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ASIST Workshop

Fort Huachuca's third Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop will be held Wednesday & Thursday at the Main Post Chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no registration fee. Lunch will be provided. Civilian attire is encouraged.

The Installation Staff Chaplain's Office has only 30 slots open. This will be provided on a "first come, first served basis."

For more information contact Chaplain Maj. Garry Dale at 533-4911 or Pfc. Luis Moro at 533-2366 or email: garry.dale@hua.army.mil.

Moving Wall comes to SV

The Moving Wall Vietnam Memorial comes to Veterans Memorial Park, today through Wednesday.

Donations to assist in sponsorship may be made at "The Moving Wall Account" at Compass Bank in Sierra Vista. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call Angela Brown at 456-1265 or e-mail adamant30@earthlink.net.

National Contract Management Association luncheon

The National Contract Management Association monthly luncheon will be held on Sunday. The luncheon will be held at the La Hacienda Club on Ft. Huachuca, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The luncheon speaker will be Tom Hessler, Mayor of Sierra Vista, Arizona. The presentation will be The State of the City of Sierra Vista. For luncheon reservations contact Ms. Kelly Stute at 459-6227. The public is welcome to attend.

Carter Street fuel point to be unmanned

Effective July 1, the ground fuel point at Carter Street will become an unmanned facility. The operating hours of this facility will be 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Operation of the fuel dispensing pumps will require the use of a Vehicle Identification Link key.

All requirements for bulk fuel issues, after duty hour support, including weekend and holidays, must be coordinated in advance by contacting 533-2824.

The point of contact for this action is Pat Quintana, 533-5610.

VA benefits briefings set

Veterans' Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the Veteran's Affairs 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 are 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, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

East Range gets 'environmental face lift'

Ginny Sciarrino 533-1285
Community Relations Officer

Have you recently noticed all the soil being moved around at the east range off of the bypass on Highway 90? Bet you wondered what the Army was up to.

Actually, the environmental people on Fort Huachuca and their contractors are working steadily to complete their mission by the beginning of this year's monsoon season. According to Rob Bridges, Ecologist of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, their objectives are to control erosion, protect the habitat of endangered species along the San Pedro River and archeological sites along Graveyard Gulch, and reopen the East Range Perimeter Road.

"The drainage from Graveyard Gulch goes into the San Pedro River south of the location of an old off-post cemetery," said Tom Cochran, Chief, Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

"We don't want to have a negative impact on the habitats of the Huachuca Water Umbel or Southwestern Willow Flycatcher in the San Pedro River," said Cochran. "Both are endangered species and are protected by the Endangered Species Act. As environmental stewards, we are bound to protect our environment.

"Additionally, once the erosion project for Graveyard Gulch is completed, archeological sites of early inhabitants that once lived down-

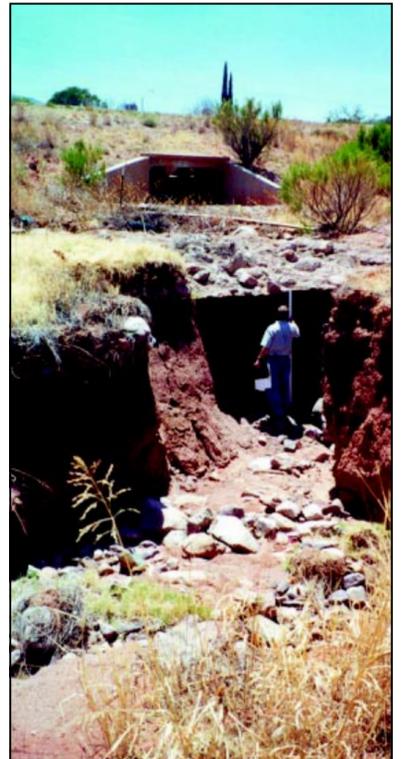
stream of Graveyard Gulch will be better protected," says Bridges.

Within the overturned biological opinion, the Army was charged with developing a watershed management plan for the east range. Endangered species along the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) were to be protected from the impact of erosion.

In 2000, while developing the East Range Watershed Management Plan with Engineering and Environmental Consultants (EEC), members of the Fort Huachuca Environmental and Natural Resources Division identified Graveyard Gulch as a major erosion area. This drainage way can carry large volumes of water following major storm events.

Provided by Department of the Army, environmental funding for this project was to improve the watershed on the east range and insure that it would not negatively impact the habitats of endangered species within the SPRNCA.

Many permits were needed to get started: first an environmental assessment on the project, an Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit to dig within the waterways of the United States, one from the Arizona Department of Transportation for a right-of-way permit, an archeological survey, and a Storm Water Pollution Plan. The Watershed Management Plan divides the east range into eight sub-water-



Environmental Engineering Consultants photo

Changes are being made to the East Range in order to make it environmentally sound.

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Guard soldiers fight Colorado blaze

By 1st Lt. Holly Peterson
Army News Service

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. — Members of the Colorado Army National Guard's 220th Military Police Company and 143rd Signal Company directed traffic, assisted firefighting efforts and provided security and access control in the town of Glenwood Springs, Colo., June 11.

These soldiers had been pulled from weekend training and relaxing at home onto state active duty to provide support to the Garfield County Sheriff's office at what is now named the Coal Seam Fire.

The 220th MPs were training at Fort Carson when the deployment phone call came early June 9. Capt. Bren Dee Rogers, company commander, and her troops immediately packed and returned to Denver to prepare for their next assignment.

The dual mission of National Guard soldiers calls for service to both the state and nation. These soldiers transitioned from training for

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Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

AG's MEO stands up today

Bree Escalante, customer service clerk and former soldier, talks to Ted Hartman, chief, Personnel Services Division about a personnel action. Starting today AGD is staffed entirely by civilian workers. See next week's Scout for the full story.

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

John Keegan, the British historian, wrote, "World War II was the largest single event in the history of mankind. It was fought on six of the seven continents and all the seas. Fifty million died. It was an event of such magnitude that it took us 50 years to come to grips with it, to get the perspective on it."

"I didn't know if I would ever see that lady again," said Norman Wiseman through a veil of tears, as he described seeing the Statue of Liberty on his return to the United States.

Wiseman, retired Air Force, and an American ex-prisoner of war, celebrated his survival from the "War to end all Wars" along with 86 others from all over the state of Arizona at a state convention for American Ex-Prisoners of War last Friday.

The convention was held in Sierra Vista, and also included a tour of Fort Huachuca on Friday of archeological sites, the Aerostat, and a lunch at the Thunderbird Dining Facility with

Tom Cochran, chief, Environmental and Natural Resource Division, and Gretchen Kent, National Environmental Policy Act coordinator as guides.

"This organization was formed after WWII when mothers and wives of POWs got together to get care for POWs. We needed numbers to approach Congress to get the care these soldiers needed," said Addie Leavenworth, wife of Bob Leavenworth, president of the Department of Arizona commander for the Arizona

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American ex-POWs. He was a POW with Wiseman.

She added, "We are an organization of wives. And like our motto says: 'We help those

who cannot help themselves.'"

Wiseman, who described himself as a country boy from Ohio, entered the Air Force in November 1943. After he finished basic training, he went to aircraft mechanic school. "I got about three to four weeks in to it and they pulled me to be a school teacher - and I hate to teach school. So I went down past the bulletin boards one day and I saw a notice there that they were looking for aerial gunners. I figured that's my way out as they had top priority. So I signed up on the dotted line and the next day they put me back in school."

After gunnery school in Florida, Wiseman went to Mountain Home, Idaho, and from there they made up the crews where "we were assigned to B-24s. We were there about three months...and we then went to Fresno, California. where we were assigned to the 461st Bomb

Group."

Wiseman wasn't long to stay in the United

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Goarmy.com, cream of the crop

USAREC Release

Goarmy.com, the official recruiting Web site of the U.S. Army, was nominated as one of the top five best Web sites in the 6th Annual Webby Awards. Other sites nominated within the same category include Amazon.com (<http://www.amazon.com>), Google (<http://www.google.com>), National Geographic (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com>), and Peace Corps (<http://www.peacecorps.gov>).

First launched in 1996, goarmy.com was redesigned in January 2001 through a partnership between the U.S. Army and chemistri, the interactive creative arm of Leo Burnett USA. Intended as a resource for potential recruits interested in learning about opportunities within the U.S. Army, the redesigned site helps potential recruits overcome fears about basic training, increases their understanding about career opportunities available, and introduces them to soldiers similar to themselves.

Realizing it was experiencing difficulty relating to its prime target -young men and women between ages 17 and 24 - the Army engaged Leo Burnett in an attempt to better understand and reach this target audience, sometimes known as Generation Y. It was this partnership that led to the development and introduction of the "An Army of One" campaign. As part of that campaign, the Army teamed with chemistri to help rejuvenate goarmy.com to make it a more effective recruitment tool.

"The Army had missed its annual recruitment goals three out of four years between 1995 and 1999. Through research, we found

that fear of basic training was one of the major enlistment barriers," said Chris Miller, CEO of chemistri. "To help dispel those fears, goarmy.com follows six recruits through nine weeks of basic training providing uncut, unfiltered glimpses of life in the Army from a true



recruit's perspective."

"Basic Training: The Making of An Army of One" builds upon current cyber-world developments, such as Distance Education and Asynchronous Learning Networks, to enable potential recruits to learn about and explore the Army community via the Web anytime, anywhere.

The redesigned site has met with great success. In September 2001, Secretary of the Army Thomas White announced the Army had fulfilled its 2001 recruiting goal one month early. In addition, Internet user sessions have doubled, online recruiting leads are up more than 75 percent, and the Web site has won

Post 4th of July activities

Ginny Sciarrino
Community Relations Officer

Fort Huachuca's finest will be on hand July 4th with a wide variety of army displays beginning at 9 a.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park. Soldiers will share their knowledge throughout the day regarding the equipment they work with on a daily basis.

Some of the special attractions include a full scale Unmanned Aerial Vehicle complete with Ground Control Station and Ground Data Terminal from the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. The REMBASS (battlefield surveillance system), TLQ-17A (hostile communications jammer), and common task training in camouflage face painting for kids will be conducted by the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade. All exhibits will be manned with soldiers to explain how each piece of equipment operates. Additionally, the soldiers in the Directorate of Public Safety will offer fingerprinting for children.

The Fort Huachuca Military Police K-9 Dog Demonstration is

scheduled for 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the back of Veterans' Memorial Park. Spectators can watch the dogs maneuver through obstacle courses, demonstrate attacks and perform basic obedience tests.

B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) represents the history of the U.S. Army in the 1880s of the southwest. Soldiers dressed in authentic wool uniforms will provide free pony rides beginning at 10 a.m. at the west end of the park.

The July 4th Salute to the Nation begins at 11:30 a.m. at the band shell in Veterans' Memorial Park. Sierra Vista Rotary President Bill Miller will open the ceremony.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Cochise Warrior Color Guard under the direction of "Shorty" Larson will present the colors. This patriotic ceremony includes remarks by Commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, Brig. Gen. (P) James A. Marks, U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, and Sierra Vista Mayor Tom Hessler.

The grand finale to the ceremony is the rousing 50-gun salute,

fired by the Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard under the direction of 1st Lt. Rosalba Poulos. During the cannon salute, each of the 50 states will be honored with the announcement of the date of their entry into the Union in the order they became part of the United States.

The 36th Army Band performing patriotic medleys kicks off evening activities at 7 p.m. on Stone Field. Stone Field is located off of Coronado Drive past the Sierra Vista Library on Tacoma Street.

Under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Gary Dorrell, the band will perform the traditional Fourth of July crowd pleaser, the "1812 Overture", with cannon fire. This program music tells a story that opens with a solemn prayer, builds toward war and the battle and finally culminates with the jubilation of victory. The "1812 Overture" is immediately followed by the fireworks display.

All activities are free of charge. For additional information call Ginny Sciarrino at 533-1285.

Scout on the Street—If you could change your MOS, what would it be and why?



I would like to be an interrogator, break somebody down and get information from them; make them cry.

Spc. Cuahutemoc Fernandez,
Headquarters Garrison



I'm currently happy where I'm at but if I had to change it, it would be 74 B because they deal with computers, which is what I worked with in college.

Spc. Jason Duchette,
B 40th Sig. Bn.



The only thing I would probably change my MOS to is 33W because I like working with computers.

Staff Sgt. Terry Thomas,
D 309th



I like my MOS, which is 91 P, an x-ray technician. It translates well to civilian life and you deal with a lot of people. I enjoy the medical field.

Sgt. Claudia Medina,
MEDDAC



I wouldn't have another MOS. I have the best one, 98G. We are signal intel interceptors.

Spc. Michael Rainey,
B 304th,
25th ID Schofield, HI



It would be 96 R definitely because it's more interesting than my current MOS. They do ground surveillance.

Spc. Kevin Mash,
A 309th

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Officers to ask for assignments online

Army News Service

Army officers will be able to submit their assignment preference statements via the Internet by accessing the U.S. Army Personnel Command homepage beginning July 1.

The online preference statement will enable officers, for the first time, the ability to view open valid requisitions that assignment managers are working to fill, according to officials.

"In the past our customers have only been able to see open assignments on various branch websites," said Ms. Jan Frutiger automation branch chief for PERSCOM's Officer Personnel Management Directorate. "With the online preference statements officers will have a broader view of the positions that assignment managers are working to fill. They will be able to evaluate the special requirements for the position before making their choice."

Branch, grade and area of concentration are the filters for the information that is shown on the preference statement. Officers can make selections specifically by valid and open requisitions, by location or by specific duty such as joint, ROTC or recruiting. The assignment manager will then have immediate visibility to this information as he walks through the decision process for filling a requisition.

"The preference statement is what the field has asked for," said Brig. Gen. David Valcourt the OPMD director. "It's going to empower officers to better participate in the decisions that impact their career and help streamline and improve the responsiveness of the officer assignment process."

Officers will be able to select their preferences on the PERSCOM homepage by clicking on the officer preference statement dog tag when the option comes online next month.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

A post-wide American Red Cross Blood Drive is being held at Eifler Gym at 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The Red Cross is critically low on blood and 400 donors are needed. Help us be the "Army's

Lifeline to America!" To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-448-3543.

Remember to drink EXTRA water starting the day before the drive and eat a small low-fat meal or snack 2 - 4 hours before donating. You may also donate at the Red Cross Center near Donovan Dodge on Mondays & Wednesday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. or on Tuesday from noon - 6 p.m. Call the local chapter at 458-4858 for information.



Three post NCOs inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

On June 7, in a formal ceremony on Fort Huachuca, three non-commissioned officers were inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club: Sgt. Donald Vess of Bravo Company, 304th of the 112th MI Brigade, Sgt. 1st Class John Tooley of U.S. Army Operational Test and Evaluation Command, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate, and Sgt. Shane Short of 40th Signal Battalion, 11th Signal Brigade.

"I was born a son of a military man," said Vess, who confesses to being a private individual. "I like the rain, grass when it grows, waking up to my dog early in the morning telling me that it's time to go out."

A family man, he added, "I appreciate life and having a wife that is probably dedicated more to the military than I am. She never holds back, and when I start doubting myself she says, 'Nope, you know you can do this, I know you can do this, now go do it.'"

Describing his childhood Vess said, "Moving from place



Photo by Angelica Pequeño

Sgt. Donald Vess of Company B, 304, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, was recently inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, something he takes great pride in.

to place my entire life, we never stayed in one place until we got to Germany, where I graduated from high school."

Vess always wanted to go into the military, but said he knew that he needed to grow up. So Vess decided to stay in Germany when his family left to go back to the States. Living on the German economy after graduating from a German civilian high school, Vess had no use for the English language. Vess's time spent on the economy caused him some hardship when he joined, as he never used his native language, and forgot much. Vess wanted to become Military Intelligence when he first joined the military, but since he didn't know the English language well, he was redirected into another MOS.

"But that was okay," he said, "Because I kept in the back of my mind that some day I would have the opportunity to come back and complete it."

Waiting until his first enlistment was up, Vess put in the paperwork that was necessary to leave the shortage MOS of fueler that he was in. As he had already passed his security clearance, Vess was granted an exception of policy, and came to school at Fort Huachuca to complete his military dream.

Responsible now "for the personnel, equipment and documents entering and exiting our roll call," Vess makes sure that no unclassified documents, faxes, etc. leave his area without going through the proper procedures. Vess said what really makes his job worthwhile is the people under him.

"I love to treat people the way I want to be treated," said Vess when asked how he feels he fits into the mold for sergeants inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. "I remember what it was like when I didn't know how to do all the parts of my job completely, and I had an NCO who could show me and teach me, mold me and guide me to be more responsible and to teach me to set myself aside and do what it takes to get the job done. And I try to relay that every day to my soldiers."

"The requirements for the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Miller, of Bravo Co. 305th MI Battalion, and president of SAMC, "is that you must be of rank of Sgt. E5 to Sgt. First Class, but the one requirement that we waive here at Fort Huachuca is that you have to be in a leadership position."

Miller explained, "The reason that we waive that here is because we have a lot of soldiers here that are instructors, and they do not have immediate subordinates. They do a lot of leadership, they are constantly with [advanced individualized training] soldiers, but they do not rate them and they do not have an effect on their career. So we waive that for the board. Beyond that, your 1st Sgt. and your Sgt. Maj. select you based upon your performance and whether you fit the Audie Murphy mold, presenting the Army a good military appearance, that you set the mission first with soldier always second to none, always first on your mind."

"I feel honored being chosen for a club that is named after Sgt. Audie Murphy. He gave his all for his country," said Vess.

Tooley, who is also a volunteer stable sergeant for B Troop, was another of the inductees who faced two boards to get into this club. He said, "B Troop is a whirlwind in itself."

Chosen as NCO of Quarter in the third quarter of 2001, Tooley is assigned here as a part of a tenant organization here on Fort Huachuca, from Fort Hood out of the Operational Test Command, in Hayes Hall.

"My basic job is maintenance, just like Sgt. Miller," said Tooley, an aviation technician who has a primary

background in intelligence aviation systems.

Test NCO, with duty title of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation NCO, "I go straight into the ram aspect because of my maintenance background."

Tooley said that he is an Army brat who went all over the world with his dad. Born in Virginia, his father, after an army career, is back in Virginia about 15 to 20 minutes from where Tooley was born, "so home is actually home, and I am ready to go home."

Loving the history of Fort Huachuca and particularly of B Troop, Tooley says he is lucky to have his wife, Shannon, a member of the women's B Troop Auxiliary, and his two boys, Curtis and Brendon, involved in B Troop themselves. "They enjoy going down and playing with the horses, so it is a family experience."

Trying to live up to the SAMC creed of loyalty, discipline, professionalism and caring, Tooley said, "I look at what Audie Murphy did through his life, and how senior military personnel have developed a club to commemorate him and his ideals." He added, "and now that I have been inducted into the club, and people have recognized me as a soldier and noncommissioned officer, I feel like I am taking the torch from Sgt. Audie Murphy and just running with it, to help pass it on to others."

An inspiration, Tooley said that Murphy's whole life is "something to live up to. Even as a young boy Murphy was out in the fields picking cotton to help his family, and I am honored to be associated with him."

Tooley said that he feels Murphy was a natural born leader, something he esteems to be.

"You have those that have that charisma, that draws people to them, and you have those that actually hone that to where that charisma actually starts to shine through," said Tooley. He added, "That's what I am feel I am doing. What he was doing with soldiers, I am doing with soldiers—taking care of them, looking out for them, guiding them while they are in the military."

He said, "We have to take care of our own, and that's what I am here for."



Courtesy photo

Lt. Audie Murphy, formerly Sgt. Audie Murphy, was an outstanding war hero and went on to become an actor and humanitarian.

Post housing undergoing privatization

By Jonathan Williamson
Army News Service

The Army's Residential Communities Initiative program recently broke more ground.

Fort Meade became the fourth post to undergo RCI groundbreaking in a ceremony June 14.

The first three sites to undergo groundbreaking were Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Fort Hood, Texas.

The Army's fifth RCI project will take place at Fort Bragg, N.C. RCI will begin at Fort Bragg in the spring of 2003, upon the acceptance of Community Development and Management Plan by the Army, and review by Department of Defense, Office of Management and Budget and Congress.

This is a result of inadequate facilities that were designed and installed in the 1950's and 60's, said Rhonda Hayes, RCI program manager.

"The post has none of the modern amenities you see outside the gate," Hayes said.

RCI differs from the way the Army has built and maintained housing in the past in that it provides "world-class" firms the opportunity to bid on a project and then after extensive research and cooperation with the Department of the Army, design the type of community that the Army and its development partner deem best, said Don Spigelmyer, RCI deputy director.

The process begins with a number of firms, usually in the high teens, bidding on a contract. Once a firm is selected it works closely with the installation and headquarters to create a 50-year development, maintenance and financial plan. In addition, it coordinates with key stakeholders on the post and at headquarters. Together, they do research that ranges from focus groups with families and soldiers, to economic studies of the area, Spigelmyer said.

The Meade project will replace 2,350 homes and renovate 260. The renovations and rebuilding will protect natural resources and meet environmental stewardship responsibilities while improving the

appearance and functions of the residential community, according to officials.

The project will also build 308 new houses. The new facilities will be four bedroom houses and townhouses, which the community does not provide, according to Hayes.

Meade construction will begin immediately and be completed by 2008, said Spigelmyer.

RCI also makes the firm responsible for maintenance in post housing. The contracts require the contractor to continue to renovate and maintain the housing, as needed over a 50-year period, said Spigelmyer.

Eventually the Army hopes to have privatized family housing at 28 installations, according to Karen Baker, Army spokesperson.

Not only will RCI benefit each post, but also the communities that surround them. In most cases the firms that obtain the contracts will hire a majority of local businesses to provide services to build and maintain the houses.

"They (the firms) hire local and small businesses and approximately 70 percent of work goes through these businesses," Spigelmyer said.

RCI and the privatization of Army housing is being completed for a variety of reasons. A major reason being that housing is not a core function of the Army. RCI will allow soldiers to concentrate on their mission, according to Baker.



Future soldier to pursue musical dream, while serving her country

Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout News Editor

Some prospective soldiers may feel a sense of apprehension over what military occupational specialty they could be assigned if they join the Army.

Alysonn Martin, recent graduate from Buena High School, not only knows what her MOS will be, but she also knows where her first permanent duty station is, what she will be doing, and has met some of her future co-workers.

Martin, who has been playing the flute since she was in the fourth grade at Myer Elementary School, also plays the piccolo and will join the Army in July. She will attend basic training at Fort Leavenworth, Montana.

She already knows she will be stationed at Fort Huachuca after she finishes Advanced Individual Training at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.

After graduation, she will be a member of the 36th Army Band. She has already played with them in the position of second flute player, in her words, "At least two dozen times."

Even though soldiers must be proficient with their instrument before even joining the Army, during AIT she will receive private lessons from a personal instructor and study musical theory.

"This is the best thing for me at this point in my life. In addition to serving my country, I get to do what I love and actually get paid for it," Martin said.

She said her mother Stephanie and her father Kenneth, a retired soldier, are both very proud of her. "That made the decision for me to join the Army even easier," she said.

Chief Warrant Officer Edward Leferink, former band commander and his wife, Nancy, served as her first private instructors.

She said the couple heavily influenced her decision to join the Army.

"I think joining the Army will give me an idea what to do with the rest of my life whether I want to go to college or do something else. I'm excited because I get to be part of the Army and I'm honored to be able to serve my country by doing something I'm good at," Martin said.

Staff Sgt. Karl Balandovich, who is in charge of band recruitment, said anyone who is interested should contact their recruiter who will contact the band in order to conduct a live audition.

The 36th Army Band was formed in France in 1944 and performed in the European Theater until 1949. The band moved for Fort Knox, Ky. In 1954 the band moved to Fort Huachuca and in 1999 was officially designated the Military Intelligence Corps Regimental Band.

To download a recruiting packet go to <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/36ARBAND/>.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Alysonn Martin will enlist in the Army in July. She will be stationed at Fort Huachuca. She first began playing the flute while a fourth grade student at Myer Elementary School.

4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment Memorial, famous at Fort Huachuca

Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

"In every boy there is the core of the man he will become; and in every man, the remains of a boy left behind," wrote Trooper William A. Comito, Fort Huachuca, Arizona Territory, 1877, in the Troopers Manual for the 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment. He continued, "Anyone endeavoring to become a trooper must be a curious combination—man enough to endure

Following his surrender, Miles and Lawton escorted Geronimo and his band to Fort Bowie. Accompanied by Troop B, 4th Cavalry, they were immediately put on a train and sent to Florida. After delivering Geronimo to the authorities in Florida, Troop B was ordered to Fort Myer, Virginia, where they served as an honor guard. With the end of the Geronimo Campaign, the 4th Cavalry was transferred to Fort Walla Walla, Washington, in May 1890 and for the next eight years it performed routine garrison duties before going to fight in the Philippine Insurrection.



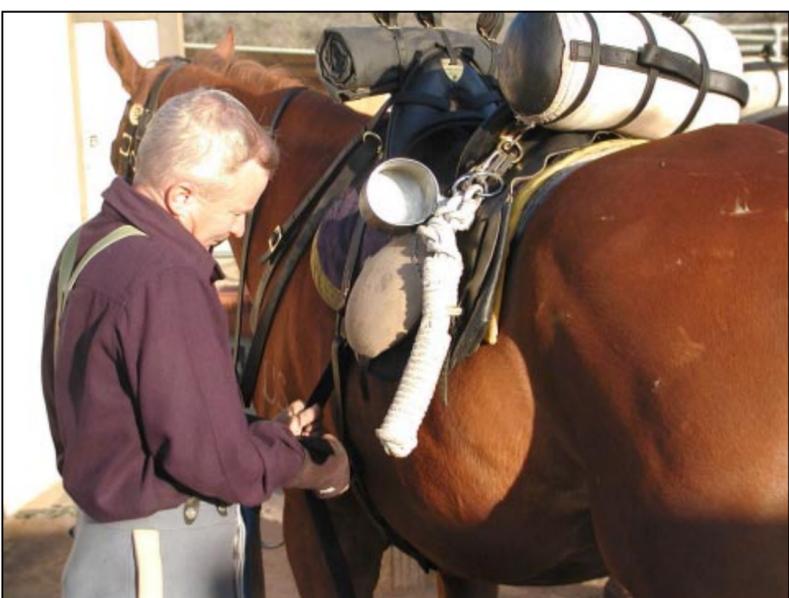
Sgt. 1st Class Paul Stier, B Troop 1st Sgt., scrapes dirt from the hoof of his horse during morning prep time. Taking care of their horses is a vital part of B Troop's responsibility.



Sgt. 1st Class John Tooley, B Troop stable sergeant, polishes his saber in preparation for a performance. As the stable sergeant he is responsible for all the mounted cavalry's horses.



Sgt. 1st Class Ken Jones, polishes his spurs prior to getting dressed in his ceremonial B Troop garb.



Maj. Chris Zimmerman, B Troop commander, makes final adjustments on his mount in preparation for a performance.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

No job with horses can be complete without cleaning the stables as Sgt. 1st Class Paul Stier, B Troop first sergeant, does each time he comes out.

the work, training, and discipline, but still boy enough to enjoy being a trooper."

Who are these troopers? They are a 12-man memorial group representing the cavalry which is known to us through the Westerns some of the older troopers remember watching at matinees as a boy growing up, or to the younger ones, seen on television, or read about in our history books and Western novels.

As the "last frontier post, we are proud to recognize these troopers," said seven-year volunteer, Juan Villarreal, retired Army Sgt., and current corrections officer for the State of Arizona.

In 1884, the 4th Cavalry was ordered to Arizona to combat the Apache. By May of that year, the Regimental headquarters was located at Fort Huachuca along with Troops B, D and I. The rest of the Regiment was stationed at army posts throughout the eastern half of Arizona.

In May 1885, 150 Apaches led by Geronimo left the reservation and cut a wide swath of murder and robbery throughout southern Arizona as they headed for Mexico.

After several unsuccessful efforts to bring Geronimo back to the reservation, Captain Henry W. Lawton with Troop B, 4th Cavalry, pursued the Indian band throughout the region, and after several engagements, with heavy toll upon the Indian band, Lawton finally moved into Mexico to meet with Geronimo. On August 24, Geronimo agreed to cross back into Arizona and formally surrender to Miles on September 3, 1886.

The 4th Cavalry today

"The cavalry is coming, the cavalry is coming," said people in Tombstone as the dust-covered Fort Huachuca's B Troop seemed to ride out of the past and into town during Hellderado Days.

The glamour and excitement of charging cavalry is only part of the reason Fort Huachuca's B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) is the most popular unit of its kind in Arizona.

"It's easy to see yourself as participating during a cavalry charge," said Sgt. 1st Class Ken Jones, "chasing somebody or engaging in an open field battle on a horse."

Jones, a volunteer who has belonged to this memorial troop since February 2000, joined B Troop because he loves horses and history. "The post has a history for the Buffalo Soldier, and the B-Troop Cavalry Unit. It kind of goes hand in hand."

The nostalgia and realism of this unit allows Jones to imagine himself in the days of old, "training the troops—how to ride, how to be cavalry-men. I could probably see myself being a 1st Sgt—a leader of men."

With the excitement of the thought running chills up his spine, Jones continues, "The territory would be all mine, all to myself. I would have fun."

Formed in mid-1973 to keep alive the heritage of Fort Huachuca's Cavalry beginnings, the troop originally was only a post ceremonial unit. Mounted on McClellan saddles and dressed in the Army blue and gold or field garb of the 1880s—complete with sabers and car-

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Trooper William A. Comito, 1977

binés—the soldiers of the troop have appeared throughout the southwest.

We travel through the horse country every October to participate in Hellderado Days on a thirty-five mile trek, said Jones. "One time we had to go back for something, and had to catch up with the others, navigating through the dry riverbeds."

"After the long ride, coming into town unannounced, we just rode down the main street. Everyone just stopped what they were doing. We were all covered with dust from the ride. It kind of gave you a feel what it was like back in the days after you did a long run of patrol," said Trooper Steve Max.

When you see us you will see a "cavalry troop outfitted in historically correct uniforms and equipment representative of the U. S. Cavalry of the 1880s, and the horses are geldings of hardy color in keeping with the Quartermaster purchase order of 1876," said Villarreal about the troop who performs all over the United States.

"The City of Sierra Vista even gave us over \$30,000 to go to



Sgt. 1st Class Ken Jones, B Troop, slides his boot on as part of his ceremonial garb worn by the famed cavalry regiment.

Miami, Fla., so we could be participants in the Orange Bowl parade. . . It was like a symbolic journey of the trip B Troop made when they escorted Geronimo to Florida," said Villarreal of this military promotion.

"We would like to thank the command staff of Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista for all the support they have given us," said Villarreal. "We wouldn't be here if it weren't for all their support."

"When I ride with B Troop I find some people that are interested because of the history of the Buffalo Soldier. I usually tell them what the difference is, but I am kind of glad that [my appearance as a black man riding in a cavalry unit] draws them to it," said Jones. But Jones tells them that was a different era—the Buffalo Soldier coming to the post in 1913.

"Come be a part of history," Jones says to any of those interested in B Troop. Villarreal says simply, "Ride hard," while Max adds, "We are it, we are the last of the active Indian posts. There are no others."

Community Updates

FRG training scheduled

Fort Huachuca's Army Community Service and Army Family Team Building are sponsoring Family Readiness Group Training. This training is designed for those interested in obtaining skills and knowledge to assist them in effectively working with FRGs.

Basic FRG training, including commercial sponsorship, fund raising, private organization status, and rules and regulations governing an FRG is set for 9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 14.

Training will be held at ACS, Building 50010 (located on the traffic circle). To register, call 533-2330 or e-mail

gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil.

Signal reunion planned

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

Mortuary affairs reunion slated

The U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Center, Fort Lee, Va., is planning a reunion of Mortuary Affairs/Memorial Activities/Graves Registration specialists at Fort Lee September 19-20.

One of many purposes of the reunion is to recognize and honor all those who have served and those who continue to serve in this honorable profession. Officials at the center also envision this as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas that benefit today's Army.

Persons interested in attending should call the Mortuary Affairs Center's Deputy Director, Doug Howard, at (804) 734-3831 or e-mail howardd@lee.army.mil.

Due to post security requirements, visitors should plan accordingly in case of delays when entering the installation.

Enlisted Microfiche Update

Effective July 1 Enlisted Records Evaluation Center will no longer produce Official Military Personnel Files microfiche since OMPF On-Line is now available to all grades. Additionally the Interactive Voice Response System will be turned off on this date. Soldiers may request a microfiche as an exception for retirement or separation by visiting our web site www.erec.army.mil and using the "contact us" link. Also they should utilize the Interactive Web Response System on our web site to obtain information on the following items:

Current Photo on File (Staff Sgt. and above) NCOER Data (Lists all NCOERs on file) NCOER Appeal Data Centralized Promotion Board Information.

As a further service to our soldiers we just obtained the following toll free customer service number so they can contact us free of charge for any questions they may have at 1-866-771-6357.

Officers' & Civilians' Spouses' Club

The Fort Huachuca Officers' & Civilians' Spouses' Club will hold their annual fall craft bazaar on November 2 at Buena High School. The FHOCS is asking for anyone interested in renting a space to sell their crafts to call Sandy at 458-5988. We will also have a limited number of spaces to rent for food concessions.

Post Community Thrift Shop

The Fort Huachuca Community Thrift Shop is making some important changes. In the past the Shop has donated 50 percent of its profits to the Officers' & Civilians' Spouses' Club and 50 percent to the Noncommissioned Officers Enlisted Spouses Club for disbursements. In the fiscal year July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 the Shop gave a total of \$52,673.68 to the clubs. Starting July 1, the Shop will begin to disburse its own profits.

The Thrift Shop is grateful for all the hard work the two clubs have performed disbursing this money over the many many years the Shop has been in operation. Because of the changing times it was felt by a majority of the volunteers at the Thrift Shop that it was time to do the disbursements themselves.

If you are a non-profit organization you may make your request to:

Fort Huachuca Community Thrift Shop
PO Box 12772
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85670-2772

The Thrift Shop is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for shopping. For further information please call 458-4606.

DMPO Phone numbers update

The Defense Military Pay Office provides finance services to military personnel. The Defense Military Pay Officer, Military Pay, as well as retirement, separation, National Guard and Reserve Pay are located in Building 22334.

In- and out-processing, along with PCS Travel are handled in Whitside Hall, Building 41330. Operating hours for all offices are from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All offices are closed Tuesday morn-

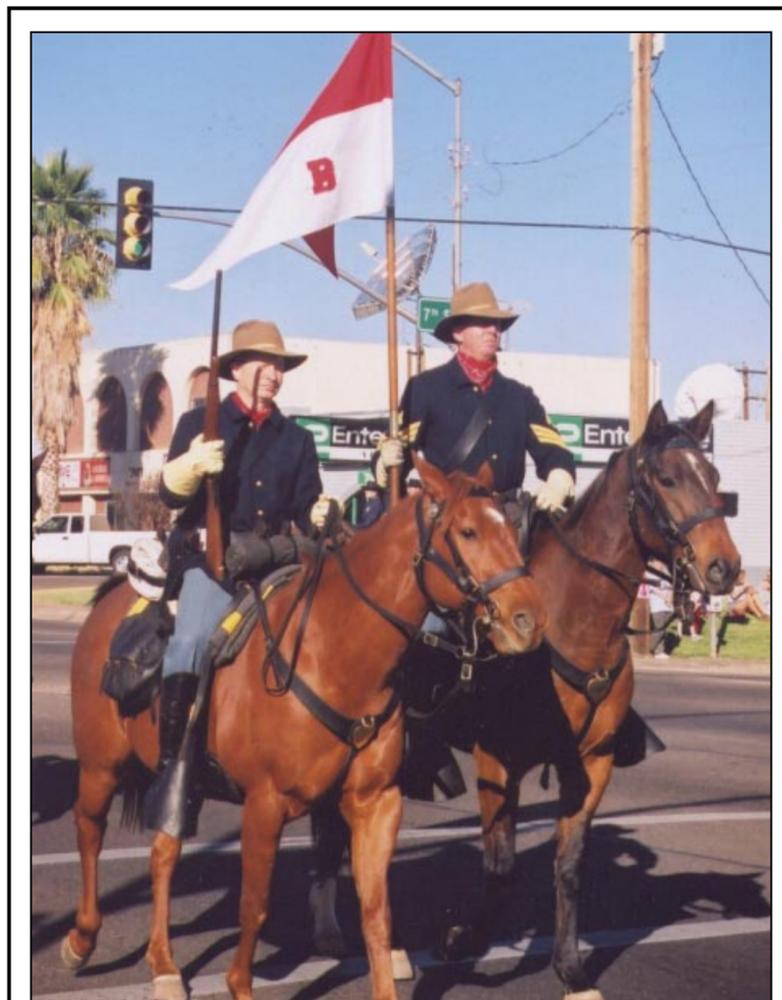


Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

B Troop needs you

B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) is looking for new troopers. All active duty military, Reserve, National Guard, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members (18 years or older) may join. If interested, come to the private mount area of Buffalo Corral on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Prior riding experience is not necessary. For more information see the B Troop Web site at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

ings for training; and daily from noon to 1 PM for lunch.

The dedicated personnel of the Defense Military Pay Office are committed to helping in any way possible to meet customer needs.

Current telephone numbers as of June 17, 2002

Director, Administrative Office 533-2011
NCOIC 533-0393
National Guard/Reserves/Customer Service 533-3769
ETS and Chapters 533-3425
Customer Service 533-2118

Debt Management, Bonus, Re-enlistments, Pay Inquiries 533-0394
Military Pay Processing 533-1069
Retirements /Customer Service 533-2827

In/Out Processing Whitside Hall (Bldg. 41330)

In/Out Processing NCOIC 533-8214
Arrives and Departs, Pay Advance 533-8213
533-8215
533-3323
533-2982
Travel (PCS In/Out) 533-1122
DITY Moves 533-3388

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Saturday

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6970.

STYX, Dishwalla, and Evan & Jaron at Libby Army Airfield

Saturday, June 22

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance & \$30 at the door.

• The Vigilantes at the Helldorado Set in Tombstone at 1 p.m.
• The SV Youth Center is hosting Table Tennis Tournaments at the YC beginning at 2 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details.

• San Pedro Kiwanis meets 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.

• Ricketty Rockettes meets 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 Café 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.

• La Salida Del Sol Lions meets at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
• The SV Youth Center is hosting Movies at the YC all day. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. All movies are rated G, PG or PG-13. Call 459-4377 for details.
• SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

• SV Optimist Club meets 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.
• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
• Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
• SV Parks & Leisure is hosting Concerts in the Park. The Partners Band will play at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.

• Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.

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America's Independence Day
• Come join the 36th Army Band in concert at the Domingo-Paiz & Stone Sports Complex at the east end of Tacoma St. The fun begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by the SV Rotary Club's 35th Annual Fireworks display at 8:15 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

• The SV Youth Center is hosting Nintendo 64 Tournaments and the fun begins at 3 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details.
• Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 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, 533-3686 or 533-2330

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States, and like too many others, was soon to become victim to the German entrance into the war, a POW in Stalag Luft IV.

Wiseman arrived in Naples, Italy, and arrived at his station in Tretta, Italy, on February 3, 1944, after a 33-day ocean trip. He was shot down approximately five and half months later, on July 25, over Lentz, Austria, in a mission where his group alone lost 13 airplanes.

But Wiseman said he felt it wasn't his time to die.

"For some reason an engineer was pulled off of another crew and I was assigned to take his place. As it happened, both airplanes went down, but the man that took my place [on the airplane I should have been on] went down with the plane.

"It has always been my philosophy that we were put here on this earth with a task to do—and we will be here until that task is done," Wiseman said. "That's the only way I can figure that I was pulled off of my old crew and put in with the new crew."

Wiseman was immediately taken to an interrogation center near Frankfurt, Germany, where he spent nine days. "They would, two to three times a day, pull you out and try to get more answers. But we gave them name, rank, and serial number and that was it. But it didn't really matter because on about the eighth day the old boy pulled out a file that was that thick," added Wiseman as he gestures about a one to two inch measurement. "On it in big letters was written 461st Bomb Group, and every page in there was a man in my group. So he already knew everything he just wanted confirmation."

Wiseman was moved to a distribution center where he was put on a passenger car to Berlin, where the yard was being bombed by the British who were doing night flights. He

was moved to a boxcar where there were 75-80 men in a car, with no sanitary facilities other than a bucket, that "was called a 40 or eight. "That's because it was good for 40 men or eight horses," Wiseman said.

Wiseman doesn't remember how many days he spent in the boxcar, but said "I arrived at Stalag Luft 4 somewhere between the 10 and 15 of August, where my primary purpose was to survive."

"While we were in camp the food that we got was basically potatoes, carrots, and type of turnip. Once in a while we would get a little barley, or get a Red Cross parcel that had a pound of margarine, pound of sugar, some prunes or raisins, a pound can of powdered milk, and usually two packs of cigarettes, and some chocolate bars that wouldn't melt. The box was divided between two to four people and we would get one maybe every two weeks."

"The monetary system in camp was based on cigarettes," added Wiseman. "And since I had quit smoking I would use my cigarettes to buy the other guys food."

In early February 1945, Wiseman's camp was vacated and they were forced to march in the wake of the Russian army.

"We were on the road for 85 days, and in the first 53 days we marched more than 400 miles. We usually were broke into groups of about 250, and they put us up in farmers' barns. More than once we slept out on log piles in the rain."

In situations that are hard to imagine, Wiseman learned to survive on a day-to-day basis. Fleas, lice, scabies, and bed bugs were all too common. He explained, "We never had all our clothes off at one time. And with no extra clothes, I would have to take my shirt off, turn it inside out, and shake out the lice



Photo by Katherine Goode

Alfred Simpson, a charter member of the local chapter of Ex-American POWs, and Norman Wiseman take a moment to reflect in front of the Buffalo Soldier statue located near the Main Gate.

before I could put it back on."

"The food that we got was usually what we could: what I could procure or liberate from the German farmers. That is what us country boys did best," Wiseman said as he described a time when he and his buddy were able to get milk from a dairy cow. He said, "City boys, could not figure out for the life of them how to milk it. They might have been street wise, but they weren't survival wise."

The march finally came to an end when the main element of the column encountered Allied forces east of Hamburg on May 2, 1945. He said the soldiers covered more than 600 to 650 miles in 87 never-to-be-forgotten days where "a lot of men just gave up and quit."

But Wiseman survived. He said he is alive was because he was as tough as the Germans.

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their federal mission to supporting the state via the protection of lives and property in just a few hours, officials said. Colorado Governor Bill Owens authorized the use of Colorado National Guard personnel to support the local civilian authorities.

Soldiers in the unit did not return to their civilian jobs as they normally would following a drill weekend. In fact, what they received was a letter to fax to their employers to let them know that their employees were on wildfire-support duty.

"My employer was pretty cool," said Spc. Charles Monroe, an MP. "(He) said, 'Just call when you come back.'" Monroe is a federal security officer in his civilian life.

Support from a soldier's employer is a vital part of the National Guard mission, officials said. These soldiers couldn't even tell their employers how long they would be gone. The duration of the mission was unknown and this is what the soldiers also had to tell their families.

"My wife supports my efforts here but my kids are wondering what Daddy is doing," said Spc. Paul Trevino, another MP.

In this case, the kids did not have to wonder long.

Rogers received another call June 11 authorizing her to release her soldiers from state active duty.

(Editor's note: 1st Lt. Holly Peterson is the Colorado Army National Guard public affairs officer.)

Fort Canyons remain closed

Garden Canyon, Huachuca Canyon, and all range areas are closed to recreational activities until further notice

Authorities from both state and federal agencies have closed outdoor recreation areas across Arizona due to the extreme fire danger that now exists. Fort Huachuca authorities have closed all outdoor recreation areas outside of the fort's cantonment area until further notice.

This restriction also bans all open fires, use of charcoal and tobacco smoking in the restricted areas.

The danger of fire hasn't been this great in many years, and as evidenced by the recent breakout of major fires across the state, drastic measures must be taken to prevent more fires from starting, especially those caused my humans.

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sheds. Unit one is the section where local drivers can see the erosion from the bypass. The cost to complete part of the work in unit one is \$401,379.

"Our prime contractor, EEC suggested a recharge basin, did the surveying and are handling daily inspections of the work being done," said Bridges. "Subcontractor KE&G is doing the earth moving and another contractor who specializes in testing compaction rates managing that aspect."

"Currently, the water flow is so fast that it is undercutting the gulch and allowing the sides of the banks to drop into the gulch making the channel wider, and accelerating erosion," said Thomas Webb Environmental Protection Specialist.

"By controlling the storm water flow and

redirecting some of its waters, we will be able to slow done the speed of water flowing from the south side of Highway 90 into the Graveyard Gulch area north of the highway and reduce its ability to damage the area," adds Webb. -more-

EAST RANGE 4-4-4

At this time, Perimeter Road on the north side of Highway 90 is not passable. Water from Graveyard Gulch has caused great damage and made the road impassable. This has impacted soldier training on at the east range. Longer routes are being taken to get to the active training areas because of this.

"The land around Graveyard Gulch slopes east towards the river, so it is higher on the west side. What we do is cut on the west bank

of Graveyard Gulch and build up on the east bank to construct our basin," says Bridges.

"When this project is complete, rain water draining from the south side of Highway 90 will come into the basin through the box culvert. Then it will drop into the basin inlet. Some of the water will be released at a slower rate into Graveyard Gulch flowing to the San Pedro River. The remainder of the water is recharged through the basin into the soil below," said Bridges.

"By recharging the storm water from the urban runoff from local housing, we will be able to counter the effects of storm water drainage causing washed out roads on the north side of Highway 90 and increased erosion in Graveyard Gulch," said Bridges. "Our goal is to have it completed before the monsoons hit."

You and your mouth: You are what you eat

Report written by Robert Dorsky, DMD Academy of Dentistry

Your mouth can say a lot about what you're eating, and your dentist may be the first person to spot potential nutritional imbalances, according to a recent study in General Dentistry, the peer-reviewed journal of the Academy of General Dentistry.

Nutritional deficiencies result when there is an imbalance between what the body needs and what it is getting, according to Robert Dorsky, DMD, author of the report. And those imbalances are particularly reflected in the oral cavity, where soft tissue renews very quickly—often as little as three to seven days.

The sensitivity of oral tissue can be particularly telling regarding deficiencies in folic acid, zinc and iron, which can show up as gum disease.

Other conditions, such as diabetes and infection can also show symptoms in the mouth. As such, your dentist may be the first member of your health care team to notice potential nutritional problems. "The mouth is a mirror of overall nutritional health," says Academy spokesperson Bruce Bur-

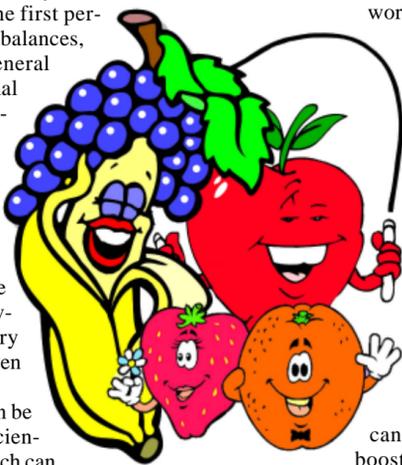
ton, DMD, MAGD. "Health care is a team enterprise," Dr. Burton continued. "It is important that patients keep all members of their health care team well informed on their medical histories, lifestyle and eating habits, so they can work together to identify any risks."

According to Dr. Dorsky, nutritional deficiencies limit the body's ability to fight disease; and in many cases the mouth is the first line of defense. Healthy gum tissue and saliva are crucial in fending off invading pathogens, says Dr. Dorsky.

Patients can improve their oral health and reduce the risk of periodontal disease by eating a balanced diet based on the well-known Food Guide Pyramid, which recommends eating a variety of foods from the five foods groups—grain, fruit, vegetables, milk and meat.

Vitamin and mineral supplements also can help preserve periodontal health and boost overall health and well being. Milk, which contains high levels of calcium, is important for oral health and strong teeth and bones.

Without these important nutrients the body is forced to face may obstacles that otherwise may be easy to overcome. However minute the disease, vitamins are the ultimate source of prevention.



	With	Without
Vitamin A	Improved wound healing	Increased periodontal pockets
Vitamin C	Healthy gums, essential for smokers and patients with diabetes	Loss of gum tissue, gum bleeding, teeth mobility
Vitamin D	Strong teeth and jaw bones	Bone resorption in the jaws, tooth loss
Vitamin E	Protects against oral leukoplakia	Prolongs wound healing
Vitamin B2 Vitamin B6 Vitamin B12	Healthy gums, decreases redness and bleeding gums	Redness, bleeding gums, Cheilitis (dryness/sores in the corner of lips), inflamed tongue (red, painful and smooth)
Folic Acid	Promotes good oral health	None known

Trees need water or they will die

DIS release

The Arizona winter for 2001 will go down as mild and very dry. Now this is great weather for snowbirds and tourists alike, but it is a real problem for our trees. We continue to have a very significant number of trees die from lack of water. Many of these trees took decades to get to their maturity and majesty.

Aside from the aesthetics these trees provide, the cost to remove the dead limbs and trunks is a major concern to housing. The money we use to remove these dead trees is the same money that paints your home, replaces floors, maintains your appliances or enhances your home in any way.

We cannot water these trees ourselves! It is, therefore, very important that we enlist your assistance. We recognize the inconvenience hand-watering these trees will have on you, our customers.

Sprinklers are not authorized on Fort Huachuca until May and June. Sprinkling your yard will also not provide the deep root watering that the trees require.

Please take the time to sit in your yards, visit with your neighbors while you water our valuable resource, our trees.

Become a soldier in an Army of resource savers here at Fort Huachuca — water, trees, electricity and other finite resources. With some effort, we can all do it.



Army Prophet debuts on Capitol Hill

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

The Army has a new prophet to assist in collecting battlefield intelligence.

The first two production models of Prophet Block I, an electronic warfare system that intercepts radio communications and provides radio direction-finding data, were unveiled and officially delivered to the Army in a ceremony on Capitol Hill June 12.

"This system has already been proven," said Lt. Gen. Robert Noonan, deputy chief of staff, G2. "Many of you don't know, and we won't get into too much detail, but it has been used in Afghanistan — in operations over there — very successfully."

Designed to replace legacy electronic warfare systems developed more than 30 years ago, the Prophet strongly supports current Army Transformation efforts by being more agile, mobile, deployable and responsive to user needs, said Edward Blair, program executive officer for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors.

"The (Army) chief of staff's vision is for the future to see first, act first, kill first," Blair said. "The Prophet is truly transformational in that it supports that the first part of the Army's vision. To see first, we must have persistent and pervasive intelligence-gathering capabilities."

Mounted on a High Mobility Wheeled Vehicle, the Prophet weighs about a third of the older systems currently used by most military intelligence units and takes up about a third of the space, said Sgt. Fred Clemens, squad leader, D Troop, 1-14th Cavalry Squadron, Fort Lewis, Wash.

The 1-14th Cav is a Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition squadron — a new Army unit that is integral to each "Stryker" Interim Brigade Combat Team.

Clemens has been part of the 1-14th since the first Stryker brigade started forming about two years ago. During that time, he has been using a Prophet research and development demonstration model to get familiar with the equipment, make product improvement recommendations and help develop tactics and techniques

for the system.

Some of the advantages of the newer system, Clemens said, include: digital triangulation via the Prophet's computer, vice taking the legacy system's bearing data and plotting it with a grease pencil on a map; the ability to operate on the move; two minutes or less to erect the antenna's 20-foot mast — "Some of the older guys say the Legacy system mast can take three to four hours to set up;" and reduced thermal and acoustics signatures because it all operates off the HUMVEE's batteries as opposed to a separate power generator.

While much of the system's specific capabilities remains classified, said Lt. Col. William Stevenson, Prophet product manager, it can cover 10 times more radio frequencies compared to older EW systems.

Why the Prophet name? Stevenson explained that part of the military intelligence mission is to gain insight into enemy courses of action and intentions, and fix locations of specific targets.

The name fits as analyzed Prophet data can find those targets and is often insightful into what the enemy intends to do, he said.

Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, representative of California's 51st District and a Vietnam-era Navy pilot, gave his own insight as to why technology like the Prophet is needed today.

"There is a 100-percent, absolute certainty that some fundamentalist group — or groups — will attack this city sometime this year," Cunningham said after excusing himself for being late due to a joint Senate-House of Representative Intelligence Committee meeting.

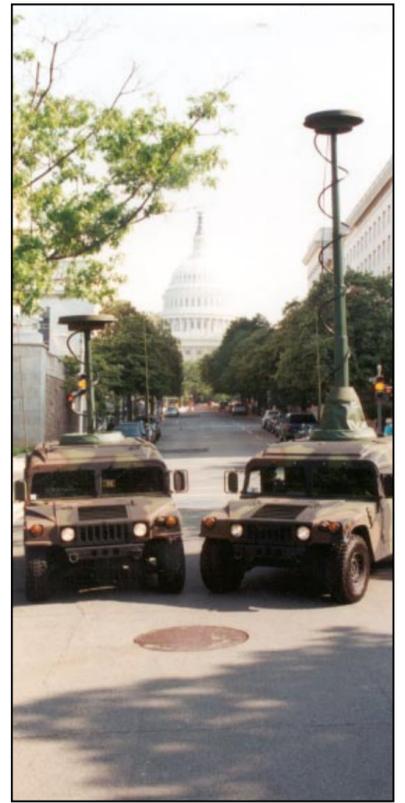
Emerging intelligence technology like the Prophet can assist in thwarting enemy plans, he said.

Holder of the Navy Cross and the United States' first ace of the Vietnam War, Cunningham related how lack of effective intelligence lead to the loss of U.S. planes and lives during action against a North Vietnam target. "We had no idea there were any (surface-to-air missiles) in the area," Cunningham said. "They launched 36 SAMs in pairs at us over a 15-minute period. We lost two Navy aircraft and seven Air Force."

The Army has contracted with the contractor, Titan Corporation, to deliver 83 Prophets. Initial deliveries will go to the two Stryker brigades at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The fielding plan calls for each division to get six models; armored cavalry regiments, four; Stryker brigades, three; and separate brigades, two. The Training and Doctrine Command will get five Prophets to meet institutional training requirements.

Lt. Col. James Cashwell, commander of 1-14 Cav, signed for the first two production models at the Capitol Hill ceremony.



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The first two production models of Prophet Block I were unveiled and officially delivered to the Army in a ceremony on Capitol Hill June 12.

Commander's Hotline

Caller inquires for options when dental care is not readily available

Caller:

My request is could we please, please get a contract dentist here on post willing to take care of the dependents, because I don't believe the dependents' needs are being met by the contract dentist off-post.

I tried to make an appointment for my son in May. He will not be seen until the end of August. I'm having an even greater difficulty trying to get to a dentist.

Response:

As you may or may not know, since 1993 military dental clinics have the responsibility and the privilege of treating only Active Duty patients on a regular basis.

Congress mandated that family members be offered dental treatment coverage through the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan. This program is voluntary, soldiers don't have to participate if they don't want to provide some dental care coverage for their family members. But, since the government pays well over 60 percent of the cost of the program, participation is almost always a great 'deal.'

Military dental clinics are funded for active duty care only. In fact, military dental clinics are prohibited both by law and regulation to treat family members on a regular

care basis.

I point out to people all the time that even though I'm the Dental activity commander and a dentist myself, I absolutely cannot treat my wife or our three children. I have the monthly dental insurance charge taken out of my pay and my family sees a civilian dentist in Sierra Vista.

There are a couple of notable exceptions to the prohibition on family member care in military clinics:

1) We are permitted, and absolutely want to see family members after-hours in the case of a dental emergency (extreme pain, trauma, infection, etc.). This care is still limited to treating/relieving the immediate problem, after which the patient is advised to see their regular civilian dentist as soon as possible.

2) The other exception is in overseas locations where adequate civilian care is not available on the economy.

In those cases some family member care is provided by the military dental clinic.

Where some people become confused is between Tricare medical treatment and the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan.

Despite the fact that the word 'tricare' is used in both they are not related or even similar in benefit delivery. The dental plan is managed by one insurance company (United Concordia) with (by law) no provision for military clinics to provide regular treatment.

The Tricare Medical contracts (there are a dozen regional contracts) allow for military medical facilities to provide family member care and to be 'compensated' for that care.

Apples vs. Oranges....

Finally, the caller's suggestion that we provide a contract dentist on-post requires some explanation. On the surface, her suggestion is very logical and would appear to meet community needs. The DENTAC does have contract dentists on-post but they are just like any "active duty dentist:" they treat only active duty soldiers.

Because the Army is short of military dentists we have contract dentists at many posts as substitutes for soldier/dentists.

We have no contracted dentists on or off-post for family members. Family members have 'insurance' and the interaction between the patient, civilian dentist and insurance company is a 'business arrangement' conducted under the rules of a negotiated contract between the Department of Defense and United Concordia.

I contacted the caller and discussed the issue with the sponsor.

They were trying to get their son seen at a specific time at the office of the only pedodontist in town who usually books 2-4 months out for routine care.

Access to care was their main concern.

I explained the issues involved and suggested that since their son needed only routine care, they had the ability to wait for an opening or plan ahead and schedule earlier to obtain their desired appointment time. Additionally, since their son probably only requires an exam/cleaning appointment, he didn't necessarily need to see a specialist in children's dentistry.

Most general dentists are 'family dentists' and will gladly see children. While this part of Arizona is somewhat underserved by dentists relative to other areas in the U.S., we still have over 25 dentists in the greater Sierra Vista area, most of whom are accepting new patients.

Finally, one personal comment. When I was a 'young' Capt./dentist in the early 1980's the dental clinics I worked at saw family members. On average about a third of my patient visits were family members. I enjoyed the diversity of patients and the feeling that I was directly helping military families. I would love to see/treat families today, as I'm sure most military dentists would, if Congress decided to change law and funding restrictions. I will pass along the caller's concerns to both my higher headquarters and United Concordia.

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