that particular state's voting laws. In any event, you should apply for a ballot to vote at least 45 days in advance of the election, and even earlier if you will be required to register as well.

Again, be sure to consult chapter three of the 2002-03 Voting Assistance Guide for the laws particular to each state.

What if you have trouble registering or receiving your absentee ballot?

For individuals who experience trouble registering to vote, or with obtaining an absentee ballot, there is an Ombudsman Ser-

vice for Voter Assistance.

This office should only be contacted after you have exhausted normal channels of assistance, such as consulting the Voting Assistance Guide, and contacting your unit's Voting Assistance Officer. The Ombudsman Service can be contacted by email at vote@fvap.ncr.gov, or by calling 800-438-8683.

While this article cannot cover the unique voting rules of all 50 states and territories, it should guide you in taking the first necessary steps to making your vote count this November.

In less than two months, Americans will elect people to political office who will decide many important issues that will undoubtedly affect you and your family. Express yourself and let your voice be heard. *The Soldiers' Lawyer is provided by your JAG Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/la.html> or contact us at 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.*

Vehicle Registration moves to new location on post

Tanja Linton
Media Relations Officer

The Vehicle Registration Office has moved to a new location to provide a more centralized location with parking and better handicap accessibility.

Beginning Friday, the Vehicle Registration Office moved to Whiteside Hall, Building 41330, Room 4. Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Rhona Capers, vehicle registration clerk serves customer Ben Reeves.

weekends and federal holidays. A valid driver's license, proof of insurance and registration are required to register a vehicle. The phone number of the Vehicle Registration Office is 533-1840. An Arizona State Tax Exempt Form (FH From 190-1-R-E) can be obtained at the Vehicle Registration Office.

This form allows active duty service members, who are non-residents of Arizona, a reduced fee for Arizona license plates. Service members must bring a copy of their most recent end of month Leave and Earnings Statement and the vehicle bill of sale or contract to obtain the tax-exempt form.

Privately owned weapons can also be registered at the Vehicle Registration Office. Make, model, serial number, type, action, and caliber of weapon are needed to register the weapon. Please do not bring weapons to the office.

Other services provided at the Vehicle Registration Office are in/out processing, oversized vehicle storage for on-post residents, and temporary vehicle passes.



Photos courtesy of John Norton

Soldiers of Company C, 844th Engineer Aviation Battalion pose for a unit photo outside of Libby Army Airfield. The airfield, built by the soldiers assigned to the 844th, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in December.

Engineer recalls building of Libby Army Airfield nearly 50 years ago

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

The crisp command of "Battalion, Attention!" filled the air as the 844th Engineer Aviation Battalion of Memphis, Tenn. was called to active duty.

The year was 1951: Mickey Mantle joined the Yankees; Marilyn Monroe scandalized the nation by posing as a pin-up girl; Gen. Douglas MacArthur was dismissed for wanting to become more aggressive in the Korean War; and the 844th was called to serve at Fort Huachuca to build Libby Air Field.

Fort Huachuca had been deactivated at the end of WWII, and transferred to the state of Arizona's control, but it was declared again to be a functioning Army post.

"There were about 100 men in the battalion," said John Norton, retired first lieutenant and commander of Charlie Company. And many of the officers had served in World War II."

Norton, who was part of the unit assigned to build Libby Army Airfield, shared with the Scout his recollections and memories from the time as the airfield turns 50 years old in December.

Most of the soldiers traveled on train by Rock Island Lines arriving in Hereford, but an advance six-man detachment led by the battalion executive officer, Capt. John Cawthorn, had already left, traveling by car.

Norton described the trip as "no interstates, and mighty lonesome, treeless country to us deep Southerners as we drove farther west."

As commander of Charlie Company, along with others in the chain of command, Norton remembers living in post housing "on the street going toward the canyon."

He and his wife laugh about the "knot-hole in the floor covered by a top of a can," before they were moved to other quarters in the Apache Flats section of post, and recalls his wife's jobs at the post hospital, the old commissary, and probably some of the very first bingo games the post ever new.

But work was hard in a climate the soldiers were unaccustomed to, and the 844th built the 5,000-foot airstrip—the product of the rich resources that Fort Huachuca had to offer.

With plenty of lumber and rock available in the canyons and on the reservation, "Headquarters Company was able to set up its own rock crusher and an asphalt plant," Norton said.

Many of the enlisted men, who were often late to duties due to flooded roads during rainstorms, lived in the "Lucky Cuss" apartments in Tombstone.

"But the men sent from Memphis were no where nearly enough for what was needed to run a completely operational Army facility," said Norton. "And shortly after our ar-



Soldiers of the 844th used a variety of construction equipment to pave the airfield including the sheepfoot, pictured above. At 2:25 p.m. on Dec. 3, 1952 the first plane to land at Libby Field eased down on the airstrip to begin the dedication ceremony. The airfield is named after Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. George D. Libby, a soldier who lost his life in the Korean War.

rival, we began to get our men directly from basic training."

Norton explained the unit's next higher headquarters, the 419th Brigade, insisted the soldiers conduct concurrent training along with the airfield construction.

Charlie Company was responsible for eight hours of map reading instruction, which also included four hours of nighttime compass training and evaluation.

Military drill and ceremonies was not neglected either, as inspections and reviews were done to the letter, Norton said. He revealed how the soldiers kept their prized possession a secret during inspections.

"We had a large picture of the famous nude pose of Marilyn Monroe which we kept posted in the orderly room," Norton said. "When inspectors were expected, we turned the poster which had a map of the United States on the other side."

According to newspapers of the times, these Aviation Engineers who were here on a special training project built one of the most modern airstrips in the state, complete with drainage system, taxiway, parking apron, and access roads.

Officers estimated the actual cost above pay for the trainees was about \$40,000—an amount that would now cost the federal gov-

ernment and estimated \$283,079.

"But all in all, the military life was held in high regard as we honored our nation," Norton said. "We honored the airfield Dec. 3, 1952, naming the airfield after Sgt. George D. Libby, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, after losing his life in Korea."

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Aboard were Fort Huachuca's Post Commander, Col. David M. Dunne; Col. Johns S. Hardy, commanding officer, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base; Col. Ray Adams, vice commander, Engineer Aviation Force; Col. Nathan A. McLamb, deputy post commander; Lt. Col. John A. Graf, executive officer, Engineer Aviation Unit Training Center; and James Brophy III, chairman of the Southeastern Arizona Army Advisory Committee.

Dunne delivered the dedicatory address, naming the airstrip in the honor of Norton's fallen comrade-in-arms.

"It is a fitting tribute to the engineer units which constructed this project that we are privileged to name the field in honor of another engineer who was awarded the Con-



Then 1st Lt. John Norton while assigned to Fort Huachuca.

It is with deep respect for the man who gave his life in the highest tradition of the Corps of Engineers that I dedicate this project to his memory and name this airfield the Sergeant George D. Libby Airfield.

Col. David M. Dunne,
Fort Huachuca Post Commander, 1952

gressional Medal of Honor posthumously for distinguished service near Thejon, Korea. He was Sergeant George D. Libby," said Dunne.

Continuing, Dunne said, "It is with deep respect for the man who gave his life in the highest tradition of the Corps of Engineers that I dedicate this project to his memory and name this airfield the Sergeant George D. Libby Airfield."

Following their stint here at Fort Huachuca, the 844th left Fort Huachuca for Beale Air Force Base, Calif. in January of 1953, as the men were assigned to the Air Force.

The men in training here were well versed in all problems of construction, learning to make the most out of what they had.

These engineers were considered ready to serve their country by building air bases anywhere in the world, under any and all kinds of conditions.

Community Updates

CGSO Course

Majors have an opportunity to enroll in this required Officer Professional Development course on Fort Huachuca. Phase I and III of CGSOC will start in October and meet one weekend each month. The classroom option has numerous 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.

There are both a minimum and maximum amount of students allowed in each class, so if interested in enrolling, please contact Rick Meador at 538-5099.

Housing limited operations

The Housing Division's Operations Management computer program is scheduled for an upgrade Tuesday. However, the office is open to all customers. Housing operations will be limited as follows:

- All inspections scheduled for Tuesday will be performed. However, no new inspections can be scheduled on that day.

- Housing applications and additions to waiting lists can be taken manually. The data will be input on the next working day. This will not effect the soldier's eligibility date or position on the waiting list.

- Community housing referral functions for off-post housing and utility waivers will be available.

- Assignments/terminations will be done manually. The computer transactions will be performed the next duty day utilizing Sept. 10 as the effective date.

DCA relocation

The Recreation Services Division and the Marketing Division of Directorate of Community Activities have relocated to temporary offices in the Jack Rabbit room of the Murr Community Center from MWR Rents.

All of the phone numbers will remain the same, as well as email. To visit us, please use the Cushing Street entrance, there you will find two large double doors with MWR Logos on them. The following employees are located there:

Lewis Onley, chief, Recreation Services Division, 533-2374; Paula German, DCA Marketing Director, 538-0836; Sue Higgins, RSD Admin, 538-1690; James Thomas, Special Events, 533-3354; Wendell Hurlock, DCA Commercial Sponsorship Manager, 533-1351; Spc. Erika Puschold (Rigdon), Special Events, 533-2947; June

Bishop, DCA Marketing, 533-4471.

Stress reduction class

The next stress reduction class will be presented Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. These three sessions make up one class. The class is open to active duty, dependents, retirees, and civilians. It's held on the second floor of the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center in the conference room.

If interested, call 538-0625. Leave your name, duty phone, and message regarding the class on our voicemail, or with the person who answers the phone.

Widowed Support Group/Center

The Widowed Support Group/Center is located at the corner of Buffalo Soldier and Fry Blvd. at the Main Gate. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

There is always a knowledgeable volunteer on duty to answer your questions and offer assistance in any way we are able. Come by for a visit, a cup of coffee, or just to say hi.

Tuesday at 3 p.m. will be our Quarterly Membership Meeting where we will be formulating plans for the upcoming fall/winter social programs. We invite you to come out to meet and greet each other and participate in this planning. There will be refreshments following the meeting. There is no cost to you, and no reservation are necessary.

Wednesdays are set aside as Craft Day. Come help with the refurbishment of stuffed animals/dolls. These items are then given to various service organizations, orphanages both here and in Mexico, or Cochise County Fire Departments. Wednesday afternoon is set aside for games (i.e. cards, etc). Get together for a day of activity, including lunch and camaraderie. Call 533-3807 for more details.

Range Closures

These are the range closures for Saturday through Sept. 15.

- Saturday- AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
- Sunday- East Range
- Monday- AL, AU
- Tuesday- AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AQ, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2
- Wednesday- AG, AK, AL, AN, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
- 12 Sep - AG, AK, AL, AM, AN, AU, AV, AW, T1, T1A, T2
- 13 Sep - AL, AN, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
- 14 Sep - AY, T1, T1A, T2
- 15 Sep - No Closures

Any questions should be directed to Range Control 533-7095.

ASMC luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly business luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at La Hacienda Sept. 18.

The featured speaker is Barry Albrecht of the Sierra Vista Economic Development. Albrecht will speak to the chapter on new developments in the Sierra Vista Area.

The lunch menu will be buffet and salad bar. Cost is \$9 for ASMC members and \$10 for nonmembers. To make reservations and purchase tickets, ASMC members and guests should contact organizational representatives or buy them at the door. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

For further information contact Linda Guinter at 456-2961.

How to market yourself workshop

The Special Emphasis Program Committee is sponsoring a Lunch and Learn Workshop on "How to market yourself" Sept. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be at La Hacienda in the Boots and Saddles room. Cost is \$8 which will include a lunch buffet and salad bar.

The instructor for this workshop will be retired Professor Mike Leiboff of Communications and Theater.

Civilian and military personnel are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, contact Joan Street, SEP manager at 538-0276 or 533-2110 to reserve your seat as it is limited to 40 spaces.

EPG range closures

The Electronic Proving Ground has reserved the East Range Sept. 15, 22, and 29. The range will be closed on those dates due to hazardous operations, except for designated personnel working with EPG.

SSA Inventory

The Supply Support Activity will be closed for inventory through Friday. No issues or turn ins will be transacted. This does not affect local purchase pick up. In case of emergency situations, please contact Dan Berry at 533-5828 or Pat Quintana at 533-5610.

Post retention office relocated

The post retention office has moved from Whitside Hall. The new location is Building 41420, second floor, above the ID card and SIDPERS section.

Dental activity closure

The U.S. Army Dental Activity will close at 11 a.m. Friday for Organization Day activities. Emergency patients should call the Dental Charge of Quarters at 508-9700

or pager 533-3500, code 306.

CIF closure

The Central Issue Facility will be closed Sept. 18-20 for inventory. In case of emergency situations, please call Dan Berry, 533-5828 or Cliff Hensley, 538-8771.

New DOIM training enrollee contact

Effective immediately the Directorate Of Installation Management help desk will be assuming the responsibility for enrolling requesting individuals into the DOIM provided training classes. Therefore, if any U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca employee wishes to sign up for DOIM provided office suite and/or Access data base software classes, call 533-1212 to enroll.

As a reminder, the DOIM training schedule can be found on the Fort Huachuca web page under the TRAINING category, by clicking the option: "DOIM Computer Classes."

BSEP Class

The Education Center will sponsor a Basic Education Skills Program class which will begin Monday and end Sept. 20. The class will run from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily with emphasis placed on English and math skills. A pre-test will be administered at 7:15 a.m., the first day of class.

A post-test and general/technical predictor will be given Sept. 19 and an Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test will be administered Sept. 20. This is a great opportunity to participate in a class that is rarely given due to budget constraints. Raise your GT score and increase your re-enlistment possibilities!

For more information e-mail Bob Campbell robert.campbell@hua.army.mil or call 533-5690.

Jewish High Holiday services

Jewish High Holiday services are scheduled as follows:

Rosh Hashana: Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Yom Kippur is scheduled for Sept. 15 (Kol Nidre), at 6:15 p.m. and Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel, Main Post Chapel.

For more information contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-6570.

FHOCSA craft bazaar

The Fort Huachuca Officer's and Civilian Spouses' Club will hold their annual fall craft bazaar Nov. 2 at Buena High School.

The FHOCSA is asking for anyone interested in renting a space to sell their crafts to call Sandy Frantz at 458-5988. There is also a limited space available for food concessions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>Community Events Calendar</h2> <p>To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6870.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Celebrate Oktoberfest 2002</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Veteran's Memorial Park • Sept. 6 from 5 - 11:30 p.m., Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. • & Sept. 8 from 12-5 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Parent University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Murr Community Center • Sept. 9-20, Call 533-2330 for details</p> </div>						
<p>• The Vigilantes at the Hildorado Set in Tombstone at 1 p.m. 8</p>	<p>• San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.</p> <p>• Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.</p>	<p>• Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. 10</p> <p>• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.</p> <p>• Put Prevention Into Practice (PIPP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.</p> <p>• Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.</p> <p>• Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.</p> <p>• Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>• Day of Remembrance at Chaffee Field beginning at 6:30 a.m. 11</p> <p>• La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.</p> <p>• SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>• SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. 5</p> <p>• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.</p> <p>• Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer-Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1 - 3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m.</p> <p>• Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.</p>	<p>• Jewish High Holy Services- Rosh Hashana begins at 9 a.m. at MPC. For additional information contact CH (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-6570. 6</p> <p>• Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.</p>	<p>• Jewish High Holy Services- Rosh Hashana begins at 9 a.m. at MPC. For additional information contact CH (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-6570. 7</p> <p>• Army Community Service is sponsoring a Newcomer's Information Fair at MCC from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 533-6874 for details.</p> <p>• Youth Services Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1-8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.</p>
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<p>• Rollin' Thunder Skate Park 5 - 9 p.m. for teens only. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public. 20</p> <p>• Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.</p>	<p>• Junior Lifesaving Course at Barnes Field House from 8 - 10 a.m. Cost is \$20 in cash. Call 533-3858 for more information. 21</p> <p>• Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 - 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.</p> <p>• Rollin' Thunder Skate Park is open 1 - 6 p.m. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.</p> <p>• SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring Pool Tournaments at the YC. This event begins at 4:30 p.m. This event is free and open to youth ages 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for info.</p>					
<p>MCC = Murr Community Center MPC = Main Post Chapel OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330</p>						

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of the 19th Amendment.

She went on to note, "The roots of the women's rights movement can be traced to the Anti-Slavery Convention held in London in 1840."

She explained that Elizabeth Cady



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Capt. Regina Charles, Company A, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, performs a rousing rendition of Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I a Woman" during the Women's Equality Day celebration.

Stanton and Lucretia Mott tried to join the anti-slavery proceedings but were turned away by the male delegates.

She went on to honor Sojourner Truth who spoke at the Akron Women's Convention, in 1851, and noted the direct link between the subjugation of women and the subjugation of slaves.

"As the first female rabbi in the U.S. military, and one of the first women to be ordained as a rabbi, I am especially sensitive to the struggle for equality," Koppell said. "I joined the Army as a chaplain in 1978. When I graduated from rabbinical school in 1981, what should have been a pro forma branch transfer from chaplain candidate to chaplain became a six-year political battle within my endorsing agency.

"It was not until 1987 that I finally received the endorsement which allows me to stand before you today as a chaplain in the United States Army."

The celebration also featured displays, a voting registration booth and a rendition of Sojourner Truth's speech, "Ain't I a Woman," by Capt. Regina Charles, of Company A, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion.

A graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Koppell has served as the rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Mesa, since 1987.

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the days following the attack on the Pentagon.

Additionally, Sierra Vista Mayor Tom Hessler and Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will represent the local communities.

Community and post residents representing the firefighters, police, service members, and civilians who lost their lives at the attacked sites, were there during the attack or those who assisted them, will participate in the "honoring" portion of the observance.

Both local and Fort Huachuca police and fire departments will participate in a special salute.

The community, united in freedom, will transition through the evening's presentations and conclude by celebrating that we are Americans who cherish our

freedom.

Entertainment groups that typify American culture will participate in the "celebrating" portion of the observance. Such groups include The Spencer Brothers, J in Jazz Dance Studio, the Traveling School of Voice and the 36th Army Band.

Attendees are encouraged to car pool to the park early and bring their dinners, blankets, chairs and flashlights. Dress for the occasion is patriotic. Community groups and organizations are encouraged to wear their organization's regalia. All are asked to display their patriotism with American flags.

For additional information contact Ginny Sciarrino, community relations officer at the USAIC&Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, at 533-1285 or Danny Fraiser, special events and instruction supervisor at Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure, at 417-6980.



Football fans nationwide to get glimpse of military sacrifices

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Throughout the upcoming season, American football fans will get a glimpse of the sacrifices the men and women of the armed forces make.

The National Football League is sponsoring "American Postcards," a series of profiles to be broadcast during regular and post-season games.

"About 120 million people watch an NFL game each weekend," said Allison Barber, a Pentagon spokeswoman. "Our goal is to allow men and women across America to be able to feel a connection to our military members."

Barber said NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue came up with the idea in early August. "What they had in mind was just regular stories of military folks who had written letters home, or who have e-mailed or who have found unique ways to communicate with their families," she said.

NFL Films chose stories from suggestions from the Defense Department and the services — including two stories featured on www.DefendAmerica.gov. The spots are scheduled to begin airing on today with the New York Giants vs. the San Francisco 49ers game on ESPN. The spots will also run during NFL games broadcast on CBS, Fox and ABC.

NFL Films traveled to Afghanistan to speak with servicemembers and to stateside hometowns to speak with family members and friends. In one instance, filmmakers spoke with Army Spc. Julia Pilat in Afghanistan. An Army Reservist, Pilat is a 10th grade teacher from Beacon, N.Y. The spot will feature her as she speaks with 19 students from her class via a video teleconference link.

Another features Air Force Airman Amy Ting. On Sept. 11 last year, she was a civilian and in the Marriott Hotel across the street from the World Trade Center. She enlisted the week following the attack. The NFL crew filmed Ting on duty at Dover Air Force Base,

Del.

Plans are for future spots to feature service members based in the Persian Gulf, aboard ship and across the United States.

"In the midst of a football game, we want people to pause and recognize that every minute of every day, someone is defending our country," Barber said.

She said a secondary DoD goal is for people to become excited about the military. "It's not a recruiting campaign in any way," she said. "But it is an education campaign."

Barber said the NFL is just the latest in a long list of organizations that have contacted the Defense Department look-

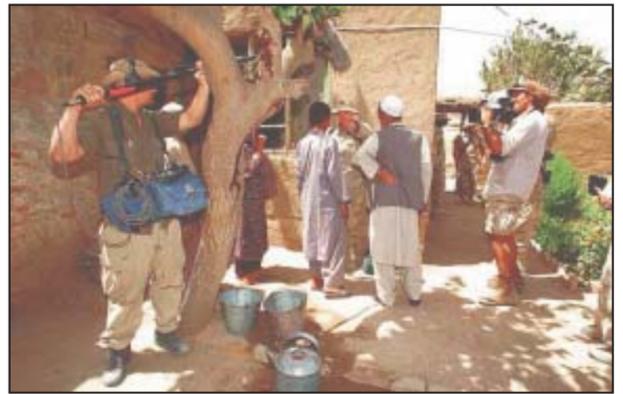


Photo by Chief Petty Officer Johnny Bivera

At a village in northern Afghanistan just north of Bagram Air Base, a National Football League Films crew documents Army Spc. Julia Pilat's visit to a local orphanage. NFL Films is creating a series of one-minute profiles on military personnel to be shown during television commercial breaks throughout the NFL season.

ing for ways to support the men and women of the military.

Pets of the Week



Hey if you are looking for a great housecat, then stop looking because you found one. I'm "Zoe" and I am a two-year-old Female DSH. I'm housebroken and I am great with kids. I just love to cuddle and play. For only \$22 I can be yours, all that includes a spay, vaccinations, de-worm, microchip, and a Leukemia Test. Come and see me.



Hi There! My name is "Tanner" and I am a one-year-old Female Shepherd Mix. I'm already housebroken, which is a plus, and I REALLY LOVE KIDS!!! I am only \$22 and I am yours to keep. All that includes a microchip, vaccinations, a spay, heartworm test, and deworm. Can't wait to see you.



Hello! I'm "Chant" and I am a two-year-old Female Shepherd Mix. I'm looking for a home that will give me lots of hugs and kisses. I'm a great addition to your family. My fee to take me home with you is \$52 and that will include a microchip, de-worm, vaccinations, a spay, and a heartworm test. I'll be waiting.



My name is "Baxter" and I am a one-year-old Male Gray Tabby DSH. I'm a little shy but with lots of love I will be great fit for your family. My fee is \$42 and I will be all yours. That includes a neuter(Oww!), de-worm, vaccinations, Leukemia Test, and a microchip.

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

Donating blood: Those who want to give may be prohibited from time spent overseas

Army News Release

Some military retirees have been surprised and inconvenienced to find that they are no longer eligible to give blood, according to officials at the Armed Forces Blood Program Office. A substantial number of active-duty and retired military personnel cannot donate blood because of past duty assignments in the United Kingdom and Europe. The Armed Services Blood Program, which provides blood products for military hospitals and military readiness purposes, has increased its efforts to educate retirees of the restrictions, which were implemented last fall.

Some retirees are deferred from giving blood under the standards implemented last fall by the Food and Drug Administration. The standards were instituted as a precautionary measure against exposure to the human form of Mad Cow Disease.

The FDA restricted donations from people who lived or traveled overseas during specified time frames. The Department of Defense issued a policy based on that of the FDA, which defers retirees, military personnel and family members who meet any of the following criteria:

Traveled or resided in the United Kingdom from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of three months or more. Traveled or resided in Europe from 1980 through 1996 for a

cumulative period of six months or more. Traveled or resided in the Europe from 1980 to the present for a cumulative period of five years or more. Received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980. Received a bovine insulin product produced in the United Kingdom since 1980.

To find out how you can give blood through the Armed Services Blood Program, contact your local military treatment facility. For information on blood deferral policies and on risks associated with travel or assignment in the United Kingdom and Europe, visit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine website, <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/madcowdisease>.

Study recommends 63 changes for warrant officers

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

An Army study released late August recommends that warrant officers be fully integrated into the officer corps, paid more, and recruited in some cases from tech schools and college ROTC programs.

The study recommends a total of 63 changes to improve the training, manning and professional development of warrant officers. Now these recommendations will be reviewed by an Implementation Process Action Team at the Pentagon, an official said, to determine exactly how they can be implemented.

The study was conducted by the Army Training and Leader Development Panel over the past year with teams out of Fort Leavenworth, Kan. More than 7,430 warrant officers and others completed survey questionnaires for the study and 2,815 soldiers and family members participated in focus group discussions or in-depth interviews conducted at 75 locations worldwide.

One recommendation resulting from the study is that each branch establish a chief warrant officer position. Six of the 15 branches that have warrants already have such a position, according to Chief Warrant Officer 5 John Sparkman, director of the ATLDP warrant officer study. He said the aviation branch was the latest one to establish such a position.

Sparkman said one of the biggest recommendations of the study is to change the "mindset" of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command by eliminating the separate warrant-officer education system and melding it into the officer education system. He said warrants should attend the officer basic and advanced courses right along with lieutenants and captains.

Combining the education systems is just part of integrating warrants into the officer corps, Sparkman said, a process begun in the 1980s but never completed.

Since 1987, chief warrant officers have been commissioned. But WO1s are still appointed by warrant. One of

the panel's recommendations is to commission warrants immediately upon graduating candidate school or their officer basic course.

"Some will feel like we're losing our identity, but that's just not the case," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mike Adair of the Army's G3 Training and Leader Development Division.

"A lot of people would look at the recommendations and a knee-jerk reaction would be that warrants are becoming more generalists," Sparkman said. "That's not true at all. It's just the opposite."

All education and career-progression would be branch-specific, Sparkman said, if the panel's recommendations are implemented. In fact, the panel recommends elimination of the separate warrant officer division at Personnel Command so that all assignments would be managed by the 15 branches.

Warrant officers would wear their branch insignia, instead of the warrant "rising eagle" on their collars.

"The big holistic view is stronger identity as part of the officer corps, and of the branch to which they are associated," said Sparkman, who is also in the warrant officer leader development position at Leavenworth's Center for Army Leadership.

"Many commanders and soldiers today don't know the difference between a CW2 and a CW4 and figure a warrant is a warrant," Sparkman said. He explained that establishing an education progression that officers understand will lead to commanders knowing how to better employ warrants.

About 21,300 warrant officers are in the Army today - and they comprise about 2 percent of the total force. Fifty-four percent of warrant officers are in the active force, 33 percent are in the Army National Guard, and 13 percent are in the Army Reserve. Warrant officers serve in every branch except infantry and armor. More than half of all warrant officers serve in combat arms and 48 percent serve in the aviation field as pilots, maintenance technicians, safety officers and in other aviation specialties.

The study shows the Army is having problems recruiting warrant officers to serve in three intelligence fields, and to be CID agents. It also shows that the Army is having trouble retaining warrants in some aviation fields and in counter-intelligence.

One recommendation of the study is to recruit civilians with technical expertise for some warrant-offer technical fields. For instance, Sparkman said law-enforcement officers could be recruited as CID agents. And he said the Army and the ROTC Command might look to computer schools and other trade institutes to recruit for warrant officers in the signal branch.

Increasing the pay difference between warrant officers and NCOs would also help recruiting for warrants, Sparkman said. He explained that there was a 13-percent pay jump from staff sergeant to WO1 when he became a warrant officer. Now there's only a 5.5 percent difference. And he said there's no increase in pay when going from sergeant first class to warrant officer.

When asked in a survey, "What would you tell the chief of staff of the Army is the most important change he can make to warrant officer training and leader development?" the top five responses were in the areas of the warrant officer education system, pay and compensation, the role of the warrant officer, technical/military occupational skill training, and insufficient resources.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki chartered the ATLDP in June 2000. He instructed the panel, which convened at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to examine issues affecting training and leader development, and empowered the panel to examine appropriate institutions, processes, tools and the environment.

The panel completed Phase I (Officer Study) in May of 2001, and Phase II (NCO Study) in May 2002. The Army instituted a management process under the proponenty of the Army G3 to determine the feasibility, suitability, and acceptability of the recommendations. The ATLDP is also continuing its mission by examining Department of the Army civilians (Phase IV).

Army to tighten re-enlistment window, soldiers to re-enlist, extend 12-3 months prior

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Active-duty soldiers will need to re-enlist or extend 12 to three months prior to their separation date, beginning Oct. 1.

The purpose of the tighter re-enlistment window, personnel officials said, is to identify soldiers who desire unbroken service, and for the Army to program replacements for those who plan on returning to civilian status.

"During the past two years about 8 percent or approximately 5,000 soldiers delayed their re-enlistment decision until within three months of ETS," said Ron Canada, chief of the U.S. Army Person-

nel Command retention office. "The largest categories of these are careerists; that's too many."

Canada expressed his concern that many soldiers may be denied retention after Oct. 1, if they decide to wait it out. A tremendous amount of work processing exceptions to policy will be placed on leaders and counselors if they don't enforce the 12 to three-month re-enlistment window, Canada added.

He said leaders up and down the ranks must ensure that all soldiers are counseled on the re-enlistment window and that they may be denied further retention when within three months of ETS.

"I need everyone to help out in this ef-

fort," Canada said. "It's that important."

Processing procedures for exceptions to the three-month cutoff will require a copy of the soldier's re-enlistment interviews from Department of the Army form 4591-R to validate that the soldier was counseled. Additionally, the exception will require a statement from the affected soldier with a reason he did not re-enlist within the 12 to three-month window and complete justification as to why exception should be approved.

Army Regulation 601-280 outlines in paragraphs 3-6 and 4-1e the re-enlistment window of three to 12 months.

The Army's success in recruiting and retention has postured the Army to once again

reinforce that re-enlistment is a privilege, personnel officials said, and therefore requires soldiers to make their retention decisions earlier. Therefore, they are rescinding policy messages 01-02 and 01-03, dated Oct. 5, 2000 and Oct. 13, 2000.

Exceptions to the three-month window will be considered for meritorious cases only, officials said. The exception must be endorsed by the first general officer in the soldier's chain of command. Requests should be submitted to PERSCOM in accordance with paragraph 3-10 of AR 601-280.

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