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Reservist opportunities

U.S. Army Reservists have a new opportunity to serve their country and get paid for drills and annual training.

The U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command Training and Doctrine Support Detachment is looking for military intelligence professionals to serve as Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentees.

Positions available are 350D0, warrant officer 2, imagery technician; 35D00, captain, intelligence officer; and 351B0, warrant officer 3, counterintelligence technician.

ITRADS is located in Riley Barracks on Fort Huachuca. For more information, e-mail Maj. Bruce Niedrauer at niedrauerb@hua.army.mil or call 538-1431.

Blood drive set

A Red Cross blood drive is set for 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday at Murr Community Center.

St. Patrick's Day parade

The Sierra Vista St. Patrick's Day parade is set for noon, Saturday. The parade will start at Po Folks and travel east down Fry Boulevard. Col. Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander, will ride in the parade.

Dental advisor visits

Annette Verna, Dental Benefits Advisor for the TRICARE Dental Program, will be at Murr Community Center on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to present a briefing on the dental program and answer any questions presented.

Local AUSA chapter meets

The local Association of the U.S. Army chapter meets Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sun Canyon Inn. Guest speaker is retired Col. Tom Hessler, mayor of Sierra Vista, who will provide members with an update on past and future activities.

Hessler will also provide information on the AUSA Region meeting planned for April 24-27 at the Windemere Hotel in Sierra Vista. The guest speaker for the AUSA Region meeting on April 25 is retired Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, AUSA president and former Army Chief of Staff.

The meeting is open to all AUSA members, guests and the general public.

CG hosts Town Hall on TV

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks and special guests will host a live Town Hall on March 21 at 7 p.m. on the Commanders' Access Channel, Channel 97. Community members may e-mail their questions to stan_williamson@hua.army.mil or frank.shirar@hua.army.mil prior to the show or call 533-3035 or 533-1289 during the show.

Signal FRGs meet

The 11th Signal Brigade Family Readiness Groups will host several meetings in March. The 504th Sig. Bn. FRG steering committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Bastion Conference Room.

On March 27, FRG meetings are set for Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 504th Sig. Bn. at 6:30 p.m. in the company orderly room; 19th Sig. Company at 6:30 p.m. at La Casita restaurant on Fry Boulevard; 69th Sig. Company at 6:30 p.m. at Peter Piper Pizza restaurant on South Highway 92; and 269th Sig. Company at 6:30 p.m. at Murr Community Center.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

County-wide cooperation

Twenty-seven communities, including Fort Huachuca, participated in a Cochise County-wide emergency response exercise Saturday. Sgt. Rhonda Midgette, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, is triaged by fort personnel at the scene of the mock airplane crash on Libby Army Airfield. The exercise was the first of its kind in Cochise County and was designed to test the coordination and support capabilities of federal, state, city and county assets in response to a mass casualty crisis. For the complete story and photos, see Pages 4 and 5.

New road to golf course open

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The new public access road to the Mountain View Golf Course opened Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The new road allows direct access to the golf course, even when the post is at its highest force protection levels.

"This new road allows us to balance important force protection requirements with our desire to provide quality recreational opportunities for our post population and our neighbors in the surrounding communities," said Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

"It also enhances our ability to provide support in crisis situations," Marks said.

There are many reasons for building the separate access road to the Mountain View Golf Course, and none of them are strictly for the benefit of golfers.

This road will both enhance the post's security posture and allow greater access to a major Morale, Welfare and Recreation resource for active duty soldiers, retirees, family members and the civilian community.

Other military installations are employing similar measures for Army Air Force Exchange Service and MWR facilities that divert traffic away from having to enter the installation.

During a recently conducted force protection exercise, a Training and Doctrine Command team recommended a public access road be used as an alternate means of access to the post for emer-



Photo by Robert J. Hebert

The new public access road to the Mountain View Golf Course opened Wednesday at 1 p.m. allowing direct access from Sierra Vista to the golf course, even when the post is at its highest force protection levels.

gency essential personnel during force protection situations when post access will be restricted and often congested.

During heightened force protection levels, this new public access road will be secured and allow restricted access to emergency essential personnel.

A secured access gate will be installed for use during emergency

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DFAS expands Web-based services for DoD personnel

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—DoD civilian employees can access even more financial information services through an improved Defense Finance and Accounting Service Internet site.

Upgrades made in December 2001 to the agency's computerized Employee/Member Self-Service system now allow DoD civilians to make online changes to their state tax withholding; to start, change and

stop U.S. Savings Bond purchases; and to view and print 2001 W-2 forms, according to Jim Pitt, deputy director of DFAS electronic commerce, military and civilian pay services.

"We want to empower our military and civilian employees to have greater control over their payroll records," Pitt explained, adding that DFAS officials anticipate that military

members will have online access to their W-2s next year.

Using the self-service Web site, Pitt noted,

is a more efficient way of doing business that's more accurate, saves paper and time, and reduces redundancy.

Instead of having administrative specialists re-input employee-provided information, employees can use the system to enter their data themselves, he said.

Another new DFAS self-service Web link, Travel Advice of Payment, allows military and civilian personnel to view and print their paid travel vouchers online, Pitt noted. At first, only payments made after Oct. 2, 2001, by the agency's Cleveland, Indianapolis and Columbus, Ohio, centers will be available. Other payment locations will be made available soon.

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We want to empower our military and civilian employees to have greater control over their payroll records.

Jim Pitt

Proclamation

March is Women's History Month

On March 1, the Fort Huachuca military community began its celebration of Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Women Sustaining the American Spirit," which recognizes and celebrates the dynamic work of women in creating and sustaining America's democratic society.

Our nation's women could not be where they are — nor could our country be where it is — without the strength and courage, wisdom and persistence of those who preceded them. America has been blessed with women like Harriet Beecher Stowe, Susan B. Anthony and Jane Adams, all of whom refused to accept oppression as inevitable. Female political leaders including Margaret Chase Smith and Eleanor Roosevelt forever changed the face of American government. Women have played a vital role in educating our nation: Mary Lyon, Dorothea Dix, Elizabeth Blackwell and Mary McLeod Bethune all fought stereotypes to become scholars in their own right and pass their knowledge to subsequent generations.

We celebrate a rich history of women whose heroic achievements speak to the sense of excellence, potential and patriotism shared by all Americans. Anna Warner Bailey and Clara Barton's courage in war have inspired generations of men and women called upon to fight for America. The fortitude of spirit is displayed by women such as Alice Coachman, the first African-American woman Olympic gold medal recipient in track and field; Delores Huerta who helped create better working conditions for migrant workers; Gerda Lerner, who escaped Nazi terrorism and became the foremost pioneer in defining the scope of women's history; and Mary Louise Defender Wilson, who keeps alive the spirit of the Dakotah/Hidatsa people through storytelling.

We celebrate the sacrifice of mothers and grandmothers, successful women in business, government and charitable work. The strong and heroic legacy of women in America gives all young people in this country the inspiration to dream without limits.

So, I ask that we not grow weary in doing good, but reach out to one another in the spirit of service and forge a future in which all Americans can be proud of our diversity and united in our reverence for freedom, justice and equality.

James A. Marks

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks
Commanding General, USAIC&FH

Soldiers' Lawyer

I am an only child. Can I be deployed to a combat zone?

Yes, an only child may be deployed to a combat zone. There is some confusion on this issue because according to Army Regulations, a soldier who is a "sole surviving family member" is not normally deployed to an area where duties would involve actual combat with the enemy. But a "sole surviving family member" is not synonymous with an "only child."

A sole surviving family member is defined as any son or daughter in a family whose parent or sibling was either killed in action, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently 100 percent disabled while serving in the U.S. Armed

Forces. This definition is obviously much narrower than the common definition of an "only child."

Consequently, if you are an only child, as opposed to a surviving family member, you can be deployed as directed by your commander. Feel free to speak to a Legal Assistance Attorney if you have additional question on this issue.

(Editor's note: The Soldiers' Lawyer is provided by your JAG Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the Web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/legalassistance/> or contact us at 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.)

Check it out!

By *Natalie Danforth*
Administrative Librarian

Check out this week's special features at the Main Post Library.

Quotation

From the book *Savvy Sayin's* published in 1987 by Ken Alstad Company, Tucson: "A 6-inch rain in Arizona is one drop every 6 inches."

Database

OCLC NetFirst. Tired of floundering around for hours trying to find on-target and reliable web resources for your research topic? Spend 5 minutes on OCLC NetFirst instead. The database is current, updated daily, and contains over 105,000 high quality sites. Resources are selected according to authoritativeness and durability. Records contain hot links to connect users to resources of interest. Call Natalie Danforth at the Main Library reference desk, 533-3041, or e-mail her at danforthn@hua.army.mil and recommended sites will be emailed to you, ready for clicking, or ask to have the sites printed out ready for your pickup. Want to do your own NetFirst search? You can access this subscription database at your Fort Huachuca Library Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays through Saturdays from

10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Compact disc

Voices from the Distant Steppe by Shu-De. If you've never heard the throat singers from Tuva, now's your chance. Where is Tuva? Just north of the Mongolian border and geographically identified as the center of Asia. What is throat singing? Well.....bizarre. Two tones, one mouth. Check it out.

Video

Ambush at Mogadishu a 1998 PBS Frontline production. Think you know the story of what happened to us in Somalia on October 3, 1993? From the cover: "Frontline Investigates the peacekeeping mission gone wrong, and the deadly ambush that still haunts the U.S. military and American foreign policy." (90 minutes)

Book

Strong, Smart and Bold: Empowering Girls for Life by Carla Fine, published by Cliff Street Books, New York, c2001.

For more information, call the library at 533-3041. The library is located at the corner of Smith Avenue and Arizona Street next to the Main Post Chapel down the street from the Burger King. Check it out.

Safety commission recalls Rebel spiral saw

AAFES release

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Roto Zip Tool Corporation, of Cross Plains, Wis., is participating in the voluntary recall of about 1.9 million handheld saws.

The handles on these saws can separate from the body, causing the operator to be cut.

AAFES only sold the Rebel model from April 2001 through February 2002.

CPSC and Roto Zip Tool Corp. have received 360 reports of loose or separating handles on the saws. As a result, there have been 19 reports of injuries to consumers, including some cuts requiring stitches.

The recall includes Revolution, Rebel and Solaris model Spiral Saw power tools. The brand name and "ROTO ZIP SPIRAL SAW" are written on the side of the tools. The saws are mostly black or red. The re-

called saws include the serial numbers listed below:

Saw Model	Serial Number Range
Revolution	01 through 1,145,000
Rebel	01 through 415,000
Solaris	01 through 270,000

Consumers should remove the handle from their recalled saw if there is a loose fit between the tool handle and the tool body, and contact Roto Zip Tool Corp. to receive a free replacement handle. For more information, contact the Rot Zip Tool Corp. toll-free at (800) 920-1467 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Central Time any day of the week, or visit the firm's web site at www.rototzip.com. Consumers can also contact Roto Zip Tool Corp. at the following fax number and address:

Fax: 1-800-266-4290

Address: Roto Zip Tool Corporation, 1861 Ludden Drive, Cross Plain, WI 53528.

Scout on the Street

During this women's history month, who do you think epitomizes the strength and spirit of women?



My grandmother. She was a single mother with three children. Then after raising them, she even raised me by herself. I don't ever remember her complaining even once.

Sgt. Emanuel Joseph,
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
11th Signal Battalion



My boss, the area soft line manager at the PX. She's great. She knows how to make decisions and make the floor look good. We always have good inspections because of her.

Cora Stone, Post
Exchange Employee



My wife does because we've passed through a lot of things in life. She's a home engineer and she's the best. I was sick for 13 months. I'm a cancer survivor. She took care of me and was really strong.

Ruben Holguin,
construction contractor



Madonna does because she has changed her music with the times 3-5 times. She's kind of like an older version of Brittany Spears. People shot her down too because of her style. But Madonna made it and now nobody can top her.

Spc. Steve Mantie,
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
111th Military Intelligence
Brigade



I think Oprah Winfrey does. She's been through a lot of things and is really strong. She's successful and many women look up to her and aspire to be like her. Spiritually she's helped a lot of people.

Pfc. Kenya Holmes,
Company A, 309th Military
Intelligence Battalion



I've been married to my wife, Masae, for 32 years. She's been not only my wife, but also my friend, the mother to our three kids and she's been there when I needed to talk to her.

Bruce Richardson,
Director, Cochise College
at Fort Huachuca

Photos by Spc. Jessica Inigo

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CSM takes on challenge of garrison duty

By Spc. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

For a soldier who had been in every military leadership position from squad leader to battalion sergeant major, and everything in between, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert "Bob" L. Voss knows well what it takes to lead soldiers.

It's his new job, interfacing with the local community, which has thrown him for a loop.

"I was a little leery coming into this. It was totally different than anything I've ever done before," Voss said, who has been on board since late November. "Coming into an environment like this, where I have so much interface with the Military Affairs Committee, and really all of the downtown local businesses and AUSA is all new to me.

"Really just going off post and interfacing with the civilian community is something I've never done. I didn't know how I would feel or how I would fare in this environment. I'm really enjoying it though and I'm having a lot of fun with it."

Voss said that the military-civilian interaction is much more prevalent here than he has ever seen elsewhere. "It seems we are much more active in the community and the community is much more active on post," he said.

Voss came to Fort Huachuca from the 1st Military Intelligence Battalion in Wiesbaden, Germany where he served as the battalion sergeant major for over two years. Just prior to that he served as the Analysis and Control Element sergeant major in Heidelberg, Germany.

Voss said his most rewarding assignment was while he was an Advanced Individual Training instructor at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

"The one time in my military career that I was the proudest was on a graduation day when I gave those students their MI brass," Voss said, who has had the opportunity to see some of his former students since stationed here.

"The most fun assignment and the most challenging assignment would be my time at Fort Hood [Texas] because I was a first sergeant for the bulk of time I was there for several different companies," Voss said. "In the last 22 years I've been on a Germany-Texas rotation. Since 1979 I've never been assigned anywhere else. I've almost become a Texan."

The born and raised Arkansas native is more than near-Texan; he's near German as well, as he enlisted in the Army after one year of college, to become a German linguist in 1975.

During his AIT at the Defense Language Institute, Voss

met his future wife, Teresa. They met and married while in school. Now after 23 years of marriage and two children, Voss said he's still fairly proficient in the German language.

His daughter, Kandi, 20, is currently a junior at the University of Montana Western, and his son, Shawn, 19, is a freshman at the University of Southern Arkansas. "They cost more now than they did at home," joked Voss.

Voss said while he is here he hopes to work on issues that concern soldiers, such as single soldier billeting and family hous-

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Command Sgt. Maj. Robert "Bob" L. Voss



ing, as well as the soldier recognition program.

"With all the change afoot going to the new Transformational Installation Management System for Fort Huachuca, where we are supposed to fall under a regional headquarters, I want to see what changes come about before I really pick any particular areas where I want to work," Voss said.

Voss said another area of concern for him is the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. "I continue to try working with these young [soldiers] and mentor them," he said. "I'm the senior enlisted advisor to the garrison commander on any enlisted matters that occur in the base operations function on post. I'm the guy who walks into his office when something's screwed up to let him know how to fix it. Or I let him know when great things are going on and someone needs a pat on the back."

Voss said he would be the soldier's advocate to the command for any base operations-related issues they have not been able to get worked out through their chain of commands. "I'm a last avenue for soldiers who are having problems," he said.

Voss said he has enjoyed being Col. Mike Boardman's advisor. He also is looking forward to the incoming installation commander, Col. Larry Portouw, who was the battalion commander while Voss was the ACE sergeant major in Germany. "I've worked over two years with him and I'm looking forward to working with him again," he said.

Though the job is different, Voss is used to change because the Army is about change. "I'm thrilled to be here and really looking forward to being part of the team for the next three years," he said.

Adolescence: time to establish habits, prevent gum diseases

DENTAC release

Adolescence is a crucial time to reinforce dental care that may prevent periodontal diseases later in life. While half of U.S. school-aged children have dental decay, adolescents have a good chance of joining the three out of every four persons in the U.S. who have periodontal (gum) diseases.

Periodontal diseases, the number one cause of tooth loss among adults, are caused by a sticky, colorless film of bacteria called plaque, which is constantly forming on the teeth. These bacteria create toxins (poisons) that irritate the gums and loosen the attachment of gum tissues to the teeth.

For people over 18, the chances are greater than half that a form of the disease is already present in their mouths. Anywhere from 5 percent to 46 percent of 12 to 15-year-olds already have a destructive form of periodontal disease.

Since periodontal diseases are painless, teenagers may not beware they have gum disease unless it is diagnosed. Whether or not today's adolescents lose their teeth to gum disease is a matter of choice. With very rare exceptions, the condition is due to neglect and can be prevented by removing plaque through daily flossing and brushing.

In fact, recent studies have recognized that toothbrushing actually reduces an early form of periodontal disease, gingivitis, which is characterized by red, swollen and bleeding gums. Thanks to an emphasis on preventive dentistry, the percentage

of older Americans who have lost their natural teeth has decreased 12 percent between 1986 and 1997.

Although the prevalence of destructive forms of periodontal diseases is lower in adolescents than in adults, studies have indicated that gingivitis is nearly a universal finding in both children and adults.

Even though many teens know the importance of good dental care, they often neglect their oral health because of their busy schedules, and because they view this neglect as a way to assert their independence. But, by encouraging their children to assume responsibility for their dental care, parents are motivating them toward good health habits that will last a lifetime.

The TRICARE Dental Program administered by United Concordia allows two oral evaluations and routine cleanings with fluoride treatment in a 12 consecutive month period at no out of pocket expense to the sponsor. Children are generally eligible for enrollment in the TDP up to the end of the month in which they turn 21.

Make sure all of your children are enrolled today. To request an enrollment kit, call United Concordia at 1-888-622-2256, Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. eastern time. Log onto their Web site, www.ucci.com, to download an enrollment form or enroll online. Enrollment forms are also available from the TRICARE health benefits advisors in Room 1037 of the Raymond W. Bliss Health Center and from Runion Dental Clinic.

Deputy Chief of Chaplains speaks at fort's National Prayer Breakfast

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) David Hicks received a standing ovation after he spoke at Fort Huachuca's National Prayer Breakfast at the La Hacienda, Wednesday.

"I find it a great comfort that our leaders know the value of prayer," Hicks said. "Our nation's leaders have relied on prayer to make sure our nation is mighty and strong. Our national leaders have been people who found strength to lead our great nation to victory by staying on their knees."

During his presentation, Hicks urged the audience to consider three facets of King Solomon's character during the early part of his reign: Solomon's per-

sonal relationship to God, Solomon's total dependence upon God and Solomon's unselfish leadership style. Hicks said good leaders are servants who believe in self-sacrifice.

"Our soldiers and their families have to have confidence and trust in us as we lead them into harm's way," Hicks said. "We are all leaders appointed to at least pray for those whose lives we impact. Everything we do or fail to do impact the lives around us either positively or negatively," he said.

He recounted to the audience how he entered the Army as an enlisted soldier and had dreams of retiring as a sergeant major. Hicks' father was a World War I veteran who was a member of the New York National Guard and as part of the 369th In-

fantry who had to fight with a French unit because African American soldiers were not allowed to fight during that time.

"My father instilled in me a great sense of patriotism. He was extremely proud of having fought for his country," Hicks said. His father's unit still holds the record for the days spent being consecutively engaged in combat.

Hicks went on to say that since the tragic incidents of Sept. 11, chaplains are becoming more involved in the personal spiritual life of soldiers and their families.

"I thank God for the strength of these young Army families and how they persevere and stay together," he said.

After his speech Hicks talked about the Army's new suicide prevention program Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. He said like any other organization that helps people, the Chaplain Corps wanted to change with the times and provide current, life-saving training for soldiers that will enable them to cope with the stresses of military life.

He also said he believes commanders should develop a close working relationship with their chaplains.

Before introducing Hicks as the guest speaker, Chaplain (Col.) Juan Loya, installa-

tion staff chaplain, told the audience how he prayed for Hicks to be selected for his current position as the deputy chief of chaplains.

"This man is a leader of leaders and a pastor of pastors. He is dedicated to bringing God to the soldier and the soldier to God," Loya said.

Chap. (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke, deputy installation chaplain, said the prayer breakfast was probably one of the first major gatherings of its kind that many of the audience members attended since the horrific incidents of Sept. 11 and since the nation has been at war.

"This gathering is a sign of hope," Nitschke said. "We are one people under God, the creator of all things. Today we come together as one people based on the freedoms of these United States."

He went on to say the first Presidential Prayer Breakfast was held in 1952 at Washington, D.C. so that lawmakers could pray for then President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The first Fort Huachuca observation of the National Day of Prayer was held in 1970.

During the ceremony the sacred writings of Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity were also read from.

Women's History Month

Women's conference on Saturday

Cochise College release

Cochise College's Center for Professional Development brings back its popular women's conference Saturday at the Sierra Vista campus.

The theme for this year's conference is "Invest in Your Future." The keynote speaker is Roxanne Lee, chief executive officer of iPowerSpeak, whose luncheon presentation is "Create Your Own Future."

Participants can choose workshops in four tracks geared toward professional development, personal enrichment, women entrepreneurs and technical savvy.

Workshops geared toward women cover topics such as communication skills, negotiation, stress reduction and organization, financial planning, home-based and start-up businesses, professional presentations, and protecting computers from viruses and hackers.

The conference kicks off with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The conference fee of \$75 includes lunch, and participants may choose to earn .5 college credits for their attendance. The conference ends at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Center for Professional Development at 515-5446. Sign up now to reserve your space.

Photo presentation honors women

Cochise College release

Cochise College will celebrate Women's History Month Tuesday with the presentation "A League of One's Own: Women Photographers and Their Contributions" by Dr. Diana Hulick.

Hulick, a specialist in photography, earned her master of fine arts in photography from Ohio University and her doctorate in art history from Princeton University. She is the author of the book, "Photography 1900 to the Present."

The presentation, co-sponsored by Cochise College and the Arizona Humanities Council, examines the contributions of women photographers from photography's beginnings to the present. Hulick will display photography by such luminaries as Julia Margaret Cameron and Diane Arbus along with the documentary and journalistic work of Barbara Morgan, Bernice Abbott, and Margaret Bourke-White.

A slide-show presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday in the Horace Steele Conference Room located in the library on the Sierra Vista campus. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Tanya Biemi at 515-5316 or Irma Cook at 515-5490.

Fort hosts lunch, cultural exhibit

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The Military Equal Opportunity Office hosts a Women's History Month celebration, including lunch and a cultural exhibit March 27, at 11:15 a.m. at La Hacienda.

The guest speaker is Dr. (Col.) Lydia Coffman, commander of the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Women Sustaining the American Spirit," which recognizes and celebrates the dynamic work of women in creating and sustaining America's democratic society.

From the days of the American Revolution to the conflict in the Persian Gulf and today, throughout the world, American women have and are honorably serving in the defense of our nation. In times of war and peace, women have willingly responded to their country's call.

Women have also made great contributions in their roles as mothers and grandmothers, and in business, government, and charitable work.

Tickets for the event are \$8. The buffet lunch offers roast beef, baked chicken, sweet potatoes, vegetable du jour, salad bar and beverages. Call 533-1717/5305 for tickets.



Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) David Hicks

Have we got news for you!
Read it online, click on huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO

Mass casualty

Fort, county join forces to respond

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Two days before the six-month anniversary of the horrific events of Sept. 11, Fort Huachuca joined forces with emergency responders throughout Cochise County to participate in the first ever county-wide mass casualty exercise Saturday.

Personnel from 27 communities responded to three different mock disaster scenarios. One scene included an airplane crash that occurred at Libby Army Airfield that was caused by pilots being contaminated by a blister agent, another scene involved a military dignitary's spouse who was taken "hos-

tage" at Reservoir Hill by a group called "The Redeemers," and the last incident was a bus accident that occurred at The Mall in Sierra Vista.

Maj. Toimu Reeves, commandant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, was the Cochise County exercise planner and controller and was responsible for planning and controlling the entire exercise.

"The exercise went extremely well," Reeves said. "The county was able to validate joint operations in the areas of joint incident command, control and communications; hospital protocols; health department protocols; and public affairs.

"The exercise lasted six hours and 22 minutes and could not have gone more smoothly."

Staff Sgt. Douglas DuBois, an observer and controller for the scene at the airfield, said he felt like the scenario was very realistic.

"There was only a time lapse of a couple of minutes from the time Emergency Medical Personal were notified of the crash and when they arrived on the scene," he said. "I believe an exercise like this instills a sense of security. It allows the community to know that they have qualified personnel who can handle a crisis."

"It was a lot of work," said Sgt. 1st Class Laurie Williams, one of the main casualty coordinators. There were over 90 "casualties" for the exercise and 80 of them were soldiers from USAG. She said the planning began last year.

She said overall the casualties seemed to be pleased with the response of emergency personnel and even commended some by name. She said some of the casualties were actually "treated" for their wounds while some had their treatment simulated.

DuBois said the soldiers seemed to have a lot of fun acting like casualties.

"I couldn't be more pleased," said Col. John Custer, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

"I think that cooperation between the various agencies in the county and the city is exactly what every community needs to do," he said.

Maj. Mike Petty, post provost marshal, said he felt the combined county resources formed a pretty formidable team.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Sierra Vista and Cochise County personnel respond to a mock tour bus crash.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Fort Huachuca firefighters donned silver HAZMAT suits to respond to Saturday's mock airplane crash and reports of possible blister agent exposure at Libby Army Airfield. Here a firefighter drags crash "victim," Troy McDonald to the triage center.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Spc. Erica Rigdon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, was a "delirious victim" from the mock airplane crash at Libby Army Air Field.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

County emergency personnel assist the "wounded" to a triage area established at The Mall in Sierra Vista after the mock tour bus crashed. "Victims" were assisted by Sierra Vista police, firefighters and the Cochise County Health Department.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Sierra Vista emergency services lended mutual aid to Fort Huachuca during the mock airplane crash at Libby Army Airfield Saturday. "Victims" were triaged at the scene and sent to Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center or Sierra Vista Regional Hospital depending on the level of injuries.

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Photo by Spc. Jessica Inigo

Col. Victory, played by Suzette Krusemark, civilian executive assistant to the garrison commander, took "Mrs. Boardman" hostage early Saturday morning. Victory and her band of terrorists, known as The Redeemers, held off law enforcement for nearly four hours before the situation ended in Mrs. Boardman's "death."

Joint law enforcement agencies face "standoff"

By Spc. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

It was the love of money and the need to be seen that pushed locally known terrorist group, The Redeemers, to do the unthinkable Saturday morning.

While the Garrison Commander's wife slept, four terrorists broke into their residence, kidnapped "Mrs. Boardman," and drug her up Reservoir Hill, where she was held hostage until their demands were met or they were met with death.

As part of Saturday's Mass Casualty exercise, role players acted out a hostage situation, which tested the coordination and support abilities of multiple 18th Military Police Detachment; Company C, 1st Battalion, 185th Infantry; Criminal Investigation Command and FBI tactics.

As The Redeemers' queen terrorist, Col. Victory, held an M16 to the dignitary's wife, Fort Huachuca law enforcement actually deployed soldiers to the foot of the hill, while negotiators held the terrorist at bay by making deals.

Col. Victory, played by Suzette Krusemark, and her posse kept the scenario as real as possible throughout the four-hour ordeal that eventually ended in "Mrs. Boardman's" life.

"Mrs. Boardman," played by Pfc. Valelia Popatu, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, was dressed for the occasion with fake skin abrasions along her face and arms.

Maj. Blood, one of The Redeemers, played by Sgt. Jose Rivera, HHC USAG, was "shot" in the leg during the scenario as well. While he wrestled to kidnap "Mrs. Boardman" he accidentally shot himself in the leg.

Col. Victory's right hand man, Lt. Delgado, played by Sgt 1st Class Richard Blough, HHC USAG, kept close tabs on "Mrs. Boardman" throughout the exercise, forcing her to climb up and down the hillside.

"We'll kill her to gain the recognition we're looking for," said Col. Victory. "They killed our brothers, and now it's time they get their's."

During the hostage scenario, The Redeemers asked for \$20 million to be transferred to a bank account in Jamaica, insisted on TV crews to film their hostage take-over, asked that their fellow Redeemers be released, and ordered a pizza while waiting for the negotiations to settle.

Since The Redeemers managed to only receive a tuna casserole and chips to tide them over, a small mutiny began within the Redeemer ranks. Col. Victory settled the non-negotiations

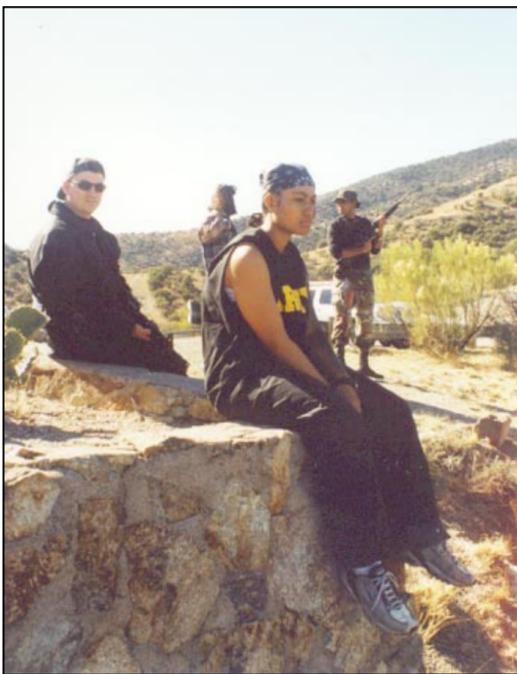


Photo by Spc. Jessica Inigo

Pfc. Valelia Popatu, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison (center) played the wife of Col. Michael W. Boardman, Fort Huachuca garrison commander, during the mock hostage situation Saturday. Popatu was taken hostage by The Redeemers' queen terrorist Col. Victory.

later in the afternoon by killing "Mrs. Boardman."

Though the scenario outcome wasn't bright for "Mrs. Boardman," the MPs gained valuable experience in deploying soldiers during a crisis situation.

"This wasn't anything foreign to us," said Capt. Mike Shands, commander, 18th MP Det., and chief of the law of enforcement division.

"This just confirms that we can get the personnel needed at the scene in a timely manner. I think it went real well. There were very few glitches. The MPs and the reaction force did an outstanding job. Our alert procedures are working, people were where they needed to be in a timely manner and we executed with minimal guidance. We basically just did the job we're paid to do."



Photo by Spc. Jessica Inigo

Law enforcement teams from the 18th Military Police Detachment; Criminal Investigation Command; FBI; and Company C, 1st Battalion, 185th Infantry combined forces to negotiate a hostage situation during Saturday's mass casualty exercise.



Photo by Spc. Jessica Inigo

Fort Huachuca law enforcement actually deployed soldiers to the foot of the hill, while negotiators held the terrorist at bay by making deals.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Certified makeup artist, Wilma Mrosek (right), and her team of volunteers created realistic injuries for the "victims" of Saturday's mass casualty exercise.

Makeup artists create 'monster mash' effect

By Spc. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

It took one gutsy lady to dedicate the time and energy to pull off a realistic mass casualty exercise for Fort Huachuca and twenty-seven other communities during Saturday's emergency response exercise.

The Cochise County-wide exercise was designed to test the coordination and support abilities of federal, state, city and county assets in response to a mass casualty crisis, but Wilma Mrosek ensured it looked as gruesome and was as hectic as any real situation.

With a plane crash, hostage situation and bus accident all in one sunny Saturday morning, Cochise County turned into a regular monster mash. This was all capable with the help of "reel blood," prosthetic wounds, ratty clothes, and homemade vomit according to Mrosek.

As a certified special-effect makeup artist who has been practicing for 20 years, Mrosek ensured her "victims" looked the part. Volunteer "victims" had amputated arms, open chest wounds, glass debris stuck in their heads, dislodged eyeballs, torn cheeks and open abdominal wounds just to name a few.

Mrosek has done makeup in various medias ranging from movies and theater productions to other Army-related exercises. She said having real-to-life make up during exercises adds a level of realism and intensity for emergency response teams.

"This all brings awesome awareness. It's great," she said.

Mrosek is originally from Holland and has practiced makeup artistry throughout Europe to include schools in Germany and Switzerland. She has worked with everything from explosives to vegetable soup to help make "victims" look the part. Mrosek said this type of makeup involves intense study not only with fake blood and animal parts, but actual human anatomy and the way different accidents hurt the human body.

"This type of makeup application is intense. You always have to keep learning new things," she said. This time around Mrosek had to read up on chemical reactions.

Seven soldiers and local civilians volunteered to help Mrosek during the exercise. She taught a four-hour makeup application class before volunteers could "kill" their victims.

"Everyone was very cooperative. The spirit of the volunteers was so great. It really made this exercise a wonderful experience," Mrosek said about all the "victim" volunteers, as well as her fellow makeup artists.

"I'm a cosmetology student and I just want to thank Wilma for giving me the opportunity to learn another aspect of my future career," Jeanette Mendoza said.

"The best part about putting makeup on the people is that they didn't want to look pretty," said another volunteer artist, Charles Moses.



Photo by Spc. Jessica Inigo

Sgt. Bree Escalante, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, displays her "head injury" created especially for Saturday's mass casualty exercise. Escalante was a "victim" of a military airplane crash at Libby Army Airfield during the exercise.

Community Updates

2002 post phonebooks available

The 2002 Thunder Mountaineer phone books/guides 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.

Request desktop password

IASOs who have not yet requested a password for their organization's desktop access to 2000 journals and five national newspapers, should contact Natalie Danforth at danforthn@hua.army.mil. For more information, call 533-3041 and ask for the reference librarian.

Opting out of insurance

The Adjutant General Directorate, Military Personnel Records has had a large influx of inquiries pertaining to soldier's modification/declination of their Family Group Insurance. The office is working hand-in-hand with Defense Finance and Accounting Service to have individual pay accounts adjusted based on soldier's election.

All soldiers should ensure that their elections are correct on their Feb 02 Leave and Earnings Statement. For those soldiers who still require assistance to correct their pay account (refunds, stoppage, or modification), provide your S1 a copy of the documentation to forward to the Military Personnel Records Section. ATTN: Sgt. D. Martin (533-5242) or Marty Libby (533-9555).

Range closures

Today	AA, AB, AC, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AS, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Friday	AA, AB, AC, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AS, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday	AB, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	AU
Monday	AN, AU
Tuesday	AK, AN, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AK, AN, AY
March 21	AA, AC, AD, AK, AM, T1, T1A, T2
March 22	AA, AB, AC, AK, AM, AW and AY
March 23	AB, AL, AM, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
March 24	AQ, AW, AY

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

Crime prevention seminar

A seminar for the National Rgle Association's Refuse To Be A Victim crime prevention program is set for 6 p.m., Wednesday at Sun City Vistoso Community Association, 1495 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Tucson, Ariz. The free seminar promotes awareness

and prevention of criminal confrontations and was developed in 1993 in response to requests from women nationwide for crime prevention seminars. Persons interested in attending should e-mail Robert L. Brandner at rlbherp@aol.com or call (520) 760-0574 by Monday. For more information about Refuse To Be A Victim, visit www.nrahq.org/safety/rtbav/.

Winter visitor program

The Winter Visitor program continues at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 9 a.m., Wednesdays with light refreshments at 8:30 a.m. The public is invited to the free program. A tour of the Nature Conservancy at Ramsey Canyon is set for Wednesday. For more information, call Jim Behnke at 803-6810 or Ron Witt at 459-0929.

Retirement dinner planned

The Directorate of Installation Support invites the Fort Huachuca community to farewell Nancy Small during a retirement dinner March 29. Small is retiring after 45 years of government service.

The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. at The Grill in the Pueblo Del Sol Country Club. Dinner menu includes choice of charbroiled flank steak or chicken piccata, with roasted garlic whipped potatoes, fresh vegetable, gourmet salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea. Anyone wishing to order fish may do so with advanced notice.

Cost is \$20 per person including gratuity. RSVP to Terri at 533-3349 or Suzi at 533-3896 by Wednesday. All reservations must be paid for by Wednesday.

ASMC luncheon set

The American Society of Military Controllers will host its monthly meeting March 21 at 11:30 a.m. at La Hacienda. Featured speaker is Jann Weiss, who will discuss the scenic San Pedro River.

Cost of the lunch buffet is \$9 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. To make reservations and purchase tickets, ASMC members and guests should contact organizational representatives. Tickets are also available at the door. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, call Linda Guinter at 456-2961.

Free business seminars

University of Phoenix is hosting a free business seminar March 21, 6-7:30 p.m. at its main campus, 5099 East Grant Road. The seminar, Designing a Reliable Security Solution, is open to the public. Call 520-881-6512.

Library retirement luncheon

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library invites the community to join its retirement luncheon to say farewell to Chris Hurd, Gerald "Jerry" Thorson, Priscilla Linden and Marcia Drehobl. The luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m.-

1:30 p.m., March 22 at La Hacienda's Boots and Saddles Room. Cost is \$7.75 for the hot buffet and salad bar, or \$6.75 for hot buffet only. Cost includes beverage and gratuity. RSVP to Anita Lewis at 533-4100.

JITC hosts annual conference

The Joint Interoperability Test Command will host the 12th Annual Interoperability Conference April 8-11 in Building 61801, Greeley Hall Auditorium (Room 1215). The conference attracts about 300 attendees from across DOD and is an important forum for identifying critical interoperability issues that influence and impact our support to the warfighters. Maj. Gen. Daniel M. Dick, Director for Strategy, Requirements and Integration (J8), US Joint Forces Command, is the conference keynote speaker. This year's theme is "Current Interoperability Initiatives."

The conference fee is \$15, if registration as well as payment is received by March 22. If payment is not received by this date, the conference fee will be \$20. In addition to the conference, JITC will host an Icebreaker Social 6-9 p.m. on April 8 costing \$10 per person; a Dinner Social 6-9 p.m. on April 9 costing \$20 per person; and a golf tournament 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on April 11, costing \$25 per person.

Additional conference details and registration information can be found on the JITC Web page at http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/iop_conf/2002/iop_con.htm. For more information, call Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Tom Fredericks at 538-4367 or Elaine Perkins, JITC visitor support, at 538-5429.

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 March 21, April 18, May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

Defense Pay closed

The Defense Military Pay Office will be closed from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 21 for training purposes.

Notice of public sale

Pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-1131, Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools will be holding an auction on March 27 conducted by Robertson's Auction Sales for surplus school property.

Interested bidders may view property after 8 a.m., March 27 at the District Maintenance Facility (School Bus Barn), Building 47110, H Avenue, Fort Huachuca. The auction begins at 10 a.m. Surplus property includes computers, printers, VCRs, desks, chairs, maps and a few tools, etc.

Payment must be made by cash or check at the site. Each item will be sold in an "as is" condition.

View circus tent raising

The La Salida del Sol Lions Club cordially invites the public and students to the tent raising event 8:30-10:30 a.m., March 27. Schools are encouraged to make plans for a field trip to witness a small part of history. All children are offered complimentary circus treats. A circus marketing director will assist groups by pointing out procedures, best vantage points for viewing and by answering questions. Circus clowns can serve as tour guides if arrangements are made in advance.

Ammo supply point closed

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed March 27-29 for the quarterly inventory. Emergencies need to be directed to Manny Bringas at 533-2512, or Jose Fierros at 533-3617.

Retirement ceremony set

The next Installation Retirement Ceremony takes place March 29, at 4 p.m., on Chaffee Parade Field. The ceremony is open to the public.

Visitors to Fort Huachuca can obtain a temporary pass by showing their vehicle registration, driver's license and proof of insurance.



AER kick-off breakfast

The Army Emergency Relief Campaign Kick Off Breakfast is set for 7 a.m., Tuesday at the LakeSide Activity Center. Purchase tickets from your unit AER representatives or the Protocol Office. RSVP by today. Tickets cost \$8.

AER has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization since Feb. 5, 1942. 2002 is the 61st year of AER operations.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Community Events Calendar</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-HUA3.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Commanders Access</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Channel 97, March 21 at 7 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><i>Call in your questions!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><i>School Spring Break!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><i>March 25-April 1 for all school districts</i></p> </div>						
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">17</p> <p>Happy Saint Patrick's Day!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Wild Bunch at the OK Corral in Tombstone at 2 p.m. - St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Pot Luck at MPC beginning at 4 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">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. - Col Johnston Elementary Report Cards 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put Prevention Into Practice (PIPP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2-3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info. - Army Emergency Relief (AER) Kickoff Breakfast, 0700 at the Lakeside - Bake Sale at PX, 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - SV Parks & Leisure Arts Discovery Series presents Halau Hula Ka No'eau at Buena H.S. Performing Arts Center beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door and \$3 for children. 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">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. - Spring Youth Fest from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Geromino & Foster Fields (by Youth Services bldg.). Lots of fun for the entire family. - Officers & Civilians' Spouses Club Luncheon beginning at 10:30 a.m. A-M Call Debbie at 459-6085 - SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACAP/TAP Three-Day Workshop at Bldg. 22420 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call Thom Hag good at 5337314 for details and reservations. - National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details. - 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 style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">15</p> <p>15 MARCH 2002</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 style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SV Parks & Leisure is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Celebration a beginning at 7 p.m. at the Ethel Berger Center. Cost is \$12 per person (21 years & older). - Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-7322 for details. - 269th Sig. Co Childcare Night, 3:00-8:00 p.m. at the Murr Rec, St. Patrick's Day theme, suggested donation \$3-\$9 per child.
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Vigilantes at the Helderado set beginning at 2 p.m. in Tombstone - SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring Ping Pong Tournaments at 2 p.m. at the Youth Center. This event is to youth between the ages of 11 - 17 years. Call 459-4377 for details. - Come hear the 36th Army Band in Concert at the Ethel Berger Center starting at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">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 style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rickety 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 (PIPP) & 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 style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">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. - Passover Service at MPC beginning at 6 p.m. Call 533-4740/4755 for reservations. - The 269th Sig Co will hold their FRG at MCC beginning at 6:30 p.m. - The 69th Sig Co will hold its FRG at Peter Piper Pizza at 6:30 p.m. - The HHD 504th Sig Bn's FRG Meeting is at the company orderly room. - The 19th Sig Co FRG will meet at 6:30 p.m. at La Casita Restaurant. 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Cafe. - ACAP/TAP Three-Day Workshop at Bldg. 22420 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call Thom Hag good at 5337314 for details and reservations. - 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 style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">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. - ABODA Band Festival at Col Smith Middle School 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thunder Mountain Marathon & Relays March 23. Full, & half marathons, 5K Fun Runs and Relays teams. Call Michelle Kinsey at 533-3180 to register and for details. - Spring Craft Bazaar from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ethel Berger Center. This event is free and open to the public. If you are interested in being a vendor, please register at the EBC—cost is \$25 per table (all vendors must have a AZ TPT License.) - Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-7322 for details.
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Installation Retirement Ceremony begins at 4 p.m. on Chaffee Parade Field. This event is open to the public. - Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details. 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easter Egg Hunt at Youth Services. Over 6,000 eggs to be found. Ages 5 and under 10a.m. - noon. Ages 6 - 12, 2-4 p.m. Games and prizes. Pictures with the Easter Bunny for \$2. - Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-732 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

ARMY VALUE: INTEGRITY

Training soldiers put Army Values lesson to test in community service project

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

Training soldiers put Army Values into action recently with a community service project aimed at helping the stables and corrals on post.

Advanced Individual Training soldiers from Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion joined together as a team to complete several projects at Buffalo Corral, Wren Arena and the B Troop stables.

As part of their Army Values training, they focused on Integrity and what it means to volunteer for the community.

"We're taught to lead by example," Pvt. Charles Yates said. "Hopefully by volunteering, others will see our example and come out to help."

The event was organized by company cadre and corral staff. "Helping out at the corral and stables provided the soldiers with an opportunity to demonstrate teamwork and community involvement," said 1st Sgt. Jeffery Ware.

A total of 75 soldiers realized it takes a team when it comes to community service. Soldiers cleaned and conditioned the saddles and replica weapons for B Troop, cleared rocks from the horses' feeding area at Buffalo Corral, and moved a lot of "recycled hay."

According to Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Shepherd, senior drill sergeant, the soldiers showed initiative and maturity in completing their tasks. Several soldiers have now started volunteering their time at Buffalo Corral on a regular basis.

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Stier, Company D, 309th MI Bn. and quartermaster sergeant for B Troop, said they were able to find something for every soldier to do.

Stier's wife, Janine, an animal caretaker at Buffalo Corral, has asked some of the volunteers to serve as controllers on trail rides based on this positive experience.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Miser

Advanced Individual Training soldiers from Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion took off their Battle Dress Uniform jackets and got down to work at the B Troop stables, Wren Arena and Buffalo Corral. One of the tasks included conditioning the leather saddles used by B Troop.



Photo by Angela Moncur

The horses at Buffalo Corral may not be able to say "Thank You," to their soldier friends, but there's nothing like a big toothy grin to say "Job well done."



With teamwork, Company A, 309th MI Bn. was able to complete several large tasks for Buffalo Corral that would have taken staff weeks to finish. One task involved clearing the horses feeding area of rocks to prevent a horse from injuring itself.

DIS names Employee, Runner-up of Year for 2001

DIS release

After an intense competition among several worthy employees, the Directorate of Installation Support is proud to announce the Employee of the Year and Runner-up for 2001.

DIS Employee of the Year

Kathryn A. Carter, was selected as DIS Employee of the Year. She is currently working in the Management Engineering Systems Office as a work order assistant. Carter has worked in the Directorate since October 1989.

Her knowledge, professionalism and dedication to providing all Fort Huachuca DIS customers excellent service sets a lofty standard for other MES/DIS employees. To have an employee of her expertise and capability in this division reflects well upon our office and throughout the Directorate.

During the past year, Carter has demonstrated a thoroughness and dogged dedication to accomplish her goals. Her job description does not begin to illustrate the things she actually accomplishes on a daily basis. The knowledge, skills and abilities she demonstrates every day in the effort to support Fort Huachuca far exceeds the job description.

Her comprehensive understanding of the DIS mission and dedication to successfully completing Individual Job Orders is unparalleled.

Carter determines the priority for IJOs by applying a specific set of regulatory guidelines to reach a numerical priority. Her consistently good judgment is valued and relied upon by management and her input is used to make many decisions concerning project funding and approval.

She is ever watchful and quick to recognize monetary waste or inappropriate funding of IJOs and always brings potential problems

to the attention of management.

Many times she is able to offer an inventive solution to meet the need of the requester and save scarce DIS resources. Her diligence in monitoring the Operations & Maintenance contractor has enabled the DIS to stretch dwindling resources.

Comprehending complex work requests and providing answers to most inquiries with little or no research is something Carter does effortlessly. She always works with the customer to explain the process in order to get work accomplished in the most efficient way possible. All DIS customers know that when they need assistance, Carter will cheerfully find a way to try to resolve their problem.

All tasks are approached with enthusiasm, energy, dedication and responsiveness to the customer, including peers, supervisors, directors, military and spouses.

Carter searches for methods to improve the timeliness of processing work orders in order to save money and meet customer imposed deadlines.

An important part of her job is to coordinate work between requestor, contractor, management, and the many divisions of the DIS. The process is rarely the same for any two work orders. Her ability to understand and adapt to change while ensuring all necessary approvals are obtained is another of her admirable traits.

The MES Office is a first line customer service office and she is knowledgeable in all areas of work.

Many times when others are out of the office she steps in willingly to assist the team in getting the work done. She does not hesitate to go the extra mile for both the customer and co-workers.

DIS Employee of the Year Runner-up

The Employee of the Year runner-up, Charles Slaymaker, serves as the installation archeologist in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

His superb performance and dedicated efforts have been instrumental in continuing Fort Huachuca's excellent reputation for stewardship of cultural resources including archeological sites, the National Historic Landmark District and coordination with Native Americans.

His efforts extend beyond compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and Native Graves Protection and Repatriation Act with regard to education and strong advocacy for the DIS and Fort Huachuca.

Slaymaker's enthusiasm and strong work ethic contribute significantly to the excellent reputation both he and the cultural resources program enjoy.

Slaymaker's performance during 2001 was exemplary, and he contributed significantly to soldier quality of life with strenuous efforts working with the State Historic Preservation Officer Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Army Environmental Center, Training and Doctrine Command, and Department of Army.

He played a key role in resolving a historical issue regarding demolition of Capehart housing units in the Bonnie Blink and Cavalry Park areas in order to construct new family housing units. Slaymaker, working closely with the housing manager, Sylvia Pete, and deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Kevin Luster, developed a Programmatic Agreement for Replacement of Army Family Housing.

This document was approved by the Commanding General and SHPO in June 2001 and followed by ACHP and National Park Service signatures.

This Programmatic Agreement not only lead to approval of the \$15 million project, but included other phases of the Fort Huachuca housing replacement program.

In addition to supporting Army Family Housing, Slaymaker performed superbly in coordinating with Native Americans. Fort Huachuca is required by executive order and NAGPRA to consult with Native American tribes with cultural affiliations to Fort Huachuca lands.

Any ground disturbing activity — construction, training and testing — requires formal correspondence.

Slaymaker is well respected by tribal representatives. This confidence and rapport has resulted in approval of key projects during the year including the 130-acre land transfer for an Arizona Veteran's cemetery, Bergey wind turbine, and the \$6 million Effluent Recharge Project on the East Range.

Slaymaker understands that training and mission support are the basis for cultural resources management.

He incorporates those considerations into support of National Environmental Policy Act analysis, evaluation of command emphasis projects, environmental education for training units, and all aspects of the cultural resources program.

Many employees have been recognized for their professionalism, technical knowledge, outstanding customer service and dedication.

The other nominees for 2001 who met those qualifications were: Francisco Araiza, budget analyst, in the Business Management Office; Donna Deal, supply technician, in the Contract Management Division; Kevin Derfus, engineer technician, in the Engineering Plans and Services Division; and John Cutter, mobilization officer in the Logistics Management Division.



Kathryn A. Carter



Charles Slaymaker

Pets of the Week



"Whiskey" is an absolutely wonderful, young adult female tan and brown pitbull mix. She is one of the sweetest dogs we've ever had at the adoption facility! She is great with kids, but needs to be an only pet. Come meet her — you'll love her! Whiskey's adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, a microchip, all vaccinations, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Tiger" is a beautiful spayed female three-year-old gray brindle lab mix. This dog is a real sweetie, too. She gets along well with other dogs and with kids and would make a great addition to any family. Her adoption fee is \$22, which includes a microchip, all vaccinations, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Jubei" is a large, friendly, white two-year-old male pitbull. He is a beautiful dog and loves attention. His adoption fee is \$32, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip and deworming.



"Sam" is a very sedate 12-year-old neutered buff-colored purebred cocker spaniel. He is a very kindly old dog, but he has a few health problems and needs a special family to take care of him. His adoption fee is \$22, which includes all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.

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

LAAF aids Forest Service firefighters

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Rebecca Stoneman, an information officer detailed to the Sierra Vista Ranger District Oversite Fire Camp said the wildland fire that began March 1 was declared contained Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Stoneman said the fire affected 2,189 acres and came within approximately one mile of Fort Huachuca's forest boundary and within approximately four miles of the city of Sierra Vista.

Fort Huachuca's Libby Army Air Field was used by two contractor Lockheed P3 airtankers in the effort to get the fire under control.

Bill Waldman, airtanker pilot and Steve Maxwell, co-pilot, dumped thousands of gallons of liquid concentrate fire retardant on the blaze in their efforts to assist crews with stopping the fire's spread. They are based in Fort Smith, Ark., and fly to different regions of the country depending

on the region's fire season

Waldman said the fire retardant is made up of fertilizer, salt, polyurethane and water and is not hazardous to the environment. He said red orange oxide is added to the mixture so pilots can see where it has been dropped.

He said electronics are not involved when it comes to dropping the fuel. "Once we are in close enough it's mostly hand/eye coordination. When I push the button, that means all of the calculations have been figured out in my head," he said.

Waldman, who has been an airtanker pilot for 34 years, said the Lockheed P3 was originally a Navy fighter plane.

"Our primary mission is to support the ground crew. We've made drops that have saved lives; that gives you a sense of satisfaction," Waldman said. He said the P3 can carry 27,000 pounds of the mixture in a tank that is attached to the back of the aircraft.

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Military members and civilians can also use the Web site, www.dfas.mil/emss, to stop the mailing of their Leave and Earnings Statements, Pitt said. Customers now, he noted, can simply print the statements that have been posted online.

Pitt said the DFAS Web site offered a variety of services to military and civilian personnel even before the December upgrades. They've been able to access, view and print their electronic Leave and Earnings Statements; change federal tax withholding; and change direct deposit information.

Civilians can also use the Web site to file address changes and start, stop, or change allotments, he added.

DFAS serves roughly 5.5 million active duty and reserve military, retired military, annuitants (such as widows) and DoD civilians, Pitt remarked.

The improved Web site, he noted, greatly enhances service for those customers. "It is a user-friendly site and offers things that people have been asking for. We've had a lot of positive feedback from our customers," he concluded.

To access the Employee/Member Self-Service system, customers need a custom personal identification number that can be obtained by calling the system Customer Support Unit at 1-800-390-2348.

AAFES recalls Monsters in the Closet book

AAFES release

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Random House Inc., of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling copies of "Monsters in the Closet" children's books.

According to the CPSC, the snap that secures the book could detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

AAFES sold these books from October 2001 through January 2002.

CPSC and Random House have not received any reports of injuries involving this book. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The board books are constructed of heavy cardboard with "Monsters Inc." characters on each page. The title "Monsters in

the Closet" is printed with orange letters highlighted in yellow on the front cover of the books.

The books have a hole at the top of the back cover to allow them to hang on a door-knob.

The books have been printed in English and Spanish languages. "Made in China" is printed on the back of the book.

Consumers should cut off the snap from these books immediately and mail the snap to: Tri-State, c/o Marie Corsello, 325 Rabro Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788 to receive a free replacement book valued at about \$9.

For additional information, contact Random House at (800) 493-0009 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Time, Mondays through Fridays, or visit the firm's website at www.randomhouse.com.

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situations and heightened security. This alternate route will also mitigate traffic congestion for the Fort and in the surrounding community.

Another recommendation from this team was to establish a Public Affairs Media Operations Center removed from the main post cantonment area, but still close to Fort Huachuca. In the event a Media Operations Center is activated, it will be located at the golf course clubhouse complex. This road will provide ready access for the civilian media to the Media Operations Center.

Beginning 6 a.m., today, visitors will no longer be able to reach Mountain View Golf

Course by driving through the Main Gate or from the installation. The golf course can only be reached through the public access road off of Buffalo Soldier Trail.

Construction of the public access road is the result of a close partnership between the City of Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca. To provide safe access to the golf course, the City of Sierra Vista's engineers have restriped Buffalo Soldier Trail and Wilcox Road and installed traffic signals for turn lanes.

The Mountain View Golf Course has been officially open to the public since Oct. 26, 1996. A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new road is tentatively scheduled for April.

The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper wishes everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Chalk Talk

Colonel Johnston Elementary School

The Students of the Week for March 11-15 are Amanda Fennel, Aaron Kilty, Ti' Ahnah Preston, Jose' Marrero, Hannah Foster, Stephen Baxley, Kayla Higgs, Kieare Wright, Alessandra Vance, Kelsey Kriefemeyer, Jasmine Everette, Khadejah Weathersby and Justin Taylor.

The Walking Jaguars walked a total of 195 miles bringing their total to 642 miles so far this year. The top students were Matthew Reid, Eric Brackin, Elani Gonzalas, Joshua Falgout, Justin Cardenas, Elijah Golden and Corbin Miller.

General Myer Elementary School

Joy Mim's and Julie Parrish's kindergarten class is finishing up their unit on Arizona. This week they are learning about cowboys and the Native American tribes of Arizona. They learned how to pan for gold and will learn how to make Navajo Fry Bread.

Kathy Berman's fourth-grade class has read a story about sea turtles, which sparked their interest to do research on endangered animals. Their research has been conducted on the Internet and reports have been in the form of slide shows designed with Hyper Studio using the smart board for their presentations. They had nine winners in the Science Fair from their class including Best of Show awarded to Malia Alleman. Congrats to Darneshia Eddings as Student of the Month.

Lynn Tompkins' fourth-grade class has completed writing biographies on African-Americans who have affected their lives. Student choices ranged from activists, athletes, ce-

lebrities, moms, dads and cousins. They have just started studying Arizona history. They went to Coronado National Monument to learn more about Francisco de Coronado and the Zuni Indians.

Jan Camps' fourth-grade students are studying Arizona. They are learning about the land, the people, and history of Arizona. They are looking forward to going on a field trip to Coronado National Monument to learn more about the early Spanish explorers. In science, the students are learning about living and non-living things that make up an ecosystem.

Tom Crawford's fourth-graders are preparing for their Coronado Memorial trip on March 22. They have almost completed their Arizona studies for the year and will be returning soon to their U.S. history curriculum. Congratulations go out to the 2nd place winners of this year's Science Fair: Adam Griffin, Tori Martinez, and Chris Bell. Darian Caponi also entered the science fair and they are proud of all the students who participated. Tom's class is also 'determined' to get the running club ribbon away from Lynn Tompkin's class.

Maureen Brady's art students are creating Easter cards for our soldiers fighting in Afghanistan. Nikki Bowman, of the Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club of Fort Huachuca, suggested the idea. All the students are excited about their cards being delivered to the troops. Many of the students have relatives over there, and are including heartfelt messages in the cards. We hope these cards will help our soldiers know how much we love and miss them.



Dylan Fabor, a student in Henry Bos' third grade class at Colonel Johnston Elementary School, listens intently as Robin Hood, Christina Hu, from Colonel Smith Middle School reads to the class. The middle school students visited as part of the Read to Little People program celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Jan Barnes' fourth-grade class had a really great time going to Coronado National Park. They are studying the history of our area and the program gave the students a first hand experience of life in the 1500s. Congratulations to Ash Drake, the class' Student of the Month.

The school Talent Show is set for March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Myer Gym. This is also Parent, Teacher and Student Organization night.

Magellan Running Club's top fourth-grade girl was Brianna Shepherd with 24 points. Top fourth-grade boy was Chris Nugent with 71 points. Top fourth-grade girl was Amber DuFriend with 64 points. Top fifth-grade boy was Jerel Whery with 89 points. Top fifth-grade class was Bonnie Burleson's room with 333.5 miles. Last week Myer students ran 1,129 miles with a total of 21,776 miles for the year.