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ID Card Section reduces hours

Due to an extreme shortage of personnel, the ID Card Section, Adjutant General Directorate in Building 41420, will be closed daily from noon to 1 p.m. until further notice. For more information, call Deborah McWhorter at 533-1608.

Volunteer advisory meeting set

If you volunteer, supervise volunteers or are just interested in the Fort Huachuca volunteer program, come and share ideas with the new Installation Volunteer Coordinator today, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Murr Community Center. Let's discuss documenting hours, honoring volunteers, recruitment and a whole lot more. For more information, call Roberta Sipes at 533-4823.

BOSS hosts Valentine Party

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a Cupid's Party Friday at Thunder Mountain Village Soldier Center. The party starts at 7 p.m. Food, prizes, games and music will be part of the event. There will also be a contest for Best Dressed, Cutest Couple and Best Dancer.

WCPOC offers training

The Western Civilian Personnel Operations Center at Fort Huachuca is sponsoring five different one-day training classes for permanent party military and civilian personnel. Classes will be held in the Distance Learning Classroom in Greely Hall and are all taught by video-tele training. Classes are free and limited to 16 participants.

Classes include Improving Your Listening/Memory Skills on March 19, Managing Change Effectively on April 4, Communicate Better (date to be determined), Effective Writing on April 25 and Win-Win Solutions to Daily Conflict on May 14.

To register for a class submit a DD Form 1556 to Russell Watson, dean of Initial Entry Training, by Friday. For more information, call Watson at 533-5407.

RWBAHC closed Friday-Monday

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center clinics and pharmacy will be closed Friday through Monday in observance of Presidents Day. Because the pharmacy will be closed for four days, plan prescription filling needs accordingly. Prime Time Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during this period (weekends, holidays and training holidays schedule.) The clinic is reserved from 10 a.m. to noon for Initial Entry Training students' care.

Commissary closed Feb. 19

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Tuesday in observance of President Day. The Commissary will reopen for regular hours (8 a.m.-6 p.m.) on Wednesday.

USAG HQ Change of Command

A change of command ceremony for Headquarters, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison is set for 8:30 a.m., Tuesday on Brown Parade Field. Capt. Karen Chambers will relinquish command to Capt. Chester Delf.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at Murr Community Center.

Housing Office closed

The Housing Office will be closed Feb. 21, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. in order to say good-bye and honor long-time housing employee Noe Barrera. The office will reopen at 1 p.m.



Photo by Robert J. Hebert

Cemetery construction

(From left) Jay Tulk, carpenter, and Tom Baker, carpenter supervisor, both of San Pedro Builders set the building forms for the new veterans cemetery entrance. Concrete will be placed inside the forms and coated with stucco or cultured stone. Steel fencing will be installed between the stone pillars. The entrance to the new cemetery is located on Buffalo Soldier Trail. According to Tulk and Baker, construction on the cemetery is on schedule.

Systems to monitor groundwater recharge on fort

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

Water conservation efforts are essential to the daily life of Fort Huachuca and the surrounding communities; therefore, the Upper San Pedro Partnership has installed two recharge monitoring systems on Fort Huachuca and four in Sierra Vista.

The monitoring systems will help the partnership better understand how much groundwater recharge occurs naturally and may answer questions on whether the partnership and others can capture storm water runoff and recharge it back into the ground.

"The partnership is looking at several options to help the water issue," said Mike Milczarek, program director of Geosystems Analysis, Inc. "The main thing we're looking at is whether it is cost-effective to capture storm water runoff."

What the monitoring systems will help determine is whether storm water collection will make a difference to the underground water table.

"It is important to know this data before people go out and start building storm water capture structures because we may find that it's cost prohibitive or that it's not really helping anything. That's why we're doing the study up front before we start implementing different things."

The monitoring systems are solar powered, and information is gathered through sensors, which are located in the ground at different depths. Information is then taken from a data logger to measure the amount of rainstorm water that is actually recharged back into the ground.

Ground water is the only source for drinking water here. It is variably located at different depths in the San Pedro Valley and can go as far down as 500 feet.

The current research has been collected for a year and a half. "It has been useful. We have found out a fair amount [about] how the system works," Milczarek said, who has worked with the environment for over 20 years.

Helping to recharge water back into the ground will help ensure the environment is protected.

"It's a consensus among all parties that the river needs protection.



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Kirstin Dillingham collects information from a monitor at Woodcutter's Basin on Fort Huachuca. She collects water recharge data on to a laptop computer to see how quickly natural recharge takes place. The Upper San Pedro Partnership hopes to use this information to learn how to help recharge storm runoff water faster into the under ground water table.

It's a question of values. It's not a human water supply issue," Milczarek said. "There's plenty of water for human consumption. But do you really want to see the San Pedro go the same way so many other southwestern rivers have gone? All dried up."

The San Pedro River has multiple tributaries throughout Fort Huachuca and Cochise County which could be used to capture and recharge stormwater.

The Upper San Pedro Partnership includes the U.S. Army, Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, San Pedro Natural Resource Conservation Area, City of Sierra Vista, Cochise County and the Nature Conservancy.

Contracting warns of possible laser, ink, toner cartridge scam

DOC release

The Directorate of Contracting recently became aware of a possible scam by some laser, ink jet and toner cartridge suppliers.

According to Wilma J. Rose, Director of Contracting, the individuals behind this scam have contacted many organizations on the installation offering a deal that "sounds to good to be true."

Although in some cases the vendor may be honest, DOC officials recommend all buyers of office supplies to remain skeptical of any calls received offering a "free" new or remanufactured cartridge to try or a "30-day trial offer" and asking questions relating to the type

and number of printers or copiers you have.

Very often these calls are made by telemarketers, and you can hear other calls in process in the background. When questioned, the telemarketer already has your name, address and telephone number, but does not usually have information regarding your organization; i.e., whether your organization is a government or commercial entity.

Rose said "the experience has been that once you agree to accept a 'free' or 'trial cartridge,' you are sent several cartridges along with a bill for all of the cartridges shipped to you. One organization agreed to a 'free' cartridge, and

received eight cartridges, along with an invoice prior to even receiving the cartridges.

"Fortunately, this cardholder was smart enough to not provide his IMPAC card number at the time he was offered the 'free' cartridge," she said.

According to Rose, the cardholder was subsequently notified, 30 days after the cartridges had been shipped — not received — that if payment was not received in five days, the account would be referred to legal collections for action and that failure to pay may affect his credit rat-

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Photos by Robert J. Hebert

High note

The 36th Army Band received a Sierra Vista Mayor's Arts Award in a ceremony Feb. 10 at Cochise College. Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Bourke, bass fiddle and Jazz Ensemble group leader, accepted the award from Mayor Tom Hessler on behalf of the band. The Jazz Ensemble also provided music for the event.



Lifelong Learning



Photo by Robert J. Hebert

College-bound students who needed information about financial assistance were invited to attend a one-stop financial aid workshop on Sunday. Cochise College and the University of Arizona sponsored College Goal Sunday, a free, statewide program designed to help students apply for financial aid. Financial aid professionals helped students complete the universally required Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. This application is required for federal and state aid and or many scholarships. (From left) Dartel Atherton, financial aid director of Cochise College, and Vicki Rupel, financial aid counselor for the University of Arizona-South, help Shelly Scriven and her daughter, Maria, apply for financial aid to Cochise College. College-bound students who were unable to attend College Goal Sunday can still receive financial aid by calling (877) 997-8300 or visiting the Web site www.collegegoalsunday.com.

Soldiers' Lawyer

I know there is a claims section in the JAG Office. When might I have a claim against the government?

Most soldiers only visit the Claims Office after a regular PCS move . . . and after they've had household goods delivered in damaged condition or not delivered at all! But the Claims Office actually covers a variety of potential claims, generally designed to boost soldier morale by compensating for losses incurred incident to military service.

For example, you may have a claim against the government if-

— Missing property is stolen from government quarters, from private quarters or from an authorized storage place.

— Property in government quarters or storage is damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, hurricane, theft, vandalism, or other unusual oc-

currences. Hail damage to an automobile parked on post and damage caused to property in the barracks when a water pipe breaks are also examples of unusual occurrences.

— Property, including privately owned vehicles, is lost, damaged, or destroyed while transported or stored under government orders.

— Property is lost or damaged due to wrongful or negligent acts of Army agents.

Check with your local Claims Office in the JAG Building if you think you may have a claim.

(Editor's note: This Soldiers' Lawyer is provided by your Judge Advocate General Claims Office. Visit us on the Web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/claims.html> or contact us at 533-2212.)

Start planning now to pay for college

By Robert P. Campbell
Education Service Specialist

You may have doubted that education or training after high school is within your family's reach. That is probably not true.

You may have assumed that there is nothing you can do to help yourself or improve your chances of finding the outside help you need. That is definitely not true.

If you are worried about your family's ability to pay future educational expenses, early planning can help. Next to buying a home, the money that you pay toward college costs may well be the largest financial investment you ever

make in your lifetime. You owe it to yourself to investigate all your options beforehand, and then to manage that investment as carefully as you would any other. Planning to meet college costs involves several different activities. First you must determine what it cost to go to college.

Some of the best things in life are free, but unfortunately, college is not one of them. When you enroll, your expenses include direct educational expenses (tuition and fees, books and supplies) and living cost (room and board, per-

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Man on the Street

How are you an environmental steward on the fort?



"My roommate and I try to recycle whenever we can even though there are not too many recycling drop-points on-post. We take our used oil and batteries to auto-parts stores off-post."

Spc. Robert Adcock
Company A, 40th Signal Battalion



"My manager Joe Chawshaw and I make sure that our employees disposal of liquid shortening doesn't end up in the soil on Fort Huachuca. We always take the used shortening to the Greely Hall depository and place it in 55 gallon barrels and then it is recycled by a Tucson company. We also pick-up the trash in the PX parking lot several times a day."

Roy Shelley, Supervisor,
AAFES Food Corporation



"I don't throw trash on the ground... I keep a trash-bag nearby for all of my refuse. And, I try to conserve water when I wash my hands by turning off the tap until I need to rinse."

Rita-Marie Morrel, "The Hat Lady," AAFES Concessionaire



"We [Advance Individual Trainees] keep everything as clean as we found it. We're always sweeping the sidewalks. We are instructed to clean up as you go along — even pick-up someone else's trash. We are taught to respect the wildlife on post and all of their territory because the animals were here first."

Pvt. Ryan L. Squires
Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion



"We do regular barracks' maintenance and daily police calls. We even pick-up all of the dead leaves. I have decided to not smoke. Our dorms at Talmadge Hall have waterless urinals."

Pvt. Andrew D. McCall
Company E, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion



"We have an excellent program in our battalion to protect the environment at Fort Huachuca. Secondary containments keep our fuel trucks and generators from spilling onto the soil. The vehicles drive up onto the containments where cloth socks soak-up any fuel spills."

Chief Warrant Officer 2
David W. Edgar, 40th Signal Battalion

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Army Signal Command



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Staff Sgt. Hope A. Wilkinson, a food service specialist with Company C, 40th Signal Battalion, hands food to Gen. Larry R. Ellis, the U.S. Forces Command commanding general, at the 11th Signal Brigade's Thunderbird Dining Facility on Jan. 30. Ellis ate breakfast with a group of 11th Signal Brigade soldiers during his visit to the Army Signal Command for an annual training briefing.

FORSCOM general calls for better communications

By Staff Sgt. Gary Watson
NCO, ASC PAO

When Gen. Larry R. Ellis, commanding general of U.S. Forces Command, visited the Army Signal Command here Jan. 30, his message was communications — between commanders and soldiers.

The FORSCOM commander was at ASC to receive his annual training briefing from Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, ASC commanding general, and his staff.

Ellis' message to commanders was to the point: "Talk to your soldiers." During his briefing he stressed the point. "You have a responsibility for the health and welfare of your soldiers," he said.

"You've got soldiers deployed," he noted. "Your every effort ought to be to support them. The mission continues ... be ready. Young people need guidance."

The general said the briefing was great and that it's an education every time he comes to Fort Huachuca. He also said FORSCOM has resources and is here to help.

"These are great sessions for us," said Hylton.

Also attending the briefing from FORSCOM headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga., were Maj. Gen. James E. Donald, FORSCOM deputy chief of staff for personnel and installation management; Maj. Gen. Daniel G. Mongeon, FORSCOM director of logistics, G-4; and Vicky L. Jefferis, FORSCOM deputy chief of staff for resource management.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Sgt. Glen Sayarot (left) and Staff Sgt. John Hargash, both from the 19th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, inspect vehicles at Libby Army Airfield Monday. The vehicles will deploy this week with soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade.

More signal troops deploy for Afghanistan

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

About 50 soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade will head toward the Central Command area of operations to join their fellow Thunderbirds providing communications support for Operation Enduring Freedom.

The soldiers, who will be deploying throughout the week, gathered at Libby Army Airfield at Fort Huachuca Monday for a send-off ceremony.

During the event, Lt. Col. Michael S. Yarmie, deputy commander of the 11th Signal Brigade, and Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, commander of the Army Signal Command, spoke to the troops about their upcoming missions and then shook each soldier's hand and thanked them for their service.

Each spoke of the missions and challenges the soldiers will face. Hylton told the soldiers that as they move into the area of operations, "you will fall in on a tremendous reputation that has been established. Nowhere in theater of operations are there activities you are not supporting," he added.

The brigade has been deploying communications teams and supporting elements into CENTCOM since November.



Lt. Col. Michael S. Yarmie, 11th Signal Brigade deputy commander, talks with deploying soldiers during the send-off ceremony Monday at Libby Army Airfield at Fort Huachuca.

No Cold War medal authorized for wear

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense will not be creating a Cold War Service medal, and commemorative medals being sold by private vendors are not authorized for wear on military uniforms, defense officials said.

"After careful consideration, it was decided not to create a medal," said Brad Loo, deputy director of Officer and Enlisted Management Personnel for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

"Throughout the Cold War years, commanders used a full spectrum of individual, unit and service awards to recognize the achievements and sacrifices of service members," he said.

Former Secretary of Defense William Cohen approved a

Cold War Recognition Certificate in 1999, and the Army, as executive agent, has been responsible for issuing them to any eligible applicant.

The certificate recognizes all service members and federal employees who faithfully served in the U.S. military during the Cold War era, Loo added. For certificate purposes, that era is the end of World War II, Sept. 2, 1945, to the collapse of the Soviet Union, Dec. 26, 1991.

Last year, someone began sending e-mail to people informing them of the approval of a

Cold War medal, as shown in an attached picture, said Arlette King, chief of policy for the Army Award Branch.

"We've tried to correct the issue by putting out messages on our Web site stating that there is not an authorized medal," King said. Several different designs of medals are offered on the Internet — and even at military clothing sales stores. "This is America. Anyone can purchase the commemorative medal from private vendors, just not wear it on his or her uniform."

It's illegal to wear unauthorized medals on a military uniform, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, uniform policy noncommissioned officer for the Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Messman cited Title 18, Section 704, "Military Medal or Decorations": "Whoever knowingly wears a medal not authorized by Congress ... shall be fined or imprisoned not more than six months or both."

The only official site to apply for a Cold War Recognition Certificate is the Army's at coldwar.army.mil/. Any other sites offering certificates, replicas or other commemoratives for sale are neither official nor endorsed by DoD or the services.

(Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs is assigned to Army News Service in Washington.)

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Brad Loo

Raytheon EO sensors to be tested over fort

Raytheon release

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — The U.S. Navy plans to conduct a series of captive carry flight tests of a Raytheon Company electro-optical sensor system over the Fort Huachuca area Friday or Saturday.

During these tests, the EO sensor will obtain images of the area to aid in evaluating the operation of the system. The EO sensor is a harmless device housed in a pod attached to a Navy A-3 aircraft. Similar to a camera, the device creates a digital image of ground objects and the surrounding terrain.

Most of the flight path during these tests will be over military ranges. The aircraft will fly repetitive image gathering passes over specified areas of interest in order to evaluate performance of the sensor under a variety of collection conditions.

The Navy uses similar EO sensor components in some of its missiles developed by Raytheon Company.

For more information, contact the Navy's Program Executive Office for Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation, Public Affairs Office at (301) 757-6316.

Employees parking at Greely Hall urged to continue to be patient

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Army Signal Command's senior non-commissioned officer and building manager both commended the Greely Hall employees on their patience with the parking situation there.

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Paylor, command sergeant major of ASC, and Sgt. Maj. Jack Rippel, ASC G3 sergeant major and building manager, said the employees must continue to be patient as the situation evolves.

Greely Hall is the largest building on post and is occupied by the largest work force. It also houses many different directorates, including the Dental Command and part of the Directorate of Information Management.

Since the tragic events of Sept. 11, the approximately 1,400 soldiers and civilians who work there on any given day have had

to park much further away than they are accustomed to.

"All parking spots have to be at least 25 meters from the building. Here at Greely Hall, we have lost hundreds of parking spots," Rippel said. The building is surrounded by a parking lot but the parking spaces in the first rows cannot be used.

Rippel said Greely Hall has maintained the same number of handicapped spots since Sept. 11 despite the severe parking restrictions.

"Employees here will have to be patient until a permanent plan is executed. That might mean getting to work earlier and carrying less. Thank God for the Arizona weather and the fact that most people don't mind walking," Rippel said.

"The employees here will have to continue to be patient. Things are not going to happen overnight; we need the public to continue to work with us," Paylor said.

Chapel invites community to celebrate Purim

Chapel release

The Jewish holiday of Purim will be celebrated at the Main Post Chapel on Friday at 7 p.m.

Purim is based on the events in the Biblical scroll of Esther. The text relates how King Akhashverosh held a beauty contest to replace his disobedient queen, Vashti. A young Jewish girl, Esther, was selected to become queen.

Prime minister, Haman, hated the Jews, since Esther's uncle, Mordecai, refused to bow down to him. He obtained permission to kill all the Jews in the kingdom.

Esther reveals her Jewish identity, the Jewish people are saved, and mourning is replaced with rejoicing.

Purim comes at the time of the last full moon of winter, and is a traditional time for masquer-

ades, parties and general silliness. Celebrants typically dress in costume, and a certain amount of drinking is encouraged. Each time the name of Haman is mentioned in the story, graggers, or noisemakers, are used to drown out his name.

It is also customary to send gifts to friends as well as to make charitable donations in honor of the holiday. Hamantaschen, a three-cornered pastry, is associated with Purim, a reminder of Haman's three-cornered hat.

The story of Purim has resonated with Jews throughout history, with its triumphant message of survival in the face of hatred. The Rabbis suggest the entire month in which it occurs will be especially happy because of its association with this raucous holiday.

The entire community is invited wear a costume and bring a noisemaker.

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

1SG talks about living through events surrounding *Black Hawk Down*

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

For 1st Sgt. Mark A. Warner, the events of *Black Hawk Down* are not just intriguing elements that make up another good war movie. To him they are memories of lessons learned and of 18 fallen comrades.

The events behind *Black Hawk Down* started off as being the seventh in a series of missions for the soldiers involved in Task Force Ranger which took place in Mogadishu, Somalia on Oct. 3, 1993.

What started off as a mission that should have lasted less than an hour turned into an 15-hour nightmare that left 18 soldiers killed and hundreds of Somalians dead. A staff sergeant at the time, Warner was an intelligence analyst assigned with the 75th Ranger Regiment.

The tragic event also resulted in two UH-60 helicopters being shot down. Warner said a total of seven helicopters were inured and five were disabled.

The movie is based on the novel *Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War* by Mark Bowden.

Warner, who is the first sergeant of Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion recalled his

1st Sgt. Mark A. Warner, first sergeant of Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, was a staff sergeant when her served with Task Force Ranger in Somalia in 1993.

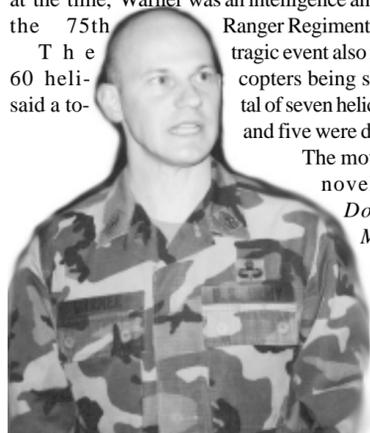


Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Soldiers have to be physically fit and properly trained so they can operate in any environment.

1st Sgt. Mark A. Warner, part of Task Force Ranger

experiences to a standing room only crowd during the battalion's Officer and Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development class held at the LakeSide Activity Centre, Feb. 8.

His talk was followed by a question and answer session. He also displayed photos and the actual body armor that he wore over there.

Maj. Brian Clark, executive officer of the 306th MI Bn. was in Somalia for three months as part of the Joint Psychological Operations Task Force and gave the audience a brief history of the country and of its politics during that time. He said the U.S. Embassy located in Somalia had closed its doors in 1991 and that Somalia, which is a former Italian protectorate, didn't have an organized military just warring clans.

Warner said Mogadishu is a relatively small city that is approximately four miles wide and eight miles long with a climate similar to Hawaii.

He said the buildings were poorly constructed and that soldiers wouldn't even stop in certain parts of Mogadishu because if they did they were liable to be yanked out of their vehicles and killed. He said the people were capable of amassing six feet barriers of debris within seconds.

He also said they were getting shot at every night they were over there.

According to Warner, Rangers and members of Delta Force had trained for three weeks in Thailand and were familiar with each other. He even said they had a big brother/little brother type of family relationship and got along much better than was



Graphic by Angelica Pequeño

portrayed in the movie.

"The movie was 80-85 percent accurate," said Warner, who hasn't read the book.

He said basic soldier skills such as knowing how to apply immediate action to your weapon without thinking and knowing your job is extremely important for all soldiers.

He said in Ranger Regiments everyone is taught to be a leader. "If one man goes down, the next person in line knows how to react. Soldiers have to be physically fit and properly trained so they can operate in any environment," Warner said.

Soldiers who relive fateful battle say 'There are heroes among us'

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

Chief Warrant Officer Rodney "Sam" Shamp, an Army helicopter pilot, admitted to shedding quiet tears as he watched "Black Hawk Down," a new film about the Army's October 1993 battle in Mogadishu, Somalia, against Mohamed Farrah Aidid's militia.

Shamp, now 39, is assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, also known as the Night Stalkers. In Somalia, he flew the helicopter dubbed "Super Six Seven."

He spent 18 hours in the cockpit during the battle that left 19 American soldiers and more than 1,000 Somali dead.

Using rocket-propelled grenades, Somali militia shot down two Black Hawks that day. They captured one pilot who was later released, but other pilots and crew died. One soldier who'd volunteered to protect the downed choppers was killed and a mob dragged his body through the city streets.

Watching "Black Hawk Down" brought it all back for Shamp and other veterans of the battle who attended the Jan. 15 premiere here.

"It was like watching a Vietnam veteran walk the Wall the first time," Shamp said. "You don't just see it. You relive it. There are emotions that come flooding back to the surface that you had dealt with, and you had closure on, and then you see them once again."

Fortunately, he said, he was sitting with two senior sergeants who had been with him in "the Mog" that day. "We all had the same shared emotions," Shamp said. "They could understand me and I could understand them. If I shed a tear, they understood."

Watching anew the deaths of their friends and comrades in arms was hard, the battle vets said.

The visual depiction of the events was "a bit gripping," said Sgt. 1st Class Matt Eversmann. "I'd made peace with this. I don't harbor any bad feelings or ill will. Certainly, it's difficult to watch a recreation of it, but I'll always know inside my heart the real memories and that's all that counts."

Eversmann, played by actor Josh Hartnett, said he believes the public "should know that we've got great soldiers that are ready to slide down a rope into a furnace at a moment's notice to defend our freedom and to defend our liberties.

That is something that I hope all of America takes away when they see this movie."

Even though it was tough to watch, Eversmann and several other vets said they were glad producer Jerry Bruckheimer and director Ridley Scott made the film. They were glad their story was told.

"A lot of courageous things went on that day, and it's good that the public gets to see what some of those things were," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff McLaughlin of the 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., who was also there that day.

Slated for national release Jan. 18, the film is based on Philadelphia Inquirer reporter Mark Bowden's book "Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War." Both tell what happened on a raid into the Somali capital to apprehend two of Aidid's top lieutenants.

As the U.S. troops go in, the Somali militia, armed with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades rally.

"We saw a range of people from 10-year-olds on up with weapons," Shamp said. "We saw women with weapons. It doesn't matter what your technology is in an urban environment. It still gets down to the man with the rifle. History's proved that over and over again in the battle for Hue, the battle for Seoul, the battle for Stalingrad."

Like Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan," "Black Hawk Down" graphically depicts bloody, gut-clenching action. Troops and officers — those who were there and those who've served in combat elsewhere — said the film accurately and authentically portrays the chaos, pain and horror of combat. It also portrays the bonds formed under fire and demonstrates the ultimate commitment "to leave no man behind."

Training soldiers impacted by blockbuster movie

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

The block-buster, hit movie *Black Hawk Down* had an intense emotional impact on the approximately 500 Advanced Individual Training servicemembers of the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion.

The movie was, according to the American Forces Press Service, declared "authentic" by soldiers who were actually part of Task Force Ranger. AIT soldiers viewed the movie Feb. 7 as part of their Values Training.

Some of them were angry, some were sad at the loss of life and some were even outraged, but they were all proud of the fact that they were part of the U.S. military.

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Spc. Thomas Heise, Pfc. Jermaine Walker and Pvt. Michael Bradle, all of Company A, 309th MI Bn., discussed the emotional impact that the movie had on them.

Walker and Bradle are both undergoing training to become Morse code interceptors while Heise is receiving ground surveillance training.

Bradle, who joined the Army on May 1, said it was his second time seeing the movie.

"I was able to pick up different details especially when the Rangers ran the Mogadishu Mile," he said referring to a scene in the movie. "I was simply awed by the amount of action," he said.

He went on to note that his family was impacted by the tragic events of Sept. 11. "I had a cousin and an aunt who were in the second World Trade Center Tower. They were not allowed to use the elevators and wound up finding safety in a shoe store," he said quietly.

"Black Hawk Down was more realistic than any other Army movie that I have seen," agreed Walker. "The movie left me feeling angry and also more determined. You see these guys sacrifice their life for their fellow soldier and you watch others survive despite what looks like impossible circumstances," Walker said shaking his head.

Walker, who joined the Army on Sept. 23, also noted the importance of being properly trained and prepared.

Heise, who joined the Army on Oct. 4, admitted the movie left him feeling a little scared and angry too.

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"As soldiers we could actually get called to face a situation like that. The movie also left me angry at the Somali war lords who made their people suffer in order for them to achieve power," he said quietly.

He said the Army values he felt the movie personified were selfless service and duty.

"Even after they were wounded and had the option to stay and get their wounds attended to, they went back out there," Heise said.

"That took a tremendous amount of personal courage," Walker agreed.

Capt. Eddie Perry, the commander of Company A, 309th MI Bn. said he felt the movie would be fitting because the Somali mission had many contributors.

"I wanted these servicemembers to understand the impact of Selfless Service and to see it in action," he said. He especially wanted the servicemembers to realize that at any moment they too could be called to the battlefield because soldiers who were sent to relieve the Rangers had different occupational specialties.

Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Shepherd, the senior drill sergeant for Company A, 309th said Army Value training is taught to the troops every Thursday.

"This movie was very close to combat and it embodied all of the core values that we want our soldiers to be instilled with," he said. The viewing of the movie was made possible by an off-post theater that provided a special showing at a reduced rate for the battalion.

According to Cine.Mayhem.com, as of Jan. 28 *Black Hawk Down* has grossed \$60 million at the domestic box office.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Pvt. Michael Bradle, Spc. Thomas Heise and Pfc. Jermaine Walker, all of Company A, 309th MI Bn., discussed the emotional impact that the war movie *Black Hawk Down* had on them. Heise and Walker both joined the Army after Sept. 11. The soldiers saw the movie Feb. 7 at a theater off post as part of their Army Value training. Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Shepherd, the senior drill sergeant for Company A, 309th said "This movie was very close to combat and it embodied all of the core values that we want our soldiers to be instilled with."

Black History Month

Post museum honors historic chaplains with special exhibit

*Sunday morning where the rhythm flows,
how old nobody knows-
yet old as mystery,
older than creed,
basic and wondering
and lost as my need.
—Langston Hughes*

By Jim Finley
Post Historian

African American History Month at Fort Huachuca is like African American History Month nowhere else. The history of African Americans at Huachuca has an immediacy; it has a felt presence as one stands on the fort's historic parade field; it rides the wind currents down out of the canyon.

It was from this parade field in the first half of the 20th century that black soldiers marched, saluted, and felt the stirrings of patriotism that comes with military service and sacrifice. Many of their stories of courage and striving are told in locally published histories and in the Fort Huachuca Museum.

This month, in honor of that group of men collectively known to history as Buffalo Soldiers, the Fort Huachuca Museum unveiled a new exhibit that illumines yet another corner of their history at this remote outpost in the Arizona high desert. We know that this is where they trained, polished their soldierly skills, patrolled the border, chased bandits and terrorists, trained new formations for fighting in Europe and the Pacific, and quietly won their proud place in the annals of American military history.

It is also the place where they worshipped and found community. That is the subject of the new display entitled "Spiritual Life at Huachuca During the Buffalo Soldier Era." Each of the U.S. Army's four African-American regiments had a chaplain, usually one of the only black officers in the unit, who was responsible for not only the spiritual well-being of the men, but their education as well.

Their churches were either Baptist or African Methodist Episcopal and became the focal point for social life in the regiment and an alternative distraction from the grinding routine of military duties. The chaplains during the first half of the 20th century at Huachuca had a profound effect on their congregations and provided edu-



In honor of those who inspired Fort Huachuca's own soldiers, living the life of not only a military man but that of a spiritual being. Pictured here are (from left) Allen Allensworth, Louis A. Carter, John A. DeVeaux, and Isaac C. Snowden; they all served as Chaplains for Fort Huachuca.

cational opportunities that would not have been available to many of the men in civilian life.

Allen Allensworth was the first black chaplain to serve at Huachuca, arriving with 24th Infantry in 1892 and remaining until 1896. He went to school at Roger Williams University in Nashville before applying to President Grover Cleveland for a commission as chaplain. In his application he said the job "will give me an opportunity to show, in behalf of the race, that a Negro can be an officer and a gentleman.... I know, from past association with both Northern and Southern white men, that I can perform the duties...without socially embarrassing the officers of the Regiment or Army."

George W. Prioleau began his service with the 9th Cavalry in 1895. The South Carolina native graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Wilberforce University in 1884 and taught

at Payne Theological Seminary in Ohio. He served with the 10th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca. He founded a masonic lodge at Fort Huachuca in 1918 as he had done earlier in the 1890s while with the 9th Cavalry.

Theophilus G. Steward became the 25th Infantry's first black chaplain in 1891 and traveled with the regiment to Fort Huachuca in 1898 briefly before the regiment shipped out to the Spanish-American War. The 25th returned to Huachuca in 1899.

Isaac C. Snowden was the 25th Infantry chaplain at their post in Nogales and, as a civilian minister, served the Fort Huachuca community alongside Chaplain Carter. In 1926 he traveled with First Sergeant Vance Marchbanks to McNary to a Sunday School convention where Marchbanks gave a talk entitled, "Reminiscence of a Trooper

at Fort Apache." By 1944, Snowden was the civilian principal of the Colonel Young School at Fort Huachuca.

In an Army career that spanned three decades, Chaplain Louis A. Carter served with each of the four black regular Army regiments at posts as far flung as the Philippines and the Arizona border. He was widely known and respected by the men of the 10th Cavalry and the 25th Infantry at Fort Huachuca, not only for the spiritual counseling which he was able to give, but also for his work as an educator, social activist, and champion of black pride.

At Huachuca he served as post schoolmaster and librarian. He saw to it that *The Crisis*, the official journal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was made available to the troops and advocated that only through a knowledge of their past could blacks be made to have pride and hope for their futures. In 1936, while serving at Huachuca, he was promoted to full colonel, the first black chaplain to attain that rank. He retired in 1940 and one year later he died at the Veterans' Hospital in Tucson.

John A. DeVeaux was the chaplain of the 25th Infantry at Fort Huachuca in 1940, of the 368th Infantry at Fort Huachuca in 1941, was the Fort Huachuca chaplain in 1942 and in 1943 was the chaplain for the 93d Infantry Division bound for Pacific Theater. While a chaplain with the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea, he was granted the Legion of Merit for being "a source of inspiration to the officers and men of his regiment" during the heavy fighting around the Pusan Perimeter in 1950.

In 1952 he became only the second African-American chaplain after Louis Carter to reach the rank of colonel. Both of his sons served as chaplains in Vietnam and John junior returned to Fort Huachuca in 1991 to serve as the command chaplain for the U.S. Army Information Systems Command.

These few men of God, through their leadership and ministry, made a contribution to Fort Huachuca's well-being that is far greater than that commonly made by a single individual. In the words of Langston Hughes, their hands held the plow "that plowed a new furrow across the field of history." The Fort Huachuca Museum display reminds us of their service.

Explaining loss to children can be challenging

By Natalie Danforth
Administrative Librarian

Divorce, death of a relative and illness of a loved one all challenge an adult's ability to explain to a child what has happened and, at the same time, offer assurance.

Your Fort Huachuca Library may help bridge the painful gap between what you feel and understand and what the child feels and needs help understanding. A book geared toward preschool children can be read with the child. An article or book can be provided to older children with an invitation to talk about the loss after you have both read the book.

Illness and death

When a Parent is Very Sick discusses typical feelings and incidents encountered by a child when a parent is seriously ill or hurt, as well as how it affects the entire family, and suggests ways to deal with such situations. In the adult collection 306.89 SULLIV.

Why Did Grandpa Die? A Book about Death. 306.9 HAZEN.

When People Die explains in simple terms the reasons for death, theories on afterlife, burial practices, grief, and the naturalness of death. In the Children's Collection 155.9 BERNST.

A Look at Death. Text and photographs present the concept of death, the importance of grief, and the customs of mourning. In the Children's Collection 155.9 FORRAI.

Why Isn't Johnny Crying: Coping with Depression in Children. In the Adult Collection 618.92.

Divorce and separation

For preschool children — All these books are found in the Easy Reader section of the Children's Collection. Read the book to your child, allowing time to "read" your child's reactions and concerns.

One More Time. Simon and his father spend a pleasant afternoon in the park before Simon goes home to his mother. E BAUM

The Family that Changed. Presents a brief explanation of what happens to a family when a divorce occurs. E SPILKE

Two Places to Sleep. A boy describes living with his father and visiting his mother every other weekend after his parents' divorce. E SCHUCH

Two Special Cards. Two children try to grow accustomed to their parents' divorce. E LISKER

Where is Daddy? The Story of a Divorce. This story first appeared in the May 12,

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Pets of the Week



"Jimmy" is a one year-old, neutered, tan lab/Chow mix. He is a wonderful, sweet dog. He's our long-term resident, and would love a new home. His adoption fee is only \$9, which includes vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming. Come meet him — you'll fall in love!



"Bingo" is a black, domestic short-haired young female cat. She was abandoned in quarters by her previous owners. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, a microchip, vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, and deworming.



"Juke" is a young, adult male black and tan rottweiler mix. He is a great dog — very happy and loves to play. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, a heartworm test, a microchip, vaccinations and deworming.

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



"Shaiesti" is an eleven-month old female tortoiseshell cat. She is a beautiful cat — a must-see! Her adoption fee is \$32, which includes a spay, vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, a microchip and deworming.

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sonal expenses, and transportation). Don't let the cost scare you. You may not have to pay the whole amount yourself and there are ways of making the part you do have to pay more manageable.

Tuition is the charge for instruction. Fees may be charged for services such as library, student activities, or the health center. Tuition and fees charged by a particular college depends on many factors, but the most significant is what kind of college it is.

Tuition and fee at public institutions are generally the lowest, because they receive funds from taxes. Most four-year public colleges charge higher tuition for nonresidents than the legal residents of the state or district in which the college is located.

This "out-of-state" tuition often can make the cost of attending a public institution as high as the cost of attending private institutions. Private institutions often have more financial aid resources that can help you make up the difference between costs and financial aid.

The greater your overall expense, the greater possibility of your demonstrating need for financial aid.

Every college student has to buy books, pencils, paper, and other

supplies. The amount you spend for books and supplies will vary only slightly by the type of institution but is generally related to the curriculum or courses you select.

Room and board means basic living expenses for food and housing. Regardless of the kind of institution you choose you will have to consider these expenses.

Colleges with their own housing typically charge on a nine-month basis for room and most meals, excluding holiday and vacation periods. The room and board charge is built into your student expense budget.

Colleges also expect that students living in privately owned, off-campus housing have a similar level of expense. In the case of active duty military students, you're assumed to have somewhat lower expenses than on-campus students because you don't have to pay for housing.

However, you will still need to factor in the cost of food and other normal living expenses. The estimated cost of food and other expenses is usually built into commuter student expense budgets for financial aid purposes. Take these cost into account in your plan-

ning.

No matter what kind of institution you choose, you'll have some personal expenses for things such as clothing, laundry, toiletries, recreation, medical insurance and care, and perhaps incidental furnishings for you housing.

All students spend some money for travel. If you live on or near campus, you have to travel to get there at the start of the academic year. If you're a commuter student you'll also have travel expenses.

Whether you use public transportation or a private car to get to and from college several days a week. These costs, too, are built into student expense budgets by colleges for financial aid purposes.

The total expense budget for a particular college is determined by adding up these five categories of expenses (tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, personal expenses, and transportation).

For your own estimates, remember to consider any additional cost that might result from other extraordinary personal expenses.

For more information, call the Education Center at 533-3010 or 533-2255 or visit us at Building 52104.

Community Updates

2002 post phonebooks available

The 2002 Thunder Mountaineer phone books and CD-Roms are now available at the Public Affairs Office (Building 21115) on Brown Parade Field across from the gazebo. Unit or office representatives should call Pat Dillingham, editorial assistant, at 533-1850 with the number of copies desired.

Range closures

Today	AL, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday	T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	No Closures
Monday	No Closures
Tuesday	AL
Wednesday	AM
Feb. 21	AL, T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 22	AL, AM, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 23	AU, T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 24	No Closures

For more information, call Range Control at 533-7095.

Shabbat service planned

Beginning Saturday, there will be a monthly Shabbat morning service on the second Saturday of each month. The entire community is invited to the Main Post Chapel at 9 a.m. for this traditional worship experience. The service will be conducted in both Hebrew and English; translations and transliterations are available. The liturgy includes traditional prayers, psalms, and study of the weekly Torah (Bible) portion. For more information, call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-4750 or e-mail koppellb@hua.army.mil.

VA Benefits briefings set

Veterans Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the VA Regional Office, VA Hospital and Tucson Vet Center. Representatives cover VA Benefits such as education and training, health care, home loan guarantees, disability compensation, pensions, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation.

It is important for all soldiers who are submitting claims for medical conditions to come to this briefing. The forms necessary for the submission and an explanation of how to complete the forms is provided.

The public is invited to attend this briefing. All VA benefits briefings are held in Building 22420. General information is provided from 8 a.m. to noon, and assistance in filing claims is done from 1-3 p.m. No reservation required. Briefings for 2002 are set for today, March 21, April 18, May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

MI sergeants major reception

The Command Sergeant Major of the Military Intelligence Corps is extending an

invitation for retired MI sergeants major to attend a reception at the LakeSide Activity Centre on March 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception is designed to keep the retired MI sergeants major community more closely involved with the current MI sergeants major community

This event is part of the 2002 Worldwide Military Intelligence CSM/SGM Conference, where the top senior enlisted MI professionals from around the world meet at Fort Huachuca to discuss the future of Military Intelligence.

For more information, or to reserve your seat, call Master Sgt. James Broun at 538-2136 or e-mail james.broun@hua.army.mil before Friday. Information about the conference may be found online at http://usaic.hua.army.mil/events/csm_conf/index.htm.

ASMC luncheon set

American Society of Military Comptrollers will host its monthly luncheon Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at La Hacienda. Chris Bourlier of Premium Financial Services will discuss tax law changes for 2001.

Cost for the buffet lunch is \$8 for ASMC members and \$9 for non-members. 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 more information, call Linda Guinter at 456-2961.

LTC promotion board convenes

A Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is set to convene on Feb. 26 to consider majors for promotion to lieutenant colonel for Calendar Year 2002 Lieutenant Colonel, Operation, Operational Support, Information Operations and Institutional Support (formerly Army Competitive Category) zones of consideration.

Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: Above the Zone, March 1, 1997 and earlier; Promotion Zone, March 2, 1997 through Jan. 1, 1998; and Below the Zone, Jan. 2, 1998 through Oct. 1, 1998.

To be eligible for consideration, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R) no later than Tuesday. Exceptions are governed by paragraph 1-33d, Army Regulation 600-8-29. Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted.

Signal FRG steering meeting

The 504th Signal Battalion's Family Readiness Group will host a steering meeting for Family Readiness leaders and liaisons, and company commanders. The meeting is

set for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday in the 504th Sig. Bn. Conference Room. For more information, call Maj. Willie Davis or Lt. Col. Roger Carey at 533-7161.

NCMA hosts meeting

The National Contract Management Association will host its monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in La Hacienda's Boots and Saddles Room. The luncheon topic is Contracts Year End Review. A four-hour workshop will follow covering Fiscal Law Changes. The speaker is Greg Lund. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members, including lunch. RSVP to Kelly Stute at 459-6227 or e-mail kstute@fcbs.com.

Retirement luncheon set

The Fort Huachuca community is invited to a retirement luncheon for Ernie Beil, Range Control Officer, on Wednesday at La Hacienda from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of the buffet is \$7.75. RSVP to Bobbi Baker at 533-6974 or Mary Villarreal at 533-7095.

Beil will be retiring on Feb. 28 after 42 years of service. If you would like to share any stories call the numbers above.

Conservation Committee meets

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee will be held Wednesday in the Auditorium (Room 1215), Greely Hall, Building 61801, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will provide updates on several local natural resources and conservation programs including current activities on Fort Huachuca, the Upper San Pedro Partnership, City of Sierra Vista Recharge Project, the Fort Huachuca Effluent Recharge Project, U.S. Forest Service activities, and Bureau of Land Management SPRNCA activities.

The program for this meeting will be a presentation on conservation and cave manage-



SOLDIERS & FAMILIES MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Submit your AFAP issue

This year's Fort Huachuca Army Family Action Plan conference is set for Wednesday and Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Murr Community Center.

About 120 delegates will participate in workshop discussions to review problems and develop recommendations for quality of life issues affecting the total Army family. The top priority issues will be provided to the senior leadership to be worked for resolution.

If you have an issue for the AFAP conference to consider, call your unit representative. They are:

- 11th Signal Brigade
- Sgt. 1st Class Carson at 533-5502
- 111th Military Intelligence Brigade
- Sgt. 1st Class Hale at 533-3631
- 112th Military Intelligence Brigade
- Capt. Howard at 533-5989
- U.S. Army Garrison
- Maj. Reeves at 533-6385
- Medical Activity Command
- Capt. Sharpes at 533-5575
- Army Signal Command
- Sgt. 1st Class Thompson at 533-7625

ment at Kartchner Caverns, presented by Rick Toomey, Ph.D., and Ginger Nolan of the Arizona State Parks Department. For information, call 533-1863.

Black History celebration

The Military Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices are sponsoring a Black History Month celebration at 7 p.m., Feb. 22 at La Hacienda.

The Pinpoints Theatre of Washington, D.C. presents the play "1001 Black Inventions," answering the questions of who brought inoculation to America, who made long-distance phone calls possible, and whose invention keeps the world's machines running?

A food sampling and cultural exhibit will accompany the play. Cost is \$5. For tickets, call 533-1717, 533-5305 or 533-3696.

Adopt a greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Adoption Day on Feb. 23 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The event will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista.

The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs. The Greyhound Reunion and Picnic is set for April 7 in Tucson Greyhound Park.

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

Candlelight ball plans

The Sierra Vista Auxiliary & Foundation will host its 14th annual ball March 9 at the LakeSide Activity Centre. The theme is The Liberty Ball, black tie optional. The casino will open at 6 p.m., dancing to the great music Clayton, Sallee & Co. and dinner by candlelight.

Reservations are \$75 each and deadline for reservations is March 1. For more information, call the foundation office at 417-4502.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-

American Red Cross Blood Drive
at Murr Community Center
Friday 15 February from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Come be an American hero!

<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Wild Bunch at the OK Corral in Tombstone at 2 p.m. 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647. - Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883. 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ricketty Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. - National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. - Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info. - Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Cafe from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502. - Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m. - Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m. 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details. - SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m. 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Cafe. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. - National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details. - Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. - Post Accommodation School early release schedule: 1:15 p.m. for Johnston, 1:20 for Myer Kindergarten, 1:30 p.m. for Myer 3rd & 4th Graders and 1:40 p.m. for Smith. 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details. - The SV Youth Center is showing movies from 2:30 - 7 p.m. All movies are rated G, PG or PG-13. Admission is free and it's open to youths 11 - 17 years old. Call 459-4377 for details. 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-3802 for details.
<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Vigilantes at the Helderorado Set in Tombstone at 1 p.m. - Come enjoy a concert with the 36th Army Band. They'll be playing at the Ethel Berger Center at 3 p.m. This wonderful event is free and open to the public. - The SV Youth Center is sponsoring a Ping Pong Tournament starting at 3 p.m. Admission is free and it's open to youths 11 - 17 years old. Call 459-4377 for details. 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647. - Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883. 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ricketty Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. - National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. - Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info. - Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Cafe from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502. - Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m. - Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m. 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details. - SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m. 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Cafe. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. - National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details. - Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. - Post Accommodation School early release schedule: 1:15 p.m. for Johnston, 1:20 for Myer Kindergarten, 1:30 p.m. for Myer 3rd & 4th Graders and 1:40 p.m. for Smith. 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details. 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-3802 for details.

MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-4823 or 533-2330

Bataan survivor to march again at age 83 with ASC team

By Robert J. Hebert
Scout Staff

In 1941 Pfc. Ben F. Williams, a member of the U.S. Army 18th Air Traffic Regiment from Fort Bliss, Texas, was assigned to provide support for military air forces in the Philippines.

Now 61 years later, retired Sgt. Williams, 83, shared his memories and memorabilia of surviving the infamous Bataan Death March.

Williams addressed a crowd of soldiers and civilians Feb. 1 during a breakfast fundraiser for this year's Bataan Memorial Death March team from Army Signal Command.

Troops from Army Signal Command and Boy Scouts from Fort Huachuca will accompany Williams on the memorial from El Paso International Airport, Texas to White Sands Missile Range, N.M. on April 14.

Williams related his story of surviving the march after the U.S. Army had been badly beaten by the Japanese in the Philippines.

The American troops could not be supplied with ammunition and food. Gen Wainwright decided to retreat to Corregidor, an island in Manila Bay. The remaining command provided a holding action on Bataan two miles across the bay.

"We were ordered to hold the line and we could have done it if we had more ammo and weren't so ill. Half of us had malaria or dysentery," Williams said. "The hand grenades and mortar were rusted and had faulty fuses. We didn't know if they would blow-up in our hands or never go off. I only had one bandolier of ammunition left for my Springfield rifle.

"If we hadn't held Bataan for as long as we did, the Japanese would have taken Australia, leaving the nearest military base in India."

These soldiers had been in constant combat from Dec. 8, 1941 to April 9, 1942. On that day the Bataan forces were surrendered by Gen. King to the Japanese. The following day, April 10, the men were marched 55 miles from Mariveles at the southern tip of the Bataan peninsula to the rail head in San Fernando, Panpanga; transported 24 miles by rail to Capas, Tarlac; and marched another six miles to Camp O'Donnell, most finally arriving on April 24.

The march's death toll included, 650 American soldiers, and thousands of Filipino troops, Scouts, Constabulary and Philippine Army soldiers. Approximately 1,500 Americans and 18 thousand Filipinos died during the first 40 days at Camp O'Donnell due to malnutrition, disease and the atrocities committed by the Japanese during the Death March.

Most of these men were eventually moved to slave labor camps in Korea, Japan, China and the Philippines. Of the 11,796 Americans and 66,000 Filipinos surrendered on April 9, 1942, less than 60 percent survived until their rescue by the Russian Army three years later on Aug.



Photo by Robert J. Hebert

Retired Sgt. Ben F. Williams, 83, shared his memories and memorabilia of surviving the infamous Bataan Death March. Williams addressed a crowd of soldiers and civilians Feb. 1 during a breakfast fundraiser for this year's Bataan Memorial Death March team from Army Signal Command. Williams plans to make the 26.2-mile memorial march with the ASC team

14, 1945, just a few days before their scheduled executions.

Williams spoke of the treatment during the march, "if I tried to escape, all the other members of my unit would have been shot. We were beaten for any provocation. We were stuffed 100 to a rail-car, standing so tightly together that the dead could not fall down."

At Camp O'Donnell "our beards and hair were full of lice and very long as we had no scissors or razors, our clothes were filthy and rotting off our bodies, the little rice we got was full of bugs, the sick and wounded were put in the barracks and the rest of us slept outside on the ground," he said.

"The healthy ones hand-dug mass graves and buried the dead 10 at a time. Even so, they died

faster than we could bury them.

"We got water from a nearby river in five-gallon Gerry cans which we boiled. Each man got half a canteen-full twice a day, just enough to drink but not enough to clean-up. We learned just enough Japanese to count-off," Williams said.

"Since the Japanese didn't know how to drive, American soldiers drove trucks to Manila for supplies. Between that and a radio someone had cobbled together, we managed to get the news of the outside world. We just lived one day at a time in survival mode. We were totally surprised when we were rescued. They got us out in 20 minutes after killing all the guards."

Williams said he "heard Tokyo Rose say on the radio, 'even if you get them on a plane, you won't get them home' because the Japanese

did not want Americans to know what happened in Bataan."

"We were loaded on the troop ship 'Anderson' for our return to San Francisco where fire boats and bands lined-up to greet us," said Williams. "I really liked it when they played 'Don't Fence Me In'."

Signal Command troops going to New Mexico to march out of respect for the Bataan troops and Ben Williams in the 26.2-mile "Bataan Memorial Death March 2002" include Spc. Rona Stanley, Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel Lewis, Staff Sgt. Diane C. Noggin, Spc. Cynthia Ceja, 1st Sgt. Daniel Lujan, Spc. Mary Tambagan, Sgt. Leroy Holmes, Staff Sgt. Marvel Hargis, Master Sgt. Mark Kercheif, Staff Sgt. David Ayala Jr. and Spc. Tammy Coulter.

Williams is an 'approachable' TRADOC command sergeant major

TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — Training and Doctrine Command's new command sergeant major wants soldiers to know that he is "approachable."

"That's one of the ways I can find out if there are problems affecting soldiers that need to be fixed," said Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Williams.

It is a philosophy that he has practiced since he became a sergeant major. And it has paid off for troops.

As an example of what he means, he cites an incident that occurred when he was command sergeant major for the Army Artillery Center and Fort Sill, Okla.

"I was at the PX when a soldier came up and said, 'Hey, Sergeant Major.' We talked for little while and then he told me that the post wasn't paying for softball officials. The brigade had to use volunteers, who weren't experienced umpires.

"I looked into it and MWR fixed it. It was a small thing considering, but it was important to those soldiers who played softball. I never would have found out about it if that soldier was afraid to talk to me."

Before he came to Fort Monroe in December, Williams was command sergeant major of the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas.



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Williams

"That assignment and being at Fort Sill has given me the insights into how TRADOC works, and the confidence to be TRADOC command sergeant major," he said.

A native of Canton, Miss., Williams enlisted in the Army in October 1972. After basic cadet training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he was trained on field artillery missiles at Fort Sill.

Assignments took him overseas to Korea twice, once each to Germany, Turkey and Hawaii. Between the overseas assignments, was assigned to Fort Sill nine different times. One of the tours was as a drill sergeant and another as a Multiple Launch Rocket System instructor.

His ninth assignment there was as the Artillery Center and Fort Sill command sergeant major. Before coming to TRADOC, Williams was the command sergeant major of the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas.

During his career he has learned there are certain actions and events that leaders must support. One of those is the African-American History Month. He thinks it is one of those events that senior NCOs and commanders should participate in and support with their presence.

"African-American History Month is an important observance,

as are all the months we set aside to honor the people who make our country great," he said. "Men and women of all cultures and ethnic backgrounds also help make our Army the best in the world."

He thinks that most people in the Army have taken seriously the messages from the observances. He says has not had to deal with serious racial incidents, either.

"When I was a first sergeant, a couple of times people would get upset because a soldier had a Confederate flag on his car," he said. "I'd talk to the soldier, explain why it was offensive to some people and it never turned into a problem."

As TRADOC's senior enlisted leader, one of Williams' responsibilities is leadership training for all noncommissioned officers.

"We continuously examine the Noncommissioned Officer Education System to ensure that NCOs get the right training at the right time in their careers," he said. "We have to find out if an NCO needs to go to the schoolhouse for leadership courses, or if some of his or her training can be done by distance learning."

In the two months he has been at TRADOC, Williams has already traveled to several TRADOC training centers, including Fort Gordon, Ga., Fort Rucker, Ala., and Fort Lee, Va.

"Like all the command sergeants major before me, I have to get around to learn for myself how well enlisted soldier training is being carried out," he said.

And he will be pleased if he stops at one of those installations' PX and a soldier approaches and says, "Hey, Sergeant Major."

Exchange online paper greeting cards at aafes.com

AAFES release

DALLAS — With the introduction of the latest aafes.com online concession, Exchange Online Paper Greeting Cards, provided by 4YourSoul.com, mailing greeting cards to family and friends is now easier than ever for Army and Air Force Exchange Service customers.

In addition to being able to select from hundreds of card designs, every card can be individually customized for an individual's own personal touch.

The price includes a special 25 percent discount offered only to AAFES customers. Simply point, click, personalize and let 4YourSoul do the standing in line at the Post Office.

"We initially approached 4YourSoul.com to provide our deployed soldiers and airmen with a convenient method of mailing a traditional greeting card to their friends and loved ones," said Angela Terry, Chief of New Business for AAFES' Cyber Region.

"Exchange Online Paper Greeting Cards offer more than 500 cards for 38 different occasions. As the cards are printed and mailed in the U.S., it's a quick way to get a greeting to those back home in the states."

4YourSoul.com has also recently signed an agreement with American Greetings, who will design additional cards for the site. All cards offered on the site are priced at \$2.44, plus the cost of a first class stamp. Categories literally range from A to Z (Anniversary to Zodiac Signs) or customers can create their own unique card complete with personalized digital downloads and text. With Exchange Online Paper Greeting Cards, the possibilities are truly endless.

Look for the Canary Mail Bird at www.aafes.com.



Valentine Verses

(Editor's note: The following Valentine messages were received from forward units in the CENTCOM area of operations in Afghanistan.)

Toni, I just want to let you know that I love you very much and that you are always in my thoughts and dreams. Happy Valentine's Day! Walter Roberts

Melissa, Happy Valentine's Day. I love you and miss you tons. Karrie, Jackie & Brenden, I love you very much. You make this worthwhile. Thank you for being there when I needed you the most. Love always, Daddy

Melissa, Happy Valentine's Day. I love you and miss you tons. Mark

Dental Health Month

Bridging the gap- helping the clinic means helping yourself

By Spc. Jeffrey J. Lacap
Special to The Scout

The saying, "Ignore your teeth and they'll go away," isn't true of dental appointments. Missed dental appointments or "no-shows" cause a chain reaction that influences everyone on post.

No-shows affect other patients, clinic operations and the scheduled patient himself. Last year, 11 percent of Runion Dental Clinic patients missed their scheduled appointments.

Col. Scott Murphy, DENTAC Commander, said the number is more meaningful because of the size of the post.

"On a larger installation there is a bigger pool of patients in the waiting room or standby patients to fill in at the last minute. On a small post like Fort Huachuca, 11 percent is significant. Since most soldier's duty stations are quite a distance from the clinic, it makes it hard to fill in last minute openings," he said.

The 11 percent of failed appointments can also hurt another patient's chance for a timely visit. Lt. Col. Glen Fallo, dental clinic chief, said that no-shows make it more difficult to accommodate others.

"No shows impact many different facets. It denies somebody else the privilege of having the appointment they need. Not only does the person miss the appointment but another person cannot have that time slot," he said.

While other patients are hurt by the amount of missed dental appointments, the dental clinic suffers as well. Murphy said no-shows are costly to the clinic.

"When there are no shows, we have a bunch of idle care providers. Appointment times just goes to waste," he said.

People who miss their own dental appointments also do a lot of harm to themselves. Fallo said a soldier who misses a scheduled appointment is missing out on the treatment he needs.

"When a soldier doesn't show up, he doesn't receive the care he needs and he's further behind the eight-ball. The

soldier will have a hard time maintaining his dental readiness and wellness," he said.

While soldiers should make sure to uphold their dental readiness and wellness, it is also important to maintain scheduled appointments. But if dental appointments can't be met, there are ways soldiers can avoid no-shows.

First, patients should know their own schedule before setting up an appointment. Make sure there will be no obligations or duties at the time of the dental appointment. Second, patients should notify their chain of command and supervisors about any upcoming appointments. This can prevent any con-

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flict with scheduling of duties or assignments.

Even though scheduling conflicts can't always be avoided, unfulfilled appointments can be averted. Soldiers, especially students, should give accurate phone numbers so they can be reached for reminders. Also, soldiers should make sure they notify the dental clinic at least 48 hours in advance if they cannot make a scheduled appointment.

This month, the Runion Dental Clinic will add eight new dental treatment areas. Currently, the clinic is divided into two treatments teams: one for Military Intelligence units and another for Signal and Garrison units. The eight new chairs will be used for a third team that will concentrate on Garrison and other unit dental care.

Dental sealant prolongs health of teeth

DENTAC release

Dentists have long helped patients in the prevention of tooth decay. One of the tools in the war against decay is the dental sealant, a plastic material that the dentist applies to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth-the premolars and molars.

The sealant forms a barrier that protects teeth from plaque, a sticky film of bacteria that constantly forms on teeth.

The bacteria in plaque use sugar and starch in food as a source of energy. They convert this food into harmful acids that attack teeth and may cause cavities.

Thorough brushing and flossing help remove food particles and plaque from smooth surfaces of the teeth. Pits and fissures, however, are places that are extremely difficult to clean. Toothbrush bristles cannot reach all the way into the depressions and grooves to remove food and plaque.

The normal flow of saliva, which helps clean food particles from other areas of the mouth, cannot adequately cleanse the pits and fissures. Consequently, they become places that are especially prone to decay. Most cavities form in pit and fissure areas, and permanent molars are extremely susceptible to this form of decay.

Applying dental sealants takes only a few minutes for each tooth. Sealants hold up well under the force of normal chew-

ing and usually last several years before a reapplication is needed. As long as the sealant remains intact, the tooth surface is protected from decay. The dentist checks the condition of the sealants during the dental examination and reapplies them as necessary.

Sealants are an excellent investment in maintaining a healthy smile. Under the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan, 80 percent of the cost of sealant application is covered. Sealants are covered on permanent premolars (bicuspid) and permanent molars through age 18. One sealant per tooth is covered in a three year period.

Sponsors are highly encouraged to enroll their family members in the Tricare Dental Program administered by United Concordia. The Tricare Dental Program offers comprehensive dental benefits, including sealants, with low premiums paid through an automatic monthly payroll allotment.

To request an enrollment kit, call United Concordia at 1-888-622-2256 Mondays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. eastern time. Or download an enrollment form or enroll online at www.ucci.com.

Enrollment forms are also available from the Tricare health benefits advisor at Raymond W. Bliss Health Center in Room 1037 and from Runion Dental Clinic.

Kudos Korner



PMWARS photo

Mary Adria Jones, Army, Air Force Exchange Service Food Court supervisor, accepts a Certificate of Achievement for exceptional food sanitation from Sgt Christopher Peet, noncommissioned officer in charge of Preventive Medicine Wellness and Readiness.

AAFES Food Court wins PMWARS certificate

Congratulations to the Army, Air Force Exchange Service Food Court in the Mini Mall at MI Village for receiving the Preventive Medicine Wellness and Readiness Service Certificate of Achievement. The Food Court's relentless pursuit of excellence led the establishment receiving the highest overall rating on the monthly food service inspection for the month of January.

Each month the food service establishment on Fort Huachuca with the best results on their Food Service Sanitation Inspection will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the Preventive Medicine Wellness and Readiness Service.

At the end of the year the establishment with the best overall rating for the year will be awarded a plaque in recognition of their outstanding service to the Fort Huachuca community. For more information about this recognition, call Sgt. Christopher Peet, noncommissioned officer in charge of PMWARS, at 533-9013.

MEDDAC names Civilian of Month

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center recognized Carloman A. Flojo as its Civilian of the Month for January 2002. Flojo is a medical technologist and has worked at RWBAHC since February 1996. Currently he serves as the supervisor for the hematology and coagulation department of the RWBAHC clinical laboratory.

Because of his concern and commitment to patient care, Flojo works to ensure that health care providers receive quality test results quickly and accurately by keeping department equipment maintained and organized. He is described by supervisors as having a selfless attitude, devoted to duty and strong work ethic.

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ing with TRW and TransUnion.

"While you are under no obligation to accept or pay for anything you did not order, the normal reaction has been to just pay the bill using the organization's IMPAC card, rather than to return the cartridges to the company," Rose said. "Many cardholders have found this is easier than to fight with the company who argues they can't take the cartridges back without your paying a restocking fee or because you did not return the unused or defective cartridges within 30 days of receipt.

Rose explained that many companies provide for the return of the cartridges only if you obtain an authorization from the company to do so.

"And, of course, you aren't able to contact the company to obtain authorization to return the cartridges before the 30 days is up, because they do not return your call(s) until the 30 day period from the ship date on their record of your organization's receipt of the cartridge has expired," she said.

To add insult to injury, she said, within a few weeks another shipment arrives to "complete your order," and the second and subsequent shipments are charged to your IMPAC card.

"In addition to this 'auto-ship' scam, we have found that many cartridges have been defective and have resulted in damage to printers.

"We have also found the prices charged for the cartridges were exorbitant, certainly after inclusion of shipping, handling and insurance charges. In some cases we found that although the invoices included insurance charges, the packages did not appear to have been insured," said Rose.

The Director of Contracting warns that even though it appears as if the telemarketer is telling

you the cartridge is offered to you "free" or on a "30-day trial basis," you should always ask the price of the cartridges.

If you compare quoted prices with prices from local firms or GSA FSS contractors, most likely you'll find that the prices quoted by the telemarketers are from two to four times more.

Some companies justify the higher prices by insisting that the cartridges contain more toner than the "normal" cartridge. DOC has had the cartridges tested and have discovered that typically the cartridges contain less toner than do "normal" cartridges from a reputable source.

In another twist to the scam, the companies change names frequently and pass the credit card information along from company to company, yet the address and points of contact remain the same or nearly the same.

"In our experience," Rose said, "the companies have been located in the Los Angeles or Van Nuys, California, areas. Marcus Marlow and Laurie Packard maintain a list of companies we suspect of this scam to date. While these may not truly be scams, we believe these companies are certainly operating very close to the edge of improper business practices. It would, therefore, be to your advantage to make sure any 'free' or '30-day trial periods' are truly as offered in the initial telephone contact.

Rose recommends the following for all IMPAC cardholders:

Listen carefully to any background noise on calls of this nature.

Request the company send a line card, catalog, or copy of the company's General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule contract price list to you at the address the telemarketer has on file.

"It has been our experience that legitimate vendors typically have line cards or catalogs or GSA FSS contracts, while vendors running scams don't always have such documents," she said.

DOC officials have also checked to see if a cardholder's personal credit rating could be affected by these scams, as threatened by some of the companies. Since no personal data has been provided to the company, such as a social security number, such transactions cannot affect the cardholder's credit rating with TRW or TransUnion.

"This is simply a scare tactic used by some companies in an attempt to coerce an individual into paying the bill, rather than chance having their credit rating damaged," Rose said.

Also, note that social security numbers for cardholders and approving officials are not provided to the bank by DOC when requesting an IMPAC card. In fact, the master GSA contract expressly prohibits the bank from providing information to credit bureaus/organizations.

The financial relationship for an IMPAC card exists between the government agency and the card-issuing bank. An individual's name is included on the card only for security purposes.

Rose said, "We have identified several reputable local firms who provide remanufactured cartridges at a very reasonable price. Some of the local firms also clean the printers or copiers in the event their cartridge fails to work for any reason. Some will routinely ask if you would like for them to clean your printer or copier at no extra charge; they do this because they feel a satisfied customer is a repeat customer."

Other reputable firms that hold GSA FSS contracts are available through GSA Advantage.

"Based on the above, we strongly believe there really is no need for a cardholder to become a victim in one of these scams," she said. "We believe you should 'just say no' to any telemarketer who offers to provide you with a sample cartridge. When pressed, you can explain that it is your policy to not accept samples, but you'd be glad to have them send you a line card, etc., as discussed above, so that you can do comparative shopping.

If you have a similar experience, call Marcus Marlow or Laurie Packard at 533-2476 or 533-3223 or e-mail laurie.packard@hua.army.mil or marcus.marlow@hua.army.mil so they can make sure our growing list of suspect companies includes the one you've had an experience with. They can also provide information about these companies or about local or GSA FSS contractors who provide remanufactured cartridges at fair and reasonable prices.

Rose said, "if determined necessary, we will provide the information we have gathered on these suspected scam artists to Federal law enforcement officials for further investigation.

"Finally, please note that in accordance with a number of Executive Orders related to Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention and Recycling, each agency of the Federal Government has been directed to establish a goal for solid waste prevention and diversion.

"Specifically, agencies are required to incorporate into their recycling program efforts to recycle, reuse, and collect toner cartridges for remanufacturing, and to maximize the number of recycled products purchased," she said. "Purchases of replacement toner cartridges should be of remanufactured cartridges, rather than new ones."

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Post holds conservation committee meeting

By *Tanja M. Linton*
Media Relations Officer

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be held Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Greely Hall Auditorium here.

The Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee is a quarterly meeting hosted by Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

The charter for the Conservation Committee states that the purpose is to establish a forum between the post and surrounding communities for the interchange of information, facili-

tation of new ideas, and education regarding Fort Huachuca's stewardship of environmental and natural resources. The first Conservation Committee meeting was held in June 1994.

Recently, the Conservation Committee has become a forum that updates participants on regional conservation initiatives. The meetings are open to the public, though several government and non-governmental organizations are specifically invited.

Future meetings of the Conservation Committee are tentatively scheduled May 15, Aug. 21, and Nov. 20.

Submissions sought for college writing contest

Cochise College release

The Cochise Community Creative Writing Celebration is seeking submissions for its annual writing contest. The submission deadline is Feb. 21.

Submissions will be judged in the areas of poetry, short story and non-fiction. Work must be the original, unpublished work of the contest entrant. Contestants also must be registered for the writing celebration.

Presented by Cochise College, University

of Arizona South, and Sierra Vista Parks & Leisure, the celebration takes place March 8-10 in Sierra Vista. Five published authors from across Arizona will present on poetry, screenwriting, publicizing work and more. Winners of the writing contest will be announced and cash prizes awarded during the final day of the Celebration.

Call 515-5468 or 366-5918, or e-mail geclark@theriver.com, for additional information, contest guidelines and a registration form.

AFCEA awards education grants

AFCEA release

The Southern Arizona AFCEA Chapter awarded several grants to local educational institutions at its monthly meeting Jan. 24 at La Hacienda.

AFCEA President, Col Hugo Keyner, opened the January meeting by introducing Dr. Karen Nicodemus, president of Cochise College.

Nicodemus gave an entertaining and meaningful presentation on how her institution is achieving success in these times of fiscal restraint.

She indicated how the college is partnering with several government agencies and industry to the benefit of all concerned, both financially and educationally.

Her perceived goal for the college is to offer an improved "quality of life" to the students and local population by opening new doors for those with the desire for a better life through education.

The college's 5000 students vary in

ages from 14 to 92 based upon personal interviews she's had recently, guided by a faculty and staff of about 600 at seven locations throughout Cochise County.

The college has taken a leadership role in online instruction; and continues to achieve success through contracts and grants from organizations such as the Army Research Office, and others.

Keyner recognized other co-sponsoring organizations present, including Old Crows, Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, National Contracts Management Association and International Test and Evaluation Association.

He then turned the meeting over to Renee Garecht who presented several grants to institutions in our local area.

Dr. Renae Humburg, superintendent of Sierra Vista Public Schools accepted grants awarded to the Sierra Vista School District and Dr. Dorothy Bonvillain accepted the grant awarded to the Center for Academic Success.

Chalk Talk

Johnston Elementary School

Students in **Georgia Bernheim's second grade** are getting ready for Chinese New Year. Making lanterns and dragon puppets, eating with chopsticks, opening fortune cookies and Lai-See (good luck money in red envelopes), and looking at the Chinese Zodiac are just some of the ways the children are learning about this cultural holiday.

Jane Boss's first-grade class is currently on an ocean exploration. Students are filling their Ocean learning logs with interesting facts about sea creatures that they have read about as well as those that the class has done shared research projects on. The students have also been working hard on art projects that will help transform their classroom into an ocean for their culminating activities on Feb. 21. On this day they will take a day trip to the "ocean" where they will make sand castles, share information about creatures they see, read stories that take place in or by the ocean and have a seaside picnic.

The Johnston Elementary School February PTSO Meeting will be Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 306. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Johnston's counseling department has started an exciting series of parent information classes. Ida Pedrego, counselor, discussed with parents how to discipline with love during the February class. **Next month's class will be "Fun with Parenting"** taught by Ruth Kerley on March 11. Classes are held on the second Monday of each month and childcare is provided. For more information or to register, call 459-8798.

Students were chosen from each class as **Student of the Second Quarter.** They are Kayla Andrews, Denise Cowherd, Taron Head, Joshua Lee, Rebecca Johnson, Shannon O'Conner, Ashlin Lee, Selena Brown, Jumane Christmas, Adrienne McNamara, McKinzie Frisbie, Laura Hazelmyer, Alejandro Bonilla, Ben Maheu, Linzi Dudding, Asia Feltner, Kylie Boardman, Nathan Ucab, Malcolm McCullum, and Rachel Clemmer. They attended a special luncheon hosted by Jumper the Jaguar.

The Students of the Week for Feb. 11-15 are: Mikal Cole, Emily Murphy, Shelby Towne, Joshua Elliot, John Monteleone, Alexander Koscinch, Leif Sankey, Cody Teafoe, Keith Frohlich and Faris Brown.

Smith Middle School

The following students made the **Honor Roll for Smith Middle School** during the second grading period:

4.0 All A's Honor Roll: Marcel Baker, Jamie Bartholomew, Sandra Baxley, Jessica Clemmer, Diana Farmer, Trevor Husseini, Lance Krietemeyer, Nicole Lesieur, Charlotte Meador, Sophia Navedo, Daniel O'Keefe and Niccole Pierre.

3.5 Honor Roll: Eighth-grade; Cassandra Anderson, Vienna Baker, Megan Ballard, Ray Calderon, Claire Marks, Juliana Snyder, Talisa Williams and Erin Willis. Seventh-grade; Sofia Bieranowski, Andrew Crossman, Lanea Booher, Christopher Feil, William Fye, Shawn O'Keefe, April Roberts, Brian Serrano and Amber Watkins. Sixth-grade; Matthew Benson, Mary Biza, Lela Cowherd, Zackary DeGrood, Shatoya Edwards, Amanda Hupp, Juliana Irizarry, Brooke Jump, Hazel Lagros, Evan Lake, Daniel Lawless, Tiffany Martindale, Christopher McKeel, Emily Moxley, Shondra Orr, Brianna Rossow, Chris-

topher Sankey, Ryan Sloss, Jared Stanton, Ginger Thompson, Christopher Tignor and Evelyn Welch.

The school thanks Syndi Black for designing and printing the beautiful, new Honor Roll Certificates and Nancy Murphy for organizing the honor roll and ceremony. The school also thanks the Smith Parent, Teacher Student Organization; Student Council; Diane Dudzik and Brenda Epps, who provided soda and candy as rewards for academic achievement. **The Honor Roll ceremony** is set for 1:30 p.m. today in the Smith Middle School Library.

Annual Black History Program. Colonel Smith Middle School presents its third annual Black History Assembly Program, commemorating the achievements of African Americans, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. in the school gym.

Program directors are hard at work to bring you and the community a memorable event that is aimed to educate, entertain, and inspire you to do what you can to make this a better world for all.

The school wants as many students as possible to be participants in the program. It is their program. Students who have an interest in working on the program are asked to contact a committee member to find out what they can do.

If you enjoyed last year's acts that included the Afro-centric Fashion Fair, and the Ike and Tina Turner Revue, you will enjoy this year's performers, speakers, dramatic acts, etc. Included in this year's line-up are two dynamic guest speakers from the community. Sgt. Maj. Scarlet Williams will deliver the keynote address.

Preceding the assembly, there will be an **African Artifact Display** in the Library and food sampling of traditional African, Afro-American and Caribbean delicacies held in the old home economic area.

The community is invited to attend

Library. An "Explore the Old" contest was held during the month of January to encourage students to check out older books. Contest winners are Miguel Cole, who read a work of fiction from 1893; Steve Nieto, who read a 1959 biography; both Cole and Nieto also read a piece of literature from 1946; and Brian Serrano, who read a 1935 history book. Cole, Nieto and Hanna Jeanise also read nonfiction books from 1935.

February is Book Lovers' Month. Students are given a heart cutout and asked to complete the information with the title of their favorite book or author. Hearts are on display in the library for those looking for suggestions of great reading material.

Yearbook. The new Smith Middle School Yearbook Staff is busy collecting photographs and planning this year's book. A school-wide contest was held to select a design that will appear on the front cover. The winner of the contest will receive a free yearbook. Finalists are eighth-graders David Heckman and Steve Nieto, and sixth-grader Jessica Martinez. The cost of the yearbook is \$14 if ordered by Feb. 20. After that, the price will be \$16.50.

This year's Panther Yearbook Staff, includes: eighth-graders Matt Blankenship, editor; Autumn Cartwright; Sara Laszok; and Steve Nieto, treasurer. Seventh-graders are Lanea Booher, secretary; Rachel Custer; and Shawn O'Keefe, assistant editor. Sixth-graders are Shatoya Edwards, Nikki Ferebee, Julianna

Irizarry and Emily Moxley.

Science classes. Having problems remembering all your health facts? Check out Brainpop.com. The Internet site is not only fun, but also very educational in a fun way. It is able to support all of the Health information discussed in class. Please ask your child about health.

Dan Howdeshell, music teacher at Smith Middle School and Director of the Panther Band, comprised of students from Smith Middle School and Myer Elementary School, **was selected to receive the Sierra Vista Arts Commission Mayor's Arts Award for 2002.** Howdeshell received his award at the Commission's award ceremony Feb. 10 at Cochise College.



Dan Howdeshell, a music teacher at Smith Middle School and Director of the Panther Band, was selected to receive the Sierra Vista Arts Commission Mayor's Arts Award for 2002.

The Panther Band program at Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District is unique in design, implementation. It is a program that Dan Howdeshell has devoted twenty years into creating. The curriculum of the Panther Band Program is based on the Arizona State Standards for instrumental music in grades 6-8. Students are required to memorize "The Star Spangled Banner," nine major scales, four harmonic minor scales and the chromatic scale. All scales are played for at least one octave. Keys to the success of our program are Howdeshell's continuous emphasis on music fundamentals and his dedication in supporting each student in their quest to master instrument fundamentals such as posture, hand positioning, rhythm, intonation and scaling.

The Panther Band annually performs and is adjudicated at the Arizona Pageant of Bands. Since Howdeshell has entered the band into this competition, the Panther's have received four Excellent ratings, eleven Superior ratings and two Superior w/distinction, the highest possible rating-usually reserved for select high schools. In the twenty years the Panther band has performed in the Sierra Vista Holiday Parade, they have been awarded nine first place trophies. This is a very impressive record when one considers the fact that they are competing against high school marching bands and the 36th Army Band.

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1969 New York Times Magazine. It describes the fears of a little girl when her parents are divorced and how her mother and grandmother come to realize that she needs extra assurance. E GOFF

For intermediate through middle school age levels — All these books are found in the Fiction section of the Children's Collection. Suitable for grades 6-8.

It's an Aardvark-Eat-Turtle World. At fourteen, Rosie, her mother, her best friend, and her best friend's father form a new family unit and find it takes a lot of work to make a family in a world of changing relationships. F DANZIG

Half-Nelson, Full Nelson. When his parents separate, Nelson and his friend Heidi concoct a plan to kidnap Nelson's little sister and bring his family back together. F STONE

Matt Gargan's Boy. A major leaguer's son feels threatened when a girl tries out for his baseball team and his divorced mother becomes interested in the girl's father. F SLOTE

Maybe I'll Move to the Lost & Found. Fourteen-year-old Gilly strives to assert herself as she tries to cope with her parents' divorce, problems with friends, and a basic lack of confidence. F HAVEN

Pillow of Clouds. Angry at being forced to decide which of his divorcing parents will get custody of him, Chester is further burdened with guilty feelings about the parent he is leaving behind. F TALBER

Radio Robert. When a sixth-grader begins regularly appearing on his divorced father's radio show, his ad libs about his life affect his relationship with a number of his friends. F FISHER

Something to Count On. Ten-year-old Lorraine's behavior problems at school are aggravated by her family situation and eased by an understanding new teacher. F MOORE

Sport. Eleven-year-old Sport lives happily with his absent-minded father. His ruthless and wealthy mother suddenly wants his custody. F FITZHU

For various age levels — The following are all found in the numbered section of the Children's Collection.

What About Me? A guide for teenagers on ways of handling the emotional conflicts and problems that often accompany the divorce of parents. Good reading for parents. 306.89 SPILKE

Divorce is a Grown Up Problem. A Book about Divorce for Young Children and Their Parents. 301.42 SINBER

Two Homes to Live In, a Child's-Eye View of Divorce. A little girl explains how she came to terms with her parents' divorce. 306.89 HAZEN

How Does It Feel When Your Parents Get Divorced? Discusses problems and emotions young people experience when parents divorce, the family separates, and life styles change. 306.89 BERGER

A Look at Divorce. Text and photographs describe problems faced by parents and children when a divorce occurs. 306.89 FORRAI

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