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AG functions move

The Adjutant General Directorate has moved the Strength Management Division from Building 41420 to the second floor of Building 41421. The temporary numbers are 533-9559 or 533-9563. Personnel Operations Division and Enlisted/Officer Promotions has also moved and is now located in Rooms 9 and 10 of Building 41330. The temporary number is 533-1503. AG apologizes for any inconvenience. For more information, call Dan Obeso, chief of Personnel Services Division, at 533-5242.

Immunization hours change

Effective immediately, all immunizations and injections provided by the Adult Family Care Clinic of Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will be provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. only. Patients should direct questions or concerns to the nursing staff of the Adult Family Care Clinic.

Housing Office closed

The Housing Office will be closed today, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. in order to say goodbye and honor long-time housing employee Noe Barrera.

Black History celebration

The Military Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices are sponsoring a Black History Month celebration at 7 p.m., Friday at La Hacienda. The Pinpoints Theatre of Washington, D.C. presents the play "1001 Black Inventions," answering the questions of who brought inoculation to America, who made long-distance phone calls possible, and whose invention keeps the world's machines running? A food sampling and cultural exhibit will accompany the play. Cost is \$5. For tickets, call 533-1717, 533-5305 or 533-3696.

Reservists wanted

The 6402nd Reserve Training Unit (Intelligence) is located here at Fort Huachuca. This is a points only unit. We have no paid slots or IMA training funds. This unit is open to all ranks with any Military Occupational Specialty.

The unit meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first three Tuesdays of the month at Building 31122. The meetings are either seminars on variety of military subjects or administrative support of your reserve career. Each meeting provides an opportunity to earn one retirement point.

There is also an opportunity to volunteer for various projects to earn additional points. Even if your civilian job requires a lot of travel that would prevent you from regularly attending the meetings, do not hesitate to contact us. We may be able to work with you on a special project. There is a carpool from Tucson. For more information, call Maj. Mary Spellman at 601-636-3417 or e-mail mary.spellman@us.army.mil.

Scholarship applications due

The Shirley Hinkley Scholarship will be presented to a local high school senior who lives in the local area. To be considered, students must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher during the last two years of high school, and demonstrate having a financial need, a willingness to serve and provide self-help.

Scholarship applications are available at Buena High School, Sierra Vista Public Library, Fort Huachuca Library and the Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop.

Applications are to be mailed to the Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 12772, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85670-2772 and must be post marked no later than April 1. For more information, call 458-4606 on Tuesdays or Thursdays and ask for Lois or Diane.



Photo by Angelica Pequeño

Fred Pope (right), member of the Sierra Vista Citizen's Police Academy Association, etches the VIN number of this vehicle into the windshield. VIN etchings were provided free of charge at Fort Huachuca on Tuesday.

VIN etchings keep post POVs safe

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

The Fort Huachuca community just got safer Tuesday as people lined up to have their cars etched by the Sierra Vista Citizen's Police Academy Association free of charge.

"This is the first time they've been here on Fort Huachuca, and they provide the service free of charge," said 1st Sgt. Alex R. Burton, Headquarters Company, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, who requested the service for military members.

In other states VIN number car etchings on the windows can cost up to \$170, according to Gisela Halley, president of the Citizen's Police Academy Association, but these volunteers work solely for donations.

"Last year theft went down in Sierra Vista by 60 percent. That's a lot. When thieves see that vehicles have each one the windows etched, it makes the car not worth stealing. Each one of the windows would have to be replaced if a thief wanted the car," Halley said.

Burton also explained that VIN number etchings on the windows not only deters theft, but also helps in vehicle recovery. He also said that based on certain insurance companies, it may lower the rate.

The Citizen's Police Academy Association usually conducts two etchings during the year at Sierra Toyota for the public in April and October. Last year the Academy etched 80 vehicles.

Along with the etchings the association offered the Watch Your Car Program, which allows police officers to stop the vehicle during the early hours of the morning to ensure the vehicle has not been stolen.

"Doing this will almost make it impossible to steal your car. I don't want to make any promises, but I know these things will make it very hard for a thief to get your car," Halley said.

"I want to keep my car safe," said Spc. Hoang Nguyen, Headquar-



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

VIN etchings can not only help in deterring vehicle theft, but helps in recovery of vehicles that are stolen and may lower insurance rates.

ters Company, 306th MI Bn., who took advantage of the programs the Police Academy Association offered for her Honda. "I feel safer now. If my car gets stolen, I know that a police officer will stop my car from 1 to 5 in the morning to ensure I'm the one driving the vehicle and not someone who doesn't have permission.

The Citizen's Police Academy Association is a community volunteer program that teaches citizens many of the things police officers are taught. All volunteers must attend a 13-week course to be involved in the association.

LTG first to serve in new TRADOC command position

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — The future world in which U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command developers envisioned for the Army's Objective Force became a reality much sooner than expected when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11.

"That world in which we had asymmetric warfare, transnational terrorist activity, where the U.S. homeland was no longer a safe sanctuary, where various forms of attack, both on civilians and on our military forces — all of that became reality," said Lt. Gen. Larry Jordan, Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff of TRADOC.

"For over a year we have been working on

that contemporary operating environment in our analysis work. We've used it in various wargames. TRADOC anticipated that as a future operating environment.

"It describes that world, its environment and the challenges that the United States will face militarily and otherwise. It also describes the type of adversary we will potentially face — the techniques, the tactics, the doctrine that they will employ and the weapons systems they will likely use."

Jordan has been at TRADOC since October, less than a month after terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The dual-hatted position he holds was created last year. Until then the chief of staff was a major general billet.

He said adding more rank to the job will

help to better coordinate the activities of the TRADOC staff and "help further the CG's (commanding general) vision and intent." Other Army major commands combined the jobs under a lieutenant general several years ago.

"I think it will be helpful in our dealings with both the Department of the Army and with the other MACOMs," he said. "In the past TRADOC found itself literally outgunned in those meetings and debates in which they often found themselves."

When he walked into his new office last year, business as usual no longer existed in the command.

"I think that applies in two major areas," he said.

"The most highly visible to all of us are the force protection measures that we all are forced to live with and to incorporate into our daily routine. As we go about our daily lives and work, the events of 11 September have caused us to alter our normal patterns of life.

"More importantly, we've been working on preparing the Army and the Objective Force

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Lt. Gen. Larry Jordan, Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff of TRADOC



Photo by Robert J. Hebert

Be my Valentine

"Everyone should feel special on Valentines Day, so I gave flowers to the entire staff," said Staff Sgt. Scott Howard, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center medical laboratory. From left (back row) Martha Louzy, microbiology supervisor; Sgt. 1st Class Faye Nugent, NCOIC; Staff Sgt. Scott Nugent, assistant NCOIC; Spc. Nathaniel Swearingen, technician; Michele Wilson, medical laboratory shipping; (front row) Gail Houston, assistant manager; and Spc. Michelle Huffman, technician.

Lifelong Learning

American Civil War resources available at post library

By Chris Hurd
Librarian

From Fort Sumter to Appomattox, the Fort Huachuca Library has over two hundred books and videos on the American Civil War. Some of the books cover one battle or campaign while others cover the entire war. The Library has many specialized books, including personal narratives and works of fiction.

Some of the best-known books covering the Civil War as a whole include Shelby Foote's trilogy, and Bruce Canton's multi-volume series. Other familiar books covering the entire war are James McPherson's 'Battle Cry of Freedom: the Civil War Era,' and 'A Short History of the Civil War,' by James Stokesbury.

Most large engagements are represented by at least one book in the Library's collection. Some battles, such as Shiloh, Antietam and Chancellorsville, are covered by several books. At one time, the Gettysburg campaign was part of the Military Intelligence Advanced Officer Course, and the library has an extensive set of books on this battle. Other battles with several titles available include both first and

second Bull Run, and Vicksburg.

The library staff has attempted to acquire at least one book on many of the Civil War's lesser-known battles. Thus, the battles of Wilson Creek, Pea Ridge, Stones River and the Shenandoah campaign, are represented in the library's holdings. Recently, several books on the Civil War in the West have been added.

Certainly an important part of any Civil War collection is biographies. The library has many biographies of both leading generals and admirals. Generals Lee and Grant, as well as Stonewall Jackson, Joseph Longstreet, William Sherman and Phil Sheridan all have biographies in the Library, as do many other generals and a few admirals.

The Civil War produced many memoirs and personal narratives. The four volume series, 'Battles and Leaders of the Civil War,' includes the accounts of officers from both sides. Two well known books covering the letters of soldiers are 'The Life of Billy Yank, Common Soldier of the Union,' and the Life of Johnny Reb, Common Soldier of the

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Team Talk

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

Commanding General, USAIC&FH and wife

Let us start off with a word about the Army Family Action Plan. Fort Huachuca's AFAP conference got off to a great start yesterday, and we're looking forward to its conclusion today. Marty and I know that, because of your contributions to this program, more issues of importance to our Army "family" will be discussed and positive changes will be made.

This enormous level of involvement by all of you is just another example of why Fort Huachuca is such an assignment of choice. Also, a special "thank you"



goes out to all the folks at Army Community Services who made this great event happen. Thank you!

Now, I need to discuss something else of vital importance to our country as well as to our Fort Huachuca family. By now, I'm sure you are all aware that the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs has approved a third increment to the Army's stop loss program to help maintain the U.S. Army's readiness level.

The first two increments of stop loss in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom were approved in late 2001. The first focused on Active Army Special Forces soldiers and selected aviation specialties. The second included additional skills and specialties as well as the Ready Reserve. The third increment of stop loss includes those of us in military intelligence.

Stop loss allows the Army to retain soldiers in fields considered to be essential to the national security of the United States for an open-ended period

beyond their date of separation or retirement.

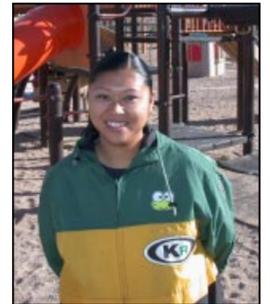
This action, along with recent recruiting and retention success, means we can keep trained, experienced and skilled soldiers essential to meet operational requirements and to help guarantee America's global and homeland strength and safety. This incremental stop loss allows our leaders to persevere and generate necessary combat, combat support, and combat service support forces without stretching the Army even more thinly and creating additional stress on our forces.

All that being said, this latest stop loss will certainly have an impact on many of us here on Fort Huachuca because it includes almost all military intelligence occupational specialties throughout all ranks.

In a short summary, if you have an approved honorable Expiration of Time in Service or retirement

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Man on the Street — What Fort Huachuca recreational facilities do you use?



I use the 'Lock-and-Leave' storage facilities at Irwin and Carter. At Eifler Gym I like the elliptical running machine trainer because it is not hard on your knees. I swim about 20 miles a week at Barnes pool from 0500-0630 hours.

Spc. Erica J. Rigdon,
military advisor,
Directorate of
Community Activities

I am using the MWR Resale Lot 'Deals-on-Wheels' to sell my 1980 Ford Bronco. I use the weightlifting room at Barnes Field-house and I play basketball at Eifler Gym near the Mini-Mall troop store.

Spc. Randy L. Walker,
Headquarters
Headquarters Company,
111th Military
Intelligence Brigade

We use the DCA Family Camp. We are on our way from Kansas to California.

Retired Air Force Maj.
Bernard and Betty
Schnieders

I like to shoot at the Sportsman's Center where they have skeet-shooting, trap-shooting, an archery range and a paint-ball range. I like to fish and hunt in-season. I think that they'll be stocking the ponds on post soon.

Spc. Steve S. Gilbert,
18th Military Police
Detachment

I used to bowl quite a bit and now I am restricted in my activities taking care of my wife who has MS. So now, I only use the golf course about five days-a-week. That's my second full-time job, now.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class
Ron Gardiner

I use the bowling alley once a week on Sunday with my kids — bowling is only 50 cents and hotdogs are only 50 cents. Sunday I also go to the La Hacienda Club for bingo.

Maria E. Robinson,
program assistant, Child
and Youth Services

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SHARC provides recycling opportunities for post

By Robert J. Hebert
Scout Staff

A nearly 35-year-old partnership between Fort Huachuca and Sierra Huachuca ARC, Inc. makes recycling on post possible.

The Sierra Huachuca ARC, Inc., began its recycling efforts on post in 1967. SHARC was led by a group of military family members working to promote the rights and abilities of the developmentally disabled. SHARC moved off-post in 1984 when it needed a newer and larger building.

"SHARC not only provides a service to the community by doing recycling of newspaper, magazines and aluminum; SHARC also provides a bridge between the communities of people with and without disabilities," said Mario Gonzales, executive director of SHARC since 1989.

SHARC employs 47 handicapped individuals and 19 non-handicapped individuals.

"We not only provide jobs for the developmentally disabled, we also instruct and prepare them to be integrated into regular commercial jobs in the community of downtown Sierra Vista," he said. "Two handicapped [employees] have been hired into [commercial] jobs this year."

The income that SHARC, a 501c(3) non-profit corporation, receives from recycling provides employment that gives handicapped individuals independence and promotes the highest quality of life. SHARC is a contractor of the State of Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities & Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Jim Morgan, the fort's inspector of contracts for elevator maintenance, refuse collection and recycling, has been working closely with Gonzales to provide an extensive recycling program on post.

There are eleven residential recycling locations on Fort Huachuca and several more commercial recycling locations. At each residential location there are special containers to recycle newspaper, magazines and aluminum.

Commercial locations at many of the major producers of waste-stream materials have containers for cardboard, white paper, other office paper and used cooking oils. Recycled material collection on Fort Huachuca takes place every workday — residential bins are emptied three times a week. Total residential recycling at Fort Huachuca in 2001 equaled 425.4 tons and total commercial recycling at Fort Huachuca in 2001 equaled 72.29 tons.

Residential recycle bin locations, include:

1. Christy, across from Bonnie Blink playground
2. Intersection of Arizona and Allison
3. Intersection of Hughes and Rucker
4. Burns, south of Commissary
5. Intersection of Lawton and Meyer
6. Meyer, behind Child Development Center
7. Intersection of Irwin and Hall Circle
8. Intersection of Irwin and Carter
9. Grierson Pool parking lot
10. Self Help Store parking lot
11. Bowling Alley parking lot



Photo by Robert J. Hebert

Sierra Huachuca ARC, Inc. made it possible for Fort Huachuca to recycle 425.4 tons in residential waste and 72.29 tons in commercial waste in 2001.

Commercial recycling locations, include:

1. Building 22528, D&M Contractors
2. Building 61801, Greely Hall
3. Building 90312, Post Shipping & Receiving on Brainard Road
4. Building 52107, Thunderbird Dining Facility

A major waste-stream product of Fort Huachuca that now goes into landfill is wood, mostly from wood pallets. "We temporarily used a wood mulcher years ago, and we need one again," said Morgan, "so we can turn the wood into a reusable plant mulch instead of having the great expense of trucking the wood to dumps.

"Much of our recyclable materials used to go to the Huachuca City Recycling Center. But that facility shut down several years ago when the cost of shipping the materials exceeded the recycling price. SHARC provides a recycling service that we could not get anywhere else today."

In addition to Fort Huachuca, SHARC collects from six recycling locations in Sierra Vista, two in Benson, and four more that are serviced by the Knights of Columbus in Sierra Vista. All the paper, cardboard and aluminum is taken to SHARC

headquarters at 122 North Sixth Street in Sierra Vista where it is sorted, baled and stored by the handicapped, prior to being trucked to Tucson.

About six bales of cardboard boxes weighing 750 pounds each and 8 bales of newspaper weighing 1200-1500 pounds each are collected daily. Each flatbed truck can take up to 24 tons, about 20 cardboard or 16 newsprint bales, at a time to Tucson.

Tucson Tallow recycles used cooking oils from Greely Hall. Plastic and glass are not recycled at this time. Plastic requires too much volume, is difficult to sort by type, needs special shredding machines, and need to be baled in special high-compression machines. It takes 480,000 plastic milk bottles to make a truckload of recyclable plastic and it must be stored in the meantime.

Glass is dangerous and difficult to recycle, and is not cost-effective. Special protective gear is required to protect workers sorting glass before it is crushed.

SHARC will come to you and provide special recycling of bulk paper, manuals, computer paper and cardboard boxes directly from your unit. For more information, call 458-4611.

Commentary

By Bilal Ali

Fort Huachuca's Islamic Congregation

I sit here thinking of what I can do this Black History Month that would be more productive than the last. I pondered the works of great black leaders, leaders like Dr King, Rosa Parks, Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X.

Malcolm X, now there was a black leader...a strong leader. He represented black superiority, black strength and a clenched fist...by any means necessary. As I looked deeper into this mans life, I realized that Malcolm X "died" long before the fatal shooting.

Malcolm chose the "X" because it identified him with countless other African Americans who acknowledged the fact that we were a people separated from our language, our culture and our religious heritage.

Being bought and sold as a slave made our true name and culture unknown and a mystery. "X" is the letter that represented that which was unknown.

Through research I realized that the way Malcolm initially felt about certain issues was based upon teachings he had received at that time and his prior experiences.

Malcolm made a pilgrimage to (Hajj) to Mecca and it was there that Malcolm stepped in to the beauty of Orthodox Islam.

It was during this time that he realized that equality of all mankind was important, not one race superior over another...that the strength of all people against one common enemy was important...and that the open hand is much more productive than a clenched fist.

I read that Malcolm X once told Alex Haley,

Thoughts during Black History Month

"Never have I witnessed such a sincere hospitality and such overwhelming spirit of true brotherhood as is practiced by people of all colors and races here in this Ancient Holy Land, the home of Abraham and all the other Prophets of Holy Scriptures.

"For the past week I have been truly speechless and spellbound by graciousness I see displayed around me by people of all colors."

The Holy Quran says in Chapter 2 Verse 62: "With the name of Allah (God) the beneficent the merciful. Those who believe in the Quran, and those who follow the Jewish Scriptures, and the Christians and the Sabians...any who believe in God and the Last Day and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord on them shall be no fear nor shall they grieve."

It was at this point that Malcolm X decided

to change his name to El Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. It symbolized his new awareness of equality and his new outlook on life.

So this Black History Month, I choose not to be so much like Malcolm X, but more like El Hajj Malik El-Shabazz.

I wouldn't have to go as far as change my name, but what I can do is change the way I may look at others regardless of religion, skin color, age or gender. Maybe even change some of the things I may do or not do — behind closed doors or in the open.

I can change what may be a dislike due to lack of knowledge to a love for all people and find that thing that unites us rather than fight over what we think divides us.

What will you do this Black History Month? Try to make a change.

DOC gives advice to technical reps who monitor nonpersonal service contracts

By Debra Parra

Deputy Director of Contracting

Except in very rare circumstances, when specifically authorized by statute, the Government is prohibited from obtaining personal services through a contract.

Personal services exist when the inherent nature of the service, or the manner in which it is provided, reasonably requires, directly or indirectly, Government direction or supervision of contractor employees.

Almost all of the service contracts issued and administered on Fort Huachuca are nonpersonal service contracts.

As such, technical representatives who monitor such contracts are advised to take extreme care in ensuring that their actions do not inadvertently result in a violation of the personal service contract prohibition.

This is especially important when monitoring contracts with individuals, since direct contact between the technical representative and the contractor can make it very easy to inadvertently slip into personal services type behavior without intending to do so.

Certain actions taken by technical representatives may have the effect of changing a nonpersonal service contract into personal ser-

vices contract, resulting in a violation of law. Examples of such behaviors include:

— Telling a contracted individual or contractor employee "how" to perform a task

— Monitoring performance of a contracted individual or contractor employee in a manner which connotes that the individual is your direct employee

— Telling a contracted individual or contractor employee that you plan to fire him/her or give him/her a raise

— Handling performance issues directly with a contractor employee rather than as a "contract" performance issue through contracting channels

— Taking any action which could be construed as "supervision" of the contracted individual or contractor employee

In order to avoid inadvertently administering a nonpersonal service contract as a personal service contract, technical representatives should be especially diligent in avoiding behaviors that might be construed as "direct supervision."

Following these simple rules of thumb will increase the odds of successful contract administration and performance monitoring on nonpersonal service contracts.



Soldiers' Lawyer

I've heard about 6 percent interest rate caps for soldiers with debts. Am I eligible for this reduced interest rate?

You may be entitled to have the interest rate on some of your loans reduced to 6 percent for the time you are on active duty, if you meet a number of special requirements. First, you must have taken out the loan during a time when you were not on any form of active duty in any branch of the military. In other words, you must have incurred the debt before you were on active duty.

Second, your military service must affect your ability to pay the loan at the regular interest rate. Generally this requirement means that you make less money in the military than you made as a civilian. Often, there are special legal issues here; so, you should be ready to talk to your Legal Assistance Attorney about your entire financial situation.

Finally, you must notify your lender of your circumstances. If you believe you qualify for this 6 percent interest rate cap, call the Legal Assistance Office and make an appointment to see a Legal Assistance Attorney. A Legal Assistance Attorney can explain your rights and help you protect your interests.

(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.)

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Stop-loss program adds more specialties

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has just added 38 more career-management fields and military occupational specialties to the stop-loss program.

The program was first implemented for selected active-duty soldiers in November and then expanded with additional specialties and to the reserve component in December.

Army officials announced Feb. 12 the third stop-loss increment, affecting selected active, Reserve and National Guard troops by stopping voluntary requests for retirement or separation, effective Feb. 22.

This expansion is the largest to date. It will impact approximately 2,630 active-duty, 3,920 Reserve and 4,190 National Guard soldiers, said Lt. Col Bob Ortiz, Chief of Enlisted Professional Development for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1. Those numbers bring the total affected by the three stop-loss announcements to about 3,330 active-duty, 4,450 Reserve and 4,760 National Guard troops.

“Stop-loss is necessary to retain the critical skills needed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle,” Ortiz said. “The key word is critical. These are skills where we

have found a need to retain soldiers to support a myriad of operational requirements since September 11th.”

Stop-loss does not mean stop movement, Ortiz said. Normal personnel rotations for permanent changes of station and for schooling requirements will continue as scheduled, he said, unless individual soldiers elect to extend at their current duty stations.

Commissioned officers impacted by the latest stop-loss announcement are in the following CMFs:

15C35, Aviation All Source Intelligence
31, Military Police
35, Military Intelligence
45A, Comptroller
48E, Foreign Area Officer (Eurasia)
48G, Foreign Area Officer (Middle East/North Africa)
51C, Contract & Industrial Management
Warrant officers affected by this stop-loss include those with the following specialties:
155E, C-12 Pilot
155G, O-5A/EO-5B/RC-7 Pilot
311A, CID Special Agent
350B, All Source Intelligence Technician
350D, Imagery Intelligence Technician

351B, Counter Intelligence Technician
351C, Area Intelligence Technician
351E, Human Intelligence Collection Technician
352G, Voice Intercept Technician
Enlisted specialties affected include soldiers with the following MOSs:
33W, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Repairman
74B, Information Systems Operator
81T, Topographic Analyst
92R, Parachute Rigger
95B, Military Police
95C, Internment Specialist
95D, CID Special Agent
96B, Intelligence Analyst
96D, Imagery Analyst
96H, Imagery Ground Station Operator
96R, Ground Surveillance System Operator
96Z, Senior Intelligence NCO
97B, Counter Intelligence Agent
97E, Human Intelligence Collector
97L, Translator/Interpreter
97Z, Senior Human Intelligence NCO
98C, Signals Intelligence Analyst
98G, Voice Interceptor — Cryptologic Linguist
98H, Communications Interceptor

98J, Electronic Intelligence Analyst
98K, Signal Collection Analyst
98Z, Senior Signal Intelligence NCO
The Army will evaluate stop-loss needs on a monthly basis and use it as a tool to maintain unit readiness, Ortiz said. Additional stop-loss actions for other officer, warrant officer, and enlisted specialties are possible, he added.

While the Army evaluates stop-loss needs, it is also starting to plan for when the measure is eventually lifted.

“What we want to avoid ‘bathtub effect’ of a lot of soldiers being flushed out of any particular unit due to separations and normal PCSs when stop-loss is no longer necessary,” Ortiz said. “We want to maintain unit readiness in a post stop-loss Army.”

Prior to Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the Army last used stop-loss during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990 when President George H. Bush delegated stop loss authority to the Secretary of Defense.

Stop-loss does not affect most involuntary separations or retirements, nor does it generally limit laws, regulations, or policies that may lead to involuntary separations, retirements, or releases from active duty.

Selecting phone service can be costly

By Capt. David Albino
214th Legal Support Organization

When traveling away from home, there are many choices for phone service and service providers.

Public phone operators are required to connect emergency calls to the appropriate emergency service without charge. However, rates for using hotel or pay phone service for other than emergencies can be much higher than usual, and oftentimes the charges you incur may not be known in advance.

Protect yourself from high rates by planning ahead. You do have choices.

Federal law requires that all public telephones in the U.S., including those in hotels, allow access to competing long distance and operator services. You may select the long distance company of your choice if you are familiar with that company’s rates and method of access.

If you do not choose a long distance carrier, the calls will be provided by the carrier the hotel or public phone owner has already selected and you may not know what you are paying. Public phone providers are required to post information on or near the telephone including the name, address, and toll-free number of the operator service provider, and where to find out the rates for calls placed from that phone. Check the rates before you call.

If you place a collect call, the long distance carrier selected by the owner of the telephone will carry the call. If you make a third-party call (a call billed to a third number) the long distance provider chosen by the owner of the third number will carry the call.

You can select your own long distance carrier when making either a collect or third-party call. To do so, simply dial your long distance provider’s code. Or, call your phone company before leaving home to ask for instructions on making calls from public phones.

Calling cards provide another method of placing calls. Careful attention to the procedures for using calling cards will ensure that the long distance company of your choice correctly bills you. The convenience of these cards comes with a price: rates and surcharges that are normally much higher than calls from home. This is especially true for shorter calls.

Calling and billing procedures vary depending on whether you are using a joint-use, a proprietary card, or a pre-paid card. Joint-use cards are typically issued by local telephone companies. The account number is usually your residential telephone number and a Personal Identification Number or PIN.

When using a joint-use card, follow the dialing instructions exactly. Dialing into a long distance carrier’s network to use a joint-use card often results in very high rates. Calls handled by a public phone’s operator service provider also will be billed at the provider’s own rates — not the rates of the company that issued the card. Rates are typically much lower if you use the long distance company affiliated with the card issuer.

Call your phone company before leaving home to ask for instructions for making calls from public phones.

A proprietary card is a card issued by one of several long distance providers. A card issued by a long distance carrier will have an account number different from your residential telephone number. Be sure you know the rates in advance. Some calls may

carry hefty surcharges. However, you may protect yourself from being overcharged by:

— Finding out whether your calling card’s dialing instructions include access to the carrier’s long distance network. If they do not, ask for the access code that you would need to dial.

— Asking the long distance company if it has a calling plan specifically for the calling card. You may be able to sign up for lower rates.

— Verify your rates or get a new card if your card is old. Using cards that are more than one or two years old may be risky as rates or call completion agreements that were in place at the time of the card’s issuance may no longer be valid.

— A call dialed on a 0+ basis from a public phone will generally be completed by the long distance carrier selected by the public phone owner and may be very costly.

— Use a prepaid calling card with low rates and surcharges. Pre-paid calling cards have become very popular and are sold

just about everywhere — from the Internet to the local convenience store. These cards can be purchased for a specific dollar amount and are good for a preset number of minutes. Some cards give warnings when the time limit is about to expire. Others simply cut off your call when you run out of time.

Depending on the rate, a pre-paid calling card may be economical if you tend to make short calls away from home or

international calls. While rates for some cards may be comparable to calling plans, others charge much more.

The mushrooming pre-paid phone card use has brought about an increase in consumer complaints such as access numbers or PINs that do not work; constantly busy customer service numbers; and, hidden connection charges, taxes and surcharges.

Consumers may avoid many of the problems associated with prepaid calling cards by planning ahead.

— Check the rates for domestic and international calls on the card’s package or on the vending machine. These rates may vary depending on where you call. If you can’t find the rate, call the card’s customer service number.

— Beware of very low rates, particularly for international calls. They may indicate poor customer service.

— Look for disclosures about surcharges, monthly fees, per-call and per-minute rates (specially the first minute). Stay away from per unit charges, as they may be more expensive than per minute charges.

— Check the expiration dates. If there is no expiration date, a card should still be good until all the phone time is used.

— Look for a toll-free customer service number. If the customer service number is not toll-free or displayed, it may be difficult to contact the company if you have a problem with the card. A busy signal on the customer service line may signal a rip-off.

— Make sure the card comes in a sealed envelope or has a sticker covering the PIN. Anyone who copies the PIN can use your phone time.

Finally, if you receive a telephone bill with unexpected charges, or have difficulty placing a call with a calling card and can’t resolve the problem with the billing company, contact the consumer protection division of your state Attorney General or Public Service Commission.

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ter,” said McNally.

By calling 1-800-222-1222, residents nationwide will be automatically connected to specially trained poison specialists at the closest local poison facility. In all areas of Arizona outside Maricopa County, callers will be connected to pharmacists and poison specialists at the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center. Inside Maricopa County, callers will be connected to the Good Samaritan Regional Poison Center.

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, poison experts will immediately respond to poison emergencies and answer poison-related questions about medications, household products and other potentially dangerous substances. The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center’s current toll-free number, 1-800-362-0101 and Tucson-area number, (520) 626-6016, will continue to operate as they did prior to the new hotline.

Team maps spouse leader development

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A paid Spouse Orientation and Leader Development coach for every active-duty installation and major reserve-component command is one of the recommendations made by an Army-wide panel of spouses to improve the way the Army reaches out and interacts with family members.

Following a three-day process action team workshop, more than two dozen active Army, Reserve, National Guard and retiree spouses briefed Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki on their findings Feb. 6.

Shinseki told the group during the workshop’s opening dinner that only about a third or less of the Army was married when he served as a young officer in the mid-1960s. Then and now, officers have had two major responsibilities: accomplishing the mission and taking care of soldiers, the chief said.

With more than half of the Army married today, taking care of soldiers — and implied in that, their families — has gotten tougher, he said.

“A married soldier has great stability, but that imposes great responsibility on the institution,” Shinseki said. “The accomplishing the mission part of an officer’s responsibilities is relatively easy — we have (the Training and Doctrine Command) to train and develop the business of warfighting. Where do we train those who choose to step forward and assist with taking care of troops?”

While the Army has a myriad of support services and systems in place, such as the Army Team Building program, annual Family Action Plans, Army Community Services and family readiness groups, the challenge is being able to explain what is available to young troops and their families, Shinseki said. He asked the team to bring some sort of order to getting the word out and capture creative ways soldiers are being cared for at individual installations.

“If this was easy, I would have already figured it out,” Shinseki said. “It’s not, so I am asking for your help.”

The spouse team recommended that a three-tiered common Army spouse mentorship program be designed and deployed across the active and reserve components. The tiers would be directed toward spouses new to the Army, spouses with more Army experience and spouses of senior commanders and sergeants major.

While informing family members about family-oriented Army services and systems, the mentorship program should positively connect spouses to the Army, create formal Army volunteer contributor positions within each Army community and promote community leadership, the panel recommended.

Training for the program should be multifaceted as spouses have different means of access to information, they said. This includes portable training kits, correspondence courses, distance learning, Web-based courses and opportunities for classroom instruction at regional locations, armories or installations.

Paid SOLD coaches — preferably Army spouses — should be the experts to answer questions from volunteer mentors and others involved with taking care of soldiers and their families, the spouses recommended. In addition to SOLD coaches at installations and major reserve-component commands, some coaches should be available 24/7 via a toll-free telephone number and an interactive Web site.

A SOLD coach position could also be created in each recruiting battalion in order to make contact with spouses early in a soldier’s career, said Terri Lamb. In addition to being an Army spouse at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Lamb has four sons and a son-in-law currently on active duty. She works with the Kansas City Recruiting Battalion as a volunteer to answer questions from family members of new and potential recruits.

“Let’s face it, a spouse has a major role in deciding if a soldier stays in the Army or moves on,” Lamb said.

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Chalk Talk

Colonel Johnston Elementary
The students of the week for Feb. 19-22 are: Monique Ford, Kayla Preston, Morgan Hanson, Dominique Bennett, Alyssa Brown, Amber Bivins, Gemma Glassow, Nathan Woodert, Nydia Ramirez, Malissa Simpler, Sara Sandoval and Jacquie Neal.

The Smoking Stinks/Healthy Living Walking Club started their walking season by walking with the principal. The Walking Jaguars walked 139 miles. The top classes were Larry Peterson's second-grade with 11 miles and Patty Corella's third-grade with 9.5 miles. The top students were Ryan Ehney, Eric Brackin, William Bijanksky, Steven Fierro and Jordan Champion.

General Myer Elementary School
Magellan Running Club named its top runners. Top fourth-grade girl is Alexandria Harbor with 32 points. Top fourth-grade boy was Justin Ulrich with 64 points. Top fourth-grade class was Lynn Tompkins' room with 250 points. Top fifth-grade girl was Maria Bowman from Kim Tomlin's room with 60 points. Top fifth-grade boy was Jerel Wherry, from Bonnie Bureson's room with 67 points. Top

fifth-grade class was Bonnie Bureson's room with 868 points. Last week Myer School ran 666 miles and now have a total of 19,177 miles for the year.

Val Quarto's fifth-grade students are putting final touches on their projects for the Myer School Science Fair, which will be held in the school gym on Tuesday. Viewing for parents will be held 1-4 p.m.

Kim Tomlin's class is currently studying the Revolutionary War in Social Studies. They are also finishing up science projects and are looking forward to the Science Fair on Tuesday. The new class officers for Tomlin's class are Everette Portis, president; Josh Kleese, secretary; David Parker, vice president; and Wildeliz Acevedo, treasurer.

The Citizenship Assembly will take place Feb. 28. The focus this month has been on Problem Solving.

The Myer School Library will be hosting its Third Annual Read Across America Celebration on March 1. Some of the fun-filled activities for that day will be guest readers, an hour of reading in each classroom, and a visit by The Cat in The Hat.

Students creative essays show they understand how to be "Water Wise"

Johnston School release

Ginger Maxey, Energy and Water Conservation Educator, developed and presented a series of interactive third-grade science lessons, entitled "Water Wise," to educate students about the sources and availability of water, as well as the need for water conservation.

The University of Arizona and the Cooperative Extension at Fort Huachuca support the Water Wise Program. Through activities and demonstrations using specialized models and vocabulary, students apply critical thinking skills to solve real world problems.

All of the students in Ginger Volkman's third-grade class successfully wrote creative essays to show they had an understanding of the water cycle. Winning students were awarded "Water Wise" T-shirts for their exceptional essays.

Mr. Drop

By Justin Taylor

Mr. Drop rises from the ocean and is evaporated into the clouds. When it gets up in the clouds, he falls to the ground and runs into the ocean. In the ocean, it is evaporated back to a cloud. Next it falls on the mountaintop and rolls

down the side of the mountain. From there it soaks into the ground. While it's in the ground it makes water and finally, bubbles up through a spring.

The Raindrop

By Sashamarie Stacy

Once upon a time there was a raindrop named Kassy. Kassy evaporated. Then, Kassy was condensation in a cloud. They precipitated, but Kassy didn't fall. The other raindrops ran off the mountain. Next, the cloud went to a different place to rain. Kassy infiltrated the soil where she became groundwater. The people pumped the water out to drink and bath in.

My Waterdrop's Journey

By Anthony Johnson

I was a waterdrop inside a crab. The crab urinated. I evaporated into the sky. I ended up with a hole bunch of other waterdrops. I tuned into a cloud. I fell as rain on the Titanic. I slipped into a box of fish. I was bought by a family. They cooked the fish up and I went inside the family's stomach's. The cycle of my journey as a waterdrop goes on and on.

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for the future environment in which it will need to operate. As I said, that contemporary operating environment has been the subject of TRADOC work for over a year.

This is the general's second assignment in TRADOC. From 1993-95 he was commanding general of the Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Ky., as well as commandant of the Armor School.

Jordan attended the armor officer basic course at Fort Knox after graduating from West Point in 1968. He returned several times for additional training.

He credits the leadership training he received at Fort Knox and at other senior schools, along with his experiences over the years with helping him to become a leader. He also credits his many mentors at different stages in his career.

"Mentors come in various forms," Jordan said. "They come from senior individuals who have the experience, knowledge, wisdom and the interest in developing their subordinates."

He said peers are also mentors, which is evident in TRADOC schools as soldiers in courses from basic combat training up to senior officer and noncommissioned officer leader courses assist each other.

"There's also mentorship imparted by subordinates to their seniors," Jordan said. "When I entered the Army we expected young lieutenants to be mentored and, in some ways, trained and developed by their senior NCOs. That first platoon sergeant very often has a lasting impact on that young officer's outlook and views of the Army and how they grow into the leader role."

He said his senior NCOs from company

through all levels of command were his mentors, as well as confidants and assistants.

"As Inspector General of the Army (1997-99), one of the first things I did upon taking office was request through the Chief of Staff of the Army, with the help of the Sergeant Major of the Army, to have a sergeant major serve as the IG sergeant major. This hadn't been done before and it was something I wanted," Jordan said.

"I think we never stop learning and developing as leaders. Hopefully, I'm still doing that today."

Leaders of the future will have to be even more flexible, adaptable and competent than ever, he said. TRADOC is changing the way it trains and develops the leaders of the future, he said.

"It is even more critical under this new operating environment where leaders and units will be faced with rapidly changing environments, rapidly changing missions, changing conditions, asymmetric conditions.

"So in order to produce that sort of leader who can competently lead the Objective Force and Objective Force soldiers, we have to look at the way we develop those officers, noncommissioned officers and, in fact, how we develop our junior soldiers.

"So we've looked at all of those schooling opportunities for both officers and noncommissioned officer to determine how to be best apply what needs to be done. We've also looked at initial entry training for soldiers to see if we are, in fact, imparting the skills, knowledge and competencies required."

Jordan said that he has a deep interest in history. He feels that one target of the terror-

Area students send good wishes to Afghanistan

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Scout Staff

Several classes from Naco Elementary School sent Valentine's Day cards, letters and well wishes to Fort Huachuca soldiers who are currently in the Central Command area of operations in Afghanistan. The letters were sent to 11th Signal Brigade troops supporting Operation Enduring Freedom

Cindy Martin, a first grade teacher at Naco Elementary School, which is located near Bisbee, came up with the idea.

"My husband, Maj. Ronald Martin, executive officer for the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, is in the military and I would want someone to do the same for him if he was deployed to a war zone," Martin said.

She said kindergarten, first- and third-grade students as well as those in junior high got involved. "The students asked the soldiers various questions such as 'How do they feel about the war?'" she said.

She said the students look forward to hearing a response from the soldiers.

Children's Dental Health Month

Don't let thumbsucking affect your child's smile

DENTAC release

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. For new parents who are concerned about their baby's thumbsucking, the American Dental Association offers the following advice:

Sucking is one of a baby's natural reflexes. In fact, babies begin to suck on their fingers or thumbs even before they are born. As infants grow, sucking serves many purposes. Infants and young children may suck on thumbs, fingers, pacifiers, or toys because it makes them feel secure and happy and helps them learn about their world.

Young children may find that placing a finger or thumb into their mouth provides them with a sense of security at difficult periods, such as after a scolding or when separated from their parents. Because thumbsucking is relaxing, it may induce sleep. For this reason, young children may often do this in the evenings or when they are tired.

The American Dental Association notes that prolonged thumbsucking can cause problems. Once the permanent teeth erupt, sucking may cause problems with the proper growth of the mouth and alignment of teeth.

One factor that determines whether a dental problem may result is the intensity of thumbsucking. Children who rest their thumbs passively in their mouths are less likely to have problems than those who vigorously suck their thumbs. When a parent removes the thumb from the child's mouth, a "popping" sound is

often heard with those children who suck vigorously.

Some aggressive thumbsuckers may cause problems for their primary (baby) teeth. If you notice changes in the baby teeth, consult your dentist.

Usually, children stop thumbsucking between the ages of two and four. Sucking gradually lessens during this period as they spend more of their waking hours exploring their surroundings. They should cease sucking by the time the permanent front teeth are ready to erupt. Peer pressure causes many school-aged children to stop.

Sucking a pacifier is not necessarily less harmful for a child. Pacifiers can affect the teeth essentially the same way as sucking fingers and thumbs. However, it is often an easier habit to break.

The American Dental Association says to keep these tips in mind when helping your child break a thumb habit:

— Instead of scolding children for sucking, praise them when they are not.

— Remember that children often suck their thumbs when feeling insecure. Focus on correcting the cause of anxiety, instead of thumbsucking.

— Children who are sucking for comfort will feel less of a need to suck when their parents provide comfort.

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ists on Sept. 11 was the strength that America derives from its diversity in ethnicity and philosophies.

"I personally believe the true strength of our nation is the result of the contributions by so many cultures," he said. "We are a society of many different origins and, truly, that's the strength of our nation — internal tolerance, that belief in equality and liberty, individual freedom, that belief that we should be judged by our potential and not anything else.

"Those were the very things that the terrorists sought to destroy with their attacks on of September 11. But because of that internal strength, it's also the very same reason that they will never succeed."

The general was asked to describe the symbolism that African-American History Month holds for him.

"We have several national observances every year," Jordan said. We have African-American History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Women's History Month, Native American History Month and Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

"Each one allows us as a nation and as communities to recognize and learn about the contributions of that particular group to America. At the same time, it allows the particular group being recognized to take pride in their contributions to the nation.

"At the same time, those observances remind me of a very unique part of being an American. That is, while we all can take pride in our own particular cultural heritage, at the exact same time we all can take pride in being Americans."

He said his avocation to history led him to study slavery in the United States, and the long

period of discrimination aimed at African-Americans. He said he was surprised to learn that not only did African-Americans fight for the Union in the Civil War, they were drafted by and fought for the Confederacy.

He also learned that U.S. Navy ships had fully integrated crews before the Civil War, but soon afterwards went to all-white crews and remained that way for a long period.

President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order in 1949 calling for integration of American armed forces. World War II battlefield necessity had already brought black and white soldiers together to fight for each other, he said.

"In time of warfare, we often set aside those social policies that seem so important in less turbulent times. Shouldn't be that way," Jordan said.

The 25th anniversary of the television series "Roots" and the book by Alex Haley was observed in January.

"The interest generated by 'Roots' was helpful," Jordan said. "Like the various observances we have, they help the entire nation understand the contributions of various groups in the country.

"Roots portrayed some very terrible things about the condition of African-Americans at one point in time. History shouldn't be changed to fit one's view of life. By that I mean we shouldn't look at factual things that occurred in our past and try to ascribe blame or fault to people today.

"Understanding that we have a shared experience will hopefully help us deal with situations today and to understand how we have become what we are as a nation," Jordan said.

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.

Widowed Support Center

The Widowed Support Center is located at the corner of Buffalo Soldier and Fry Boulevard. It is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mondays-Fridays and welcomes any and all widowed, military and civilian alike.

Monthly meetings are held at 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to all. The center is staffed exclusively with volunteers and offers help with overcoming the grief of losing a spouse and in meeting and making new friends. The center is a place where you always receive a warm welcome, a cup of coffee, a shoulder to lean on and understanding.

Come to visit or to offer a hand with various activities. There is a Wednesday Craft Group where you can work to refurbish stuffed animals/dolls for distribution to various Service Organizations in the area, or you may bring your own craft. Come visit us or call 533-3807 for more information.

Miles Manor housing town hall

The 304th Military Intelligence Battalion will host a Town Hall meeting today at 6 p.m. in Rooms 233 and 237 of Nicholson Hall (Building 80505 on Irwin Street). The town hall meeting is for the Miles Manor 3-4 Housing Area.

Residents are encouraged to come and meet their area representatives, including Lt. Col. Joseph E. Kennedy, battalion commander; Maj. Mathew D. Goodrich, battalion executive officer; Sgt. Maj. Steven E. Manigault, battalion sergeant major; and Sgt. Benita Sarabia, area coordinator. Daycare and refreshments will be provided.

ID Card Section reduces hours

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

Range closures

Today	AL, T1, T1A, T2
Friday	AL, AM, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday	AU, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	No Closures
Monday	AF, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AF, AM, AU, AW, T1, T1A and T2
Wednesday	AF, AG, AH, AI, AK, AM,

	AN, AU, AV, AW, T1, T1A and T2
Feb. 28	AF, AG, AH, AK, AM, AN, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2
March 1	AF, AK, AM, AN, AU, AW
March 2	AL, AM, AU, AV, T1, T1A and T2
March 3	AU

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

Adopt a greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Adoption Day on Saturday for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The event will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs.

The Greyhound Reunion and Picnic is set for April 7 in Tucson Greyhound Park. For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Free pruning demo

A free fruit and nut tree pruning demonstration is set for 9-11 a.m., Saturday at 1325 Plaza Amapola in Sierra Vista. (From Sierra Vista, take Highway 92 south to Foothills Drive. Turn left. Take the fifth left onto Paseo Arzuza, then the second left onto Plaza Amapola.)

Everyone is welcome. This demonstration will be presented by Robert E. Call, Horticulture Agent, Cochise County Cooperative Extension. For more information, call 458-8278, ext. 2141.

Winter visitor program

The Immanuel Lutheran Church continues its winter visitor programs at 9 a.m. Wednesdays with light refreshments served at 8:30 a.m. The public is invited to the free program. This Wednesday, Denzil Beard will speak on a "Pilot's Perspective." For more information, call Jim Behnke at 803-6810 or Ron Witt at 459-0929.

Candlelight ball plans

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

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

Green to Gold briefing

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next "Green to Gold" Briefing March 1, 11 a.m.-noon at the Post Education Center, Building 52104.

AFTB Level I Training set

The next Army Family Team Building Level I Training is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m., March 2 in

Murr Community Center. Class size is limited. Registration is required. Register in advance with the AFTB Coordinator, Karla Grosinsky at 533-3686, or at Army Community Service.

Combat Lifesaver courses set

There have been program changes made to the Combat Lifesaver Course on Fort Huachuca. FH Regulation 40-2 covers training of Combat Lifesavers and tasks authorized to be performed on the installation. The publication can be found on the Fort Huachuca Homepage at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil>.

The schedule for courses for fiscal year 2002 is as follows:

Combat Lifesaver Correspondence Course (for new personnel): March 4-6, 2002; June 3-5, 2002; and Sept. 9-11, 2002.

Combat Lifesaver Recertification Course (for expired personnel): March 7-8, 2002; June 6-7, 2002; and Sept. 12-13, 2002.

Combat Lifesaver Refresher Course (for current personnel): March 8, 2002; June 7, 2002; and Sept. 13, 2002.

Requests for slots with all documentation required in FH Reg. 40-2 should be sent through battalion and/or brigade S-3 channels to the post G-3 schools NCO. Questions on course content can be directed to Staff Sgt. Jose Lupian or Staff Sgt. Daniel Traver at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center at 533-4758 or 533-3727.

Federal Jobs Workshops

Federal Jobs Workshops are offered to explain subjects such as What is Federal Government Employment, How To Use the Internet To Find Out Where Government Jobs Are Located, Federal Jobs Benefits, Federal Pay Scales, Interpreting a Federal Job Advertisement, Federal Applications, How to Apply for a Government Job, Veteran's Preference, The Selection Process, RESUMIX Procedures, and Outlook on Opportunities.

The public is invited to attend. All Federal Jobs Workshops are held in Building 22420 from 8 to 10 a.m. No reservation required. The public is invited to attend.

Workshops are set for March 8, April 12, May 10, June 7, July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. For more information, call Thomas L. Hapgood at 533-7314.

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 March 20. All reservations must be paid for by March 20.

JITC hosts annual conference

The Joint Interoperability Test Command will host the 12th Annual Interoperability Conference April 8-11 in Building 61801, Greely 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.

Troops to Teachers needed

Military veterans have established a solid reputation as excellent teachers and exemplary role models for today's students.

If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certification and finding a teaching position, contact the Arizona Troops to Teachers office at 1-800-830-2134.

Pets of the Week



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



"Whiskey" is a young adult female tan and brown shepherd/pitbull mix. She is a great dog! She loves people and would make a wonderful housepet. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.



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



"Bob" is a black six month-old lab/chow mix. He is a cute little guy with lots of energy. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip 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.

New stray policies enforced on post

Vet Clinic release

Beginning March 1, a new policy regarding the impounding of stray animals on Fort Huachuca will be enforced.

This new policy states that the third time a pet has been picked up and impounded as a stray on Fort Huachuca, the pet's owner will be told by Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander, that the pet must be permanently removed from post.

"We have had a big problem with strays on post, and it is time that some permanent action is taken on this problem," said Capt. Nicole Chevalier, post veterinarian. "We have had Fort Huachuca residents complain that they are afraid to go walking or running on post because of the number of stray dogs running loose."

Other post stray policies that are already in effect are as follows:

— Owners have three working days from the time of impound to claim their pets at the post's stray facility, which is co-located with the Fort Huachuca vet clinic at Building 30009 on Hungerford Road. After three working days, the pet becomes the property of the U.S. Government and will be placed up for adoption or euthanized, at the veterinarian's

discretion.

— Owners will be charged \$4 for every day their pet is in the stray facility. If the pet's owner is located and notified, and fails to pick up their pet the same day, the fee increases to \$9 per day.

— Owners of pets that reside on Fort Huachuca are required to register their pets at the post vet clinic within five working days after assignment of government quarters. Pets are required to be current on vaccinations, including rabies.

— Dogs residing on post are required to have adequate shelter from the weather, and free access to water at all times. A plastic, portable kennel is not considered adequate shelter. Dogs and cats will be fed adequately to maintain a normal body weight for that animal. Pets are not allowed to be tied/chained to trees or fences.

Animals that are found in conditions that do not meet these requirements will be impounded by the military police and the owners will be charged with animal neglect.

— Pet owners should refer to Fort Huachuca Regulation 40-116 "Control and Care of Pets, Horses, and Transient Animals" for further explanation.

A View from the Front Lines... A Reporter's Notebook



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes

Staff Sgt. Chris Sheffield, a platoon sergeant for 1st platoon, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, leans over a bunker along the outer perimeter of Kandahar airport. Sheffield and his platoon are part of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) supporting during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM THEATER OF OPERATIONS

Over the deafening roar of the C-17 aircraft engines, the command to issue ammunition was given.

Without anything being said, it could be read on every soldier's face: Everyone knew this was no training mission; this time it was for real. Moments later, the lights inside the plane went dark, signaling our landing was drawing near. In an earth-shattering crunch, it felt as if my bottom teeth slammed against the top of my skull as the aircraft performed what I now know was a combat landing.

Stumbling off the aircraft's ramp along with soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and 25 members of the media, we headed into the Kandahar International terminal, dodging craters in our path left from recent mortars and bombs. There, an Army captain who gave us the rundown of what is now the military base camp replaced the polite flight attendants I'm accustomed to.

Although the terminal is shaped in giant arches, the bullet-tattered surfaces dashed my hopes of having a Big Mac for lunch. The plane rattled the remains of the shattered windows as it turned to head back down the runway, sending blasts of wind and debris through the building.

"Stay on the hard surfaces," the captain told us. We found out later that less than a month before our arrival, an anti-personnel mine had been found only 10 feet from a soldier's tent.

Then, the unforgettable smell I remembered from nearly 12 years ago during Desert Storm filled my nostrils: burning gasoline and diesel mixed with human feces identified where I'd find the "Necessary."

My mission for this war was different. Years ago, I gave up my blue infantry cord for a camera and the world of public affairs and more promising and comfortable living conditions. My job this time was to escort civilian media to report on the 11th Signal Brigade and Operation Enduring Freedom.

After shuffling along in the dust and sand, crawling in and out of bunkers for more than a week, we headed back to the tarmac late one evening to hop aboard a C-130 aircraft heading to Bagram. Just after an hour in flight, the lights dimmed. I gritted my teeth. Again, the U.S. Air Force did not fail in performing another unforgettable combat landing, this time in the dark.

Arriving only an hour before daylight, we were escorted to "Motel 6." The scrap plywood hotel sign, nailed up by soldiers, proudly read, "We'll keep the light on for you." The "light" left on was bright stars shining through the bombed-out roof of the old Russian bar-

racks building.

Shortly after daybreak, we loaded up in Humvees and began our journey to the Afghan capital city of Kabul. We were told that if we encountered an ambush, we would run right through it. I immediately began racing through my memory bank of previous Saturday morning episodes of "Shadetree Mechanic" and "NASCAR Garage" to think of a quick way to hot-rod the Humvee.

Our trip weaved through miles of endless, marked land mines, crossing a river because of a blown-up bridge, and dodging mortar and bomb craters and unexploded ordnance. Unnerved, we passed through several checkpoints manned by anti-Taliban soldiers with AK-47 assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, and other weaponry I could only recall as "foe" shown on decks of vehicle and weapon identification cards we used in Germany during the Cold War.

Arriving in Kabul, we were engulfed by children who chased our vehicles, repeatedly putting their hands to their mouths as they begged for food. As I broke open my daily rations to give them, I thought of my two teens at home and compared their daily demand for \$3-a-day lunch money to what I was giving these small dirty hands and faces. I wished I'd had more.

Not even in this capital city did I find one building, one wall without a bullet hole or some remnant of war. A visit to the newly opened U.S. Embassy, where U.S. Marines manned machine guns on top of the building, showed the tale of the quick escape of its inhabitants more than a decade ago. In the cafeteria, an untouched coffee cup sat off to the side of a copy of The International Herald dated 1989.

That night we were escorted to where we would be staying. As our vehicles raced through the streets, we found ourselves being followed. Stopping fast in front of the house, I followed the example of the others and rolled out of the vehicle, pointing my already loaded weapon at the vehicle following us. We were relieved to find only the shaken driver of a Red Cross vehicle.

Entering the house, we were made more at ease. Two anti-Taliban soldiers and their AK-47s stood guard as they wondered throughout the house during the night. I spent the sleepless nights with my 9 mm pistol across my chest. We found out later that a nearby building housing Al Qaeda fighters was raided by U.S. Special Forces a week after we left.

Three days later we backtracked our way to Bagram. After arriving, I sat in on an interview with two soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade who had helped carry the bodies and wounded of a Marine helicopter crash a few days earlier. The younger soldier began to tear

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes

Afghan children gather around U.S. vehicles begging for food as they pass a route from Kabul to Bagram, Afghanistan, January 28, 2002.

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up as he described the horrid scene. Little did I know that I would be seeing another similar incident in the next few hours, and so would they.

A CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed, injuring 16 of the 24 soldiers on board. The injured were brought to Bagram for initial treatment. The call came for help, and the two soldiers and I responded.

Doctors and medics shouted, directing us amid the organized chaos of traffic as convoys of Humvees and trucks brought in the injured, who were unloaded and brought into the dilapidated building that would be quickly condemned in even the worst run-down section of any U.S. city. The soldiers were quickly triaged, treated and some were taken to the British mobile hospital for emergency surgery.

Carried back out again on stretchers, some with intravenous fluid bags held high, the injured were loaded back onto the vehicles and rushed to an aircraft awaiting to take them on to better care.

The next day, a tour of Bagram showed destroyed Soviet-era fighter planes, transports and helicopters. The hangars, "air-conditioned" by war-torn roofs and shattered windows, housed detainees a few weeks earlier.

Leaving Bagram, we boarded another C-130 and headed to Camp Stronghold Freedom

in Uzbekistan, landing hard once again. At the camp we fell into a lap of luxury with the military's newest Force Provider facilities. Running water, electricity, flushable "Necessaries," and best of all ... showers. After doing my best to use up all the hot water that could possibly have been in the holding tank, I finished and headed to the dining facility, where I sat down for a good, hot T-ration meal.

A few days later and after several trips to the Post Exchange only to look and buy the official "I've been there" T-shirt, we boarded a C-17 and ended up in Incirlik, Turkey. Having to stay there for more than a day, I knew I would not be allowed back into my house if I didn't return with gold, frankincense and myrrh for the wife ... So much for all the tax-exempt money I was hoping to use for new chrome on my Harley-Davidson.

The next morning we boarded the Incirlik "Freedom Bird" and traveled on to the United States, but not before breaking down in England and leaving crying babies and irritated parents stranded for some 24 hours.

Through Baltimore-Washington International and Cincinnati airports, and finally to Tucson, Ariz., the large Delta airliner set its wheels softly down on the runway, helping preserve the remaining teeth I'll be seeing the dentist about tomorrow.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes
A HUMVEE from the 11th Signal Brigade crosses a river beside a blown-up bridge on a road from Bagram to Kabul, Afghanistan, January 29, 2002



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes
Pvt. 1st Class Ernest Rocker, a supply specialist with HSC, 530th at Fort Bragg teaches 10-year old Ramish, how to ride a bicycle at Bagram, Afghanistan, Jan. 30



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes
Sgt. Scott Pence, cable dog, 11th Signal Brigade, runs phone cable in front of a bunker along the perimeter to a field hospital located at Kandahar Airport. Pence is among other Army Signal Command soldiers supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes
An Anti-Taliban gaurd mans a checkpoint on a road from Bagram to Kabul, Afghanistan, Jan. 28. Several similar checkpoints are set up along the war torn roads which are scattered with fighting positions and ruins of many years of conflict.

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“The sooner we can connect with the spouse and make that spouse feel connected to the Army, the better chance we have at retaining the soldier beyond his or her initial enlistment.

“Some of the things I let them know is that the Army offers great opportunities to learn life-coping skills and there is a lot of community support for families who know enough to reach out for it.”

The spouses also recommended that the Army dedicate more time for family support training for soldiers themselves through all TRADOC courses, from basic training to senior-level schools such as the Sergeants Major Academy and the War College.

The next step for the recommendations is an Army Staff review to determine what is feasible in the near term and what may have to wait for more development, Shinseki said.

Before coming to the Washington, D.C. area when her husband became the command sergeant major of the Army Reserve, Trisha Lackey said she spent most weekends on the road visiting Reserve units in four states with her husband.

“I got asked a lot of family support questions — what services were available, where they were and how to access them,” Lackey said. “I quickly learned you don’t have to

know everything, but you do need to take those questions you don’t have answers for and find an expert to get the answer back to family members. What we’ve been trying to do here is get a centralized family-related issue clearing house where answers are easily accessible.”

With hundreds of miles often separating Reserve and National Guard units, getting the word back to family members of what is going on is often difficult, she said.

“You’ve got to remember that reservists work a full week in their civilian jobs and then often drive a long way to get to the unit for drill on the weekend,” Lackey said. “Word on

something important to the spouse may be passed out in formation, but the reservist is tired after a full day at the unit and has other issues on his or her mind so the word doesn’t always make it home.

“Hopefully this process we’ve been working on will eventually make it easier to communicate with family members about the important things they need to know.”

She said she appreciated that the active-component attendees recognized some of the unique challenges the reserve component faces — not only in the distances between units in a command, but also the resource challenges it faces from unit to unit.

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— Reward children when they refrain from sucking during difficult periods, such as when being separated from their parents.

— Your dentist can encourage children to stop sucking and explain what could happen to their teeth if they continue.

— If these approaches don’t work, remind the children of their habit by bandaging the thumb or putting a sock on the hand at night.

— Your dentist may recommend a mouth appliance that can help break the sucking habit.

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tions and routine cleanings with fluoride treatment in a 12 consecutive month period at no out of pocket expense to the sponsor. Make sure all of your children are enrolled today.

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Kudos Korner

RWBAHC names Civilian of Month

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center selected Michele Wilson as the facility’s Civilian of the Month for February. Wilson is a shipping clerk in the Department of Pathology.

She receives and processes all Clinical and Anatomical Pathology patient specimens for shipping to eight different reference laboratories. Proper handling of AP specimens (surgical, PAPs and fine needle aspirations) is critical, since most of these specimens are irreplaceable. She ensures specimens are processed in compliance with accreditation requirements, transcribes over 2,000 reference laboratory results monthly into this facility’s computer system, and reviews reports for accuracy ensuring that test information programmed into CHCS are consistent with the original report.

In August, Wilson received training and quickly established the Lab Shipping Department into a reliable, dependable and customer friendly section. She explains reference lab’s test menus to health care providers, which facilitates ordering practices and ensures that shipments are in accordance with Department of Defense and rules and regulations including state and federal laws.

Wilson’s work is instrumental in providing continuous provider confidence in lab result accuracy, and helps to ensure prompt and timely quality patient treatment.