

## FEEDBACK

### CG hosts Town Hall on TV

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general of U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, will host the installation's second live, televised Town Hall today at 7 p.m. on the Commanders' Access Channel, Channel 97. Television screens in Pepperoni's located in La Hacienda at the corner of Irwin and Kelsay Streets will be tuned to the town hall meeting. This will allow those who may not have access to cable service the opportunity to view the meeting. During the show, viewers may phone in their questions to 533-3035 or 533-1289.

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### Post locator suspended

Due to recent world events the Fort Huachuca Directorate of Information Management has suspended its post locator service until further notice.

The Department of Army has also suspended its world-wide personnel locator.

### Rummage sale today

USAISEC is hosting a fund-raising Rummage Sale today, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot between Buildings 53301 and 53302, off of Arizona Street across from Greely Hall.

All proceeds from this event will be used to offset the cost of our Organization Day. Donations only.

### Old Crows meet

The Association of Old Crows, Cochise Chapter, will host its March luncheon today at 11:30 a.m. at La Hacienda's Main Ballroom. Col. John Custer, deputy commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, will speak about Reach Operations.

Cost for the German buffet and salad bar is \$8, salad bar only is \$6, including beverage and gratuity. This luncheon is open to the public and is co-sponsored by the local chapters of AUSA, AFCEA, MICA, IEEE and ITEA.

### 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.

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

### Defense Pay closed

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

### Tax Center open Saturday

Saturday the Fort Huachuca tax center will be open from 9 a.m. to noon to help with your state and federal tax returns. All military ID card holders are entitled to free tax assistance and electronic filing. Don't wait until the last minute. Get your taxes over with and your refunds back quickly. For more information, call 533-1070.

### Roads closed for marathon

In support of the Thunder Mountain Marathon Saturday, the following road closures will apply:

Brainaird from Kelsay to Hatfield: 6-11 a.m.

Brainaird from Arizona to Whitside: 6-8 a.m.

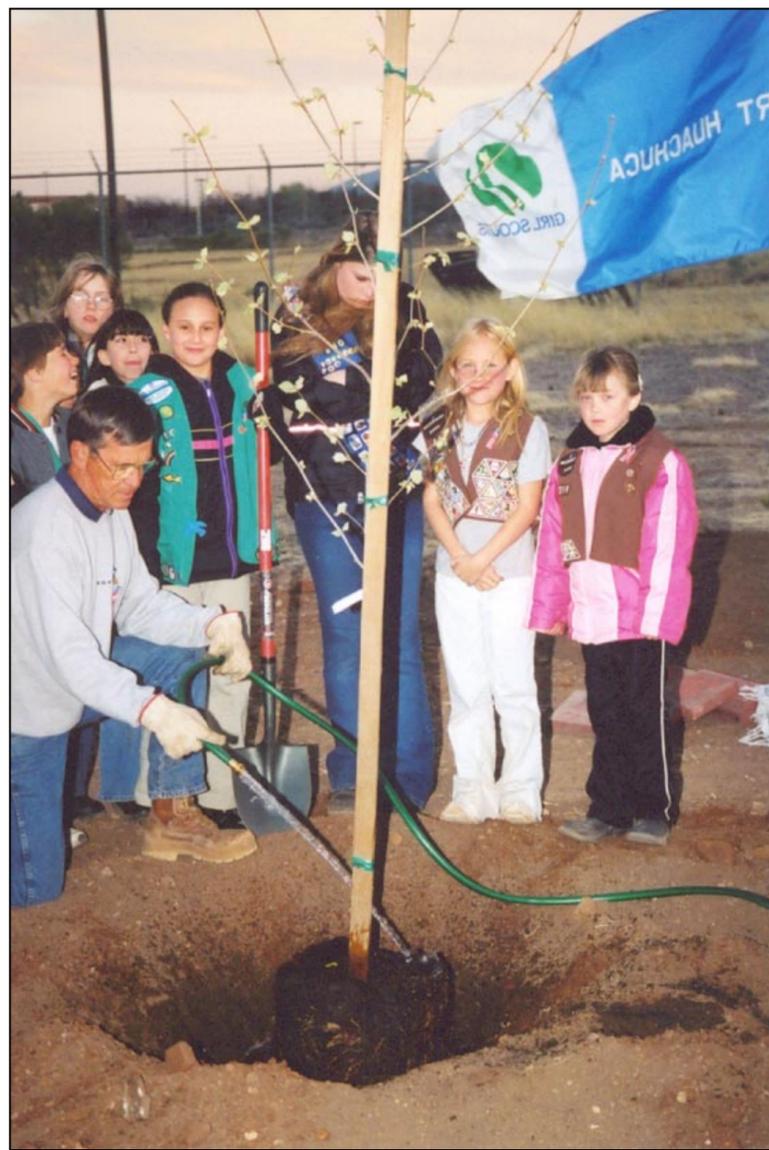
Whitside from Brainaird to Irwin (Irwin open): 6-8 a.m.

Whitside from Irwin to Smith (Irwin open): 7-9 a.m.

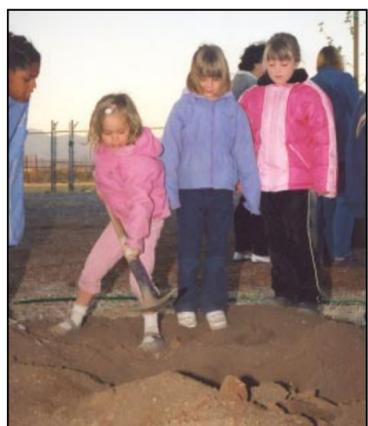
Allison from Mason to Squire: 7-9 a.m.

To exit post, use Winrow Road. To access Buffalo Corral, use Arizona, Irwin or Gatewood (Laundry Ridge).

Use caution if encountering runners. Pass with care.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Terrance L. Bandy



### Healing tree

Fort Huachuca Girl Scouts hosted a Living Memorial tree-planting ceremony Friday at the Scout Hut, Building 80812, off of Arizona Street. Five troops, including Daisy Troop 961, Brownie Troops 701 and 63, Junior Troops 559 and 743 and Senior Troop 501 planted five sycamore trees with the help of John Miller, post forester. The sycamore tree was considered by ancient Egyptians to be a healing tree. The ceremony was in response to a Girl Scout Cadet request from the east coast who was starting her Silver Award for Service. She asked Girls Scouts throughout the United States to plant a tree as part of a living memorial for the victims of the terrorist attack on Sept. 11. To date, Girl Scouts in all 50 states have planted trees and the effort has grown to include Girl Scout troops on military installations throughout the world. The World Association of Girl Guides, the foreign equivalent to Girls Scouts of the United States of America, has also participated. Girl Scouting is celebrating its 90th year.

## Noonan: Fort is critical to transformation

By Spc. Jessica Inigo  
Scout Staff

The global war on terrorism has revalidated the need for expanded military intelligence support, as outlined in Transformation, according to Lt. Gen. Robert W. Noonan Jr., Army deputy chief of staff for intelligence.

He stressed the importance of moving forward toward a more efficient and flexible force during a two-day visit to Fort Huachuca Thursday and Friday.

"Fort Huachuca is critical to the transformation and the making of the next generation of leaders [and] noncommissioned officers who will make up how intelligence supports combat," Noonan said. "It's an exciting time. We are continuing to transform [the MI Corps] along with pursuing the war on terrorism."

Noonan met with future brigade and battalion commanders to provide information on the state of the Military Intelligence Corps. He talked about lessons learned on the war on terrorism, both in the United States and in-theater operations; the overall vision of the intelligence force and how transformation plays on it; and offered helpful command hints based on his 34 years of Army experience.

"All of us are in a critical time to reach our max potential. We have bright people and we're doing well. People are working hard through tough times," Noonan said.

"In 1941 many people, including my parents, were asked to step up to the plate," he said. "It's that time again. It's destiny. Those who stand up now will mark their place in history."

Noonan, whose father was a Marine and mother a dietician in the Army during World War II, felt it was his duty to serve his country. As a new MI officer in 1968, he planned only to stay in two years, but his sense of duty turned into a sense of commitment to the Army and Intelligence Corps.

Because of his deployment to Vietnam and the sense of camaraderie he felt just being in the Army, he decided to make it a career.

"We are recruiting the very brightest soldiers the U.S. Army has, and we're asking very important things from them. The Objective Force requires the best intelligence in the history of the U.S. Army," Noonan said, "but we need to step it up a notch. I don't apologize for asking MI to step it up a notch over the next few

years because I know we can do it. We can meet the challenge," he said, just prior to addressing the Sergeants Major Conference on his final day with Fort Huachuca's intelligence community.

"The soldiers in Afghanistan and Kuwait, who are planning and doing quality work, are very adaptable," Noonan said. He believes this quality is taught here at the Military Intelligence School.

"They're not doing the things out there that they may have learned in the classroom, but Fort Huachuca teaches how to critically think, and be adaptable. They put the right stress on them, so when the real stress from combat comes, they're ready to stand up to the challenge. We've done well and will continue to do well."

Noonan said these soldiers are made with encouraging leadership.

"People who come back [to the MI School] with field experience should share that," Noonan said, who was once an MI instructor. "School is where the future is decided. Those who may avoid school-house assignments are not helping [the MI profession], paying back, or contributing to the future."

"A professional can always come back and teach something whether that's training soldiers or creating the future."



Photo by Spc. Jessica Inigo

Command Sergeant Major Lawrence J. Haubrich, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca command sergeant major, introduces Lt. Gen. Robert W. Noonan Jr., deputy chief of staff for intelligence, to the Command Sergeants Major Conference attendees Friday.

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## Team Talk

By Brig. Gen. James "Spider" and Marty Marks  
Commanding General, USAIC&FH and wife

Back in December, Marty and I hosted an off-site at the LakeSide Activity Centre. That event included senior military and civilian leaders from the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, post garrison, partner units, their spouses and key community leaders. Those participants spent two full days focusing on a wide range of issues.

The result was 847 first-rate ideas we are now using to help shape Fort Huachuca's long-range strategic plan. Coupled with our recent Army Family Action Plan conference findings, we are well on our way to making "Team Cochise," Fort Huachuca and the surrounding communities, a community of excellence!

The group made great strides toward defining our vision of "Team Cochise." This "voice of one" is extremely important right now, especially given ever-increasing demands on our resources and personnel. It's my duty to ensure we have a cohesive and visionary, yet achievable, plan for the future of Fort Huachuca.

I want this plan to incorporate the best input possible, and that's what we've gotten, thanks to everyone who participated in this off-site and the recent AFAP conference activities.

The two days of brainstorming at our off-site resulted in ideas that we have sorted into three areas — Mission, Values and Quality of Life.

**Mission.** Key areas of concern within Fort Huachuca's mission area focused on better sharing of resources, training facilities, and technology to enable us to work as a smarter team. This resulted in 340 ideas to help us achieve this goal.

**Values.** Within the framework of our Army values, the off-site participants came up with 197 great ideas aimed at improving soldier and family readiness, aiding recruitment and retention, and making Fort Huachuca a "community of one."

**Quality of Life.** This resulted in 310 ideas dealing with post climate, family wellness and retail services.

An important thing to recognize, and something I believe some of us take for granted, is the wonderful support Fort Huachuca receives from the surrounding communities, civilian organizations and agencies, and Cochise County. They are an integral part of "Team Cochise," and they will be included and have input every step of the

way through this process.

We have a very special partnership here with our civilian counterparts, and this must continue for Fort Huachuca to become the community of excellence that we all want and know it can be. We sincerely appreciate everything these folks have done and continue to do for us here inside the gate.

My goal is to have our strategic plan shaped by this summer. I pledge to you that your good ideas will not simply go away.

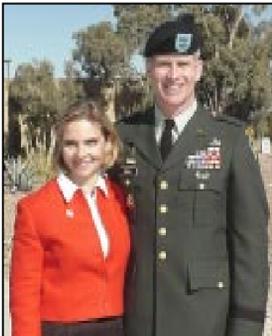
Marty and I realize that you all invested a good deal of time, energy and dedication in coming up with these outstanding ways to help Fort Huachuca become an assignment of choice for our military soldiers and families, be a career destination for our civilian employees, and — as always — remain a great neighbor here in Cochise County. To let all your work end now would be a disservice to us all.

We are passing on all the good ideas that came out of the off-site and the Army Family Action Plan to the people, offices or agencies who can make them happen. We will make sure we let you know their status and give you updates on the timetable for their implementation. In fact, results are already happening. For example, our garrison staff is currently working the issue of a centralized, "one-stop" in- and out-processing center for our soldiers and their families.

They will reduce and consolidate the number of steps in the in/out processing now and are working toward a location that will truly be a one-stop facility in the future.

Our mission here on Fort Huachuca is to lead, train and equip the best military intelligence soldiers and leaders. To do this, we need participation by all the components of this installation and the communities that surround it. Fort Huachuca is greater than the sum of its parts. To each of you, as a part of this great community and "Team Cochise," we thank you for doing your best to make it a great installation.

Just one final note — tonight is our second live town hall meeting, "Feedback." Be sure to tune in to cable Channel 97 at 7 p.m. Feel free to call 533-3035 or 533-1289 if you have a question or comment for me or one of the other subject matter experts during the broadcast, or e-mail the Public Affairs Office at [frank.shirar@hua.army.mil](mailto:frank.shirar@hua.army.mil) or [stan.williamson@hua.army.mil](mailto:stan.williamson@hua.army.mil) if you wish to leave a question ahead of time for us to answer on the air. Looking forward to hearing from you.



## Check it Out!

By Natalie Danforth  
Administrative Librarian

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

### Quotation

From the book *Dere Mr. President*, the Hilarious Letters Kids write to the President edited by Hannibal Coons, Doubleday c1971. "Dear Mr. President: I wonder if you'd please do something for my mother. You see, every morning after my two brothers wake up to go to school, they leave their room a big mess. I would like to know if you would please declare my brothers' room a disaster area."

### Database

Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage. A top Wall Street research provider, S&P has signed on to provide Army libraries with current and archival market intelligence. Those of you who are already financial wizards will find the library's access impressive, and the rest of us will be intrigued with its ability to meet our formal and informal research requirements. It includes everything from corporation records and financial statements to industry surveys and financial news. Full text of S&P's weekly "Outlook" is searchable by company.

### Compact disc

If you ask a Sonoran rancher who his favorite Mexican singer is, the answer will be "Antonio Aguilar!" A virtual institution in Mexico, there are at least four volumes of his "exitos" (hits) available on CD. Your library has one: Collection de Oro de Antonio Aguilar.

### Video

We Can't Help It, We're Men from the Red Green Show, 1997, Acorn Media. As Red Green says "Remember (men) we're all in the same boat - and women are on the shore, laughing." This is the show that always ends with the Possum Lodge pledge "I'm a man and I can change, if I have to."

### Book

*Holding the Line: Women in the Great Arizona Mine Strike of 1983* by Barbara Kingsolver, ILR Press, c1989. The company was Phelps Dodge, Morenci was the place. This is local southern Arizona women's history, and it changed the women who lived it.

For more information call 533-3041. The Fort Huachuca Library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Wednesdays through Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 pm. It is located on Smith Avenue, down the street from the Burger King and next to the Main Post Chapel.



## Soldiers' Lawyer

If I come to Legal Assistance, will my commander know what I discuss with the attorney?

When you discuss a matter with a legal assistance attorney, you enter into an attorney-client relationship with your attorney. This means that what you discuss with the legal assistance attorney will not be disclosed to anyone without your consent.

Of course, your attorney may disclose matters that are impliedly authorized in order to represent you — for example, if you authorized your attorney to negotiate a matter on your behalf, your attorney could reveal matters necessary to negotiate.

Other exceptions include the requirement to reveal information if your lawyer believes it necessary to prevent you from committing a criminal act that is likely to result in imminent death or substantial bodily harm, or sig-

nificant impairment of national security or the readiness or capability of a military unit, vessel, aircraft or weapon system.

The bottom line: the attorney-client privilege protects your communications with the attorney. This enables you to fully disclose all relevant details relating to your representation, which in turn enables the Legal Assistance attorney to render appropriate legal guidance.

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

## Scout on the Street

What issue would you like to raise with the CG at the Town Hall Meeting?



I would like to see different types of recreational activities, like the comedy show at the La Hacienda more often.

Warrant Officer Billy Ray Anderson, Ft. Huachuca



I think we should get discounts on shipping to soldiers in Afghanistan.

Dora McFadden, Training Coordinator at CSLA Net



I don't think they have enough activities for teenagers.

Tony May, U.S. Army Retired



When are the CMT-1 and 2 parking lots located at Greely Hall going to have a permanent route, instead of temporary barricades?

Sharolyn Scarblough, Supply technician at ISCC



What is being done about the lack of service to retirees and their families at the medical clinic?

Mike Calabrese, Retired Navy



When are the soldiers going to get the correct amount of deployment pay?

Donna Irsik, Co-leader, 269<sup>th</sup> Family Readiness Group

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# AER dedicated to helping entire Army family

By Sgt Sharron L. Stewart  
Scout Staff

Emergency leave, car repairs, funeral expenses and even mortgage payments are some of the reason that members of the Fort Huachuca community received monetary assistance from Army Emergency Relief last year.

"AER loans are not hand outs, they are vehicles that provide help to those who have a bona fide need," said Jessie Jessup, a staff analyst here on post. Jessup, who is also a Vietnam veteran, is this year's installation AER campaign coordinator. The campaign ends May 15.

He said this year's local goal is to raise \$80,000 in contributions. There is also a goal of 100 percent contact. "That means everyone who is eligible to give should be contacted by an AER representative," he said.

To date Fort Huachuca has raised approximately \$15,000. Last year the post raised \$76,000 and 462 people received over \$251,000 from AER in the form of interest free loans or grants, Jessup said. All proceeds are forwarded to the AER office in Washington, D.C. and are then distributed to local communities on an as-needed basis.

Those who can contribute to the AER campaign are soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and Department of

Defense personnel.

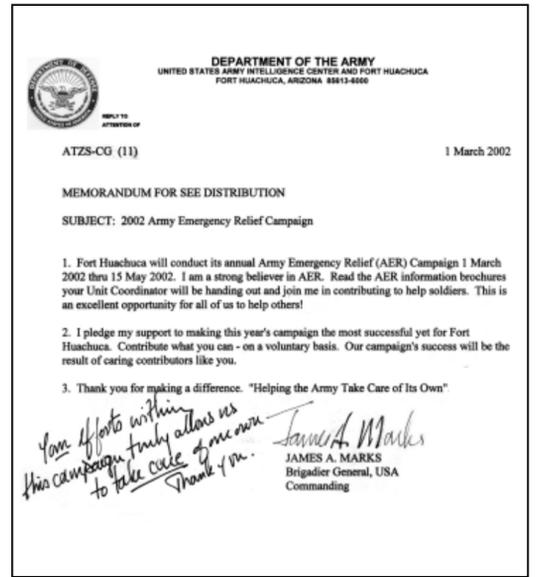
"Contributions are strictly voluntary, but those who do give have the privilege of helping others out," he said. "Lower enlisted, active-duty soldiers may receive the bulk of aid, but officers, retirees and widows have also been helped by AER in the past," Jessup said.

He stressed the fact that AER is the only organization solely dedicated to helping only soldiers. "AER literature says AER was first on the scene at the Pentagon to assist Army personnel after the tragic events of Sept. 11," Jessup said. "Contributing to AER is a way to help the Army take care of its own. Even if you give only \$1, that is \$1 that can be used to help a soldier," he said.

Fort Huachuca's AER office is located in the Murr Community Center. To contribute to AER, contact your unit coordinator. According to Jessup, active-duty soldiers need to go through their chain of commands if they need AER assistance.

"There are many soldiers in need who are afraid that getting an AER loan will make them look bad and that simply is not the case. AER's sole purpose is to help soldiers, life is not always easy or a bed of roses," Jessup said.

An AER recognition luncheon is planned for May 17 at the LakeSide Activity Centre, Jessup said.



## Spring bear hunt opens

ENRD release

Fort Huachuca's Spring Bear Hunt opens Friday. The hunt is sponsored in conjunction with the post Environmental and Natural Resources Division and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

There were two tags available and issued to hunters for the spring bear hunt for general weapons hunting, gun or bow. Hunters must sign-out to use these tags through the Military Police Desk at 533-2181. The hunt is set to run through April 29.

If a hunter shoots a female bear the hunt will end for the other hunter. No female bear with any cubs is legal to shoot.

Each hunter is personally responsible for knowing information, procedures and regulations contained in the annual hunting fact sheet. Hunters must read and comprehend the entire document, not just hunt numbers, as a contribution to the future of hunting on post.

All post hunters are expected to review Page 41 of the Arizona Hunting Regulations for 2001-2002 with regard to jaguar identification. Rifle hunters, especially predator hunters, should be aware that jaguar may be in the area and are fully protected.

With regard to public safety, hunters that go out after bear will be in the canyons — most likely Garden, McClure and upper Huachuca — and mountain slopes, and probably won't be seen by the non-hunting public.

## Students visit Reserve teacher on active duty

By Staff Sgt. Gary Watson  
NCO, ASC PAO

When Capt. Jess Harris, an Individual Mobilization Augmentee and schoolteacher, was mobilized last fall for a year's active duty, his students didn't expect to see him again until late this year.

But 20 students from Destiny Community School, a charter school in Gilbert, Ariz., got to visit their soldier-teacher March 14 when they took a tour of the Army Signal Command, 11th Signal Brigade and other sites at Fort Huachuca.

Harris, who works in G-2 at ASC, spends most of his duty hours in ASC's Crisis Action Center, which the students visited briefly. The students also visited a training site where the 11th Signal Brigade's 504th Signal Battalion had equipment set up and operating as part of the battalion's training. They also toured the Technology Integration Center, ate lunch in the Thunderbird Dining Facility and went on a trail ride at the Buffalo Corral.



Destiny Community School student Kathryn Ortiz learns how to operate the Remote Call Service Position at the 504th Signal Battalion during a tour March 14 with other students from the school.

The visit to the post and ASC, conducted by Harris on his day off, was part of a three-day field trip to southern Arizona by the students, their principal and four teachers from the school.



Destiny Community School student Fantasia DeLa Cruz descends into a manhole at the 504th Signal Battalion March 14 to see how cables are run underground. Watching at left is fellow student Jacquie Wadsworth. The two were on a tour of with 18 other students from the school.

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# U.S. Magistrate sentences civilian drunk drivers to jail

JAG release

This past month, the Fort Huachuca Special Assistant United States Attorney successfully prosecuted three civilians in Federal Court for drunk driving on Fort Huachuca.

The U.S. Magistrate judge sentenced one drunk driver to two days in jail, two years supervised probation and a \$600 fine. He sentenced the second drunk driver to two days in jail, two years supervised probation and a \$595 fine. He sentenced the third drunk driver to one year supervised probation and a \$500 fine.

On March 12 the SAUSA met with 18 soldiers and civilians who had received citations for on-post violations. The SAUSA is appointed

from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and represents the Army in United States Magistrate Court for non-UCMJ criminal offenses committed on Fort Huachuca.

About \$880 in fines were collected and forwarded to the Department of Justice. Two additional cases, both drunk driving offenses, were set for initial appearances in U.S. Magistrate Court in Tucson.

The cases handled by the SAUSA are not limited to traffic citations. If the Military Police cite you for offenses such as theft, shoplifting, damage to property, and assault, and issue you a Department of Defense Form 1805 (U.S. District Court Violation Notice), then you must ap-

pear before the SAUSA when notified to do so.

If you fail to appear, a federal warrant for your arrest is issued and your name is entered into the National Computer System that there is an arrest warrant issued on you.

As a result, if you are subsequently stopped by a police officer anywhere in the United States, your arrest warrant will appear during the police officer's check and you will be taken into custody until you get the original violation cleared up by appearing before a Federal Magistrate Judge.

Many soldiers and civilians fail to recognize the importance of the tickets that the Military Police issue to them. These tickets are not some-

thing that can be ignored or dealt with at the person's convenience. They are issued under Fort Huachuca's authority as an exclusive federal jurisdiction and have the same weight as any ticket issued by a police officer off-post.

Soldiers or civilians who cannot attend their scheduled meeting with the SAUSA must call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Additionally, pursuant to Fort Huachuca Regulation, persons who receive a DD Form 1805 citation and fail to pay designated fines or appear in court will have their post driving privileges suspended until the matter is resolved.

For more information, call Mick Douthit at 533-5313.

## Claims Office recommends protecting your property with high-value inventories

JAG release

The Fort Huachuca Claims Office administers the Personnel Claims Act, a law designed to compensate soldiers for some losses incurred incident to service. Most soldiers submit such claims after a Permanent Change of Station move, and after household goods are damaged or missing.

But the statute also compensates soldiers for on-post thefts, vandalism and other unusual occurrences. Nevertheless, payment is certainly not automatic. Proof of ownership and the value of the lost property are required. A high-value inventory is an easy way to provide this proof.

**Consider the following scenarios:**

Soldier #1 returns to her room in the barracks and quickly discovers she's been robbed. Her new computer system and high-end stereo equipment are missing. When she left the room, she made sure that the door was properly secured, so she is not to blame.

A police report is subsequently prepared documenting the loss, and whether or not there were signs of forced entry. This soldier now visits the Claims Office to file a claim.

Soldier #2 receives delivery of his household goods upon arrival to Fort Huachuca.

Upon checking the delivery he finds that his new computer system and high-end stereo system are missing.

Luckily, the movers had documented everything adequately when they picked up his household goods, including completing a high-value inventory statement that specifically listed the make, model and serial number of the missing equipment.

This soldier also made sure that the carrier noted that these items were missing at the time of delivery. This soldier now completes the DD Form 1840R and visits the Claims Office.

When the Judge Advocate General claims adjudication process begins, each soldier will be required to substantiate ownership as well as the value of the loss.

This is a regulatory prerequisite before payment can be made.

Substantiation is a simple concept; simply prove ownership and the value of the loss. It can come in many forms, such as purchase

receipts, cancelled checks, debit card receipts, manuals, appraisals or some other type of documentation showing the equipment purchased and price paid.

Unfortunately, too often the Claims Office witnesses soldiers unable to prove these basic things.

For soldier #2 in the example above, substantiation will be simple. He will simply bring in his high value inventory prepared at the time of the move, and the Claims Office can pay the full amount of his loss (less depreciation of course).

In contrast, unless soldier #1 has some form of proof described above, the Claims Office will likely not pay the top-of-the-line prices for the stolen items, and the Claims Office may not be able to pay at all. This would depend on what proof the soldier had that she actually owned the items that were allegedly stolen.

What could soldier #1 have done differently? First, soldier #1 could have — and should have — completed a high value inventory pre-

*The law is clear; compensation is only permitted when soldiers provide adequate proof to support their claims. Help us help you.*

pared at the company level for valuable property she kept in the barracks.

This inventory is really no different than the one completed by soldier #2 when shipping his household goods. It simply lists the type of item, brand name, model and serial numbers. High value inventories prepared and maintained at the company level should be completed when the soldier arrives at a unit and updated periodically when the soldier acquires new valuable property.

Second, soldier #1 should have kept receipts for valuable property, or at least the operating manuals to substantiate that she owned such equipment. Had soldier #1 taken either of these actions, she would have been much happier with the claims adjudication process.

Finally, soldier #1 should also keep small items that are easily stolen, such as jewelry, locked up in a footlocker. The failure to do so could lead to a denied claim.

The Claims Office is here to assist soldiers and to boost soldier morale by compensating for losses incurred incident to service. But the law is clear; compensation is only permitted when soldiers provide adequate proof to support their claims. Help us help you. Protect your valuables by documenting them with a high value inventory.

# School liaison forges partnerships, improves schooling

By Spc. Jessica Inigo  
Scout Staff

Parents on Fort Huachuca do not have to worry about their child's education. There's a new sheriff in town and he's ensuring military children are highly educated with all the best benefits around.

Javier Barron, the new school liaison officer, is spearheading a never-before-seen method in hopes of making education less stressful and more productive for the military-related child.

Barron, who has only been in position just over 60 days, attended the first ever School Liaison Officer Course, in perfect timing.

"I'd been here only 30 days and it was exactly what I needed," he said. "My ultimate goal is to have families come here, complete their mission, and leave and say 'Fort Huachuca really served our children well. It was a very good environment for them.'"

Now Barron is trying to fulfill his duties as the liaison officer by implementing new programs and initiatives.

"The most interesting aspect of this job is developing the program," Barron said. "When I'm meeting people and finding out how everything works, I envision how to put it together for the School Liaison Services. I have to develop the program and I also have to develop myself since this is a completely new position."

So far Barron has implemented a Memorandum of Agreement with over 50 school districts, which will work to serve the military-connected child better, through a program called the Secondary Education Transition Study, which was done by the Army.

"These agreements are important because any time a high-schooler moves they are in jeopardy of not making graduation, especially for a junior or senior," Barron said, who has been working for students since he attended college. "This is a really neat study. It's probably one of the best studies I've ever seen regarding how to serve kids in school."

Barron was in the Air Force for six years as an electronic lab technician. Once he got out he used the Montgomery G.I. Bill to attend college. This is when he first became interested in student services. "I just never left it. I really liked working with students," he said.

In his hometown of El Paso, Texas, Barron worked at a community college in a drop out recovery program for high school students.

Some initiatives Barron hopes to bring to Fort Huachuca include a Job Match Day for eighth-graders. Barron has tentatively scheduled professional mentors to partner up with students to go to their work place in April.

"Now-a-days you can never start preparing for a child's career too early," Barron said.

"At some places elementary school kids are going onto college campus. This just starts planting the seed a lot earlier. And for these eighth-graders it's almost like a rite of passage."

Barron said he also hopes to get grants for local children from various organizations. "I've contacted Cochise College in hopes of partnering with them to address some of the needs of Fort Huachuca," he said. "I plan on partnering a lot with agencies for grants."

Three military connected students serving on the official Sierra Vista commission may



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even partner with the Fort Huachuca Teen Panel to discuss issues that students have, Barron said.

"If I see opportunities to make something better than I go in there and work it, manage it, give ideas," Barron said.

Once fully operational, Barron hopes to be a source of information for in- and out-processing families. "Since this is all brand new I

have to educate families on school issues that are here in local areas. I will be able to get information on places families may be PCSing, and vise versa, for those just moving here."

Barron said he has a single philosophy for the work he does and he challenges others to share it with him. "I approach everything from the standpoint of what is best for the military child."

## Kudos Korner

### Green to Gold advisor wins national award

Capt. Dan N. Clark, assistant professor of Military Science at the University of Arizona, was recently awarded the 2002 Maj. Gen. Strom Thurmond Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year Award at the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C.

This highly competitive award is presented annually to one Army Reserve officer to recognize exemplary accomplishments and dedicated service to the nation's defense.

Clark holds a doctorate in education from The University of Alabama and is the post Green to Gold Counterpart Battalion advisor. Clark, his wife, Jennifer, and their daughter live in Tucson.



Capt. Dan N. Clark

## Bush creates Homeland Security Advisory System

By Linda D. Kozaryn  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Federal, state and local authorities, law enforcement agents and the American people need to know about terrorist threats as quickly as possible.

To ensure that happens, President Bush today signed a directive creating the Homeland Security Advisory System. White House officials say the system is the foundation for building an effective communications structure.

Part of a series of initiatives to improve coordination and communication in the fight against terrorism, the advisory system would provide a national framework for federal, state and local governments and private industry, allowing officials to communicate the nature and degree of terrorist threats.

Government officials would determine if a threat is credible and whether it has been corroborated. They'd also determine the gravity of the threat and whether it is specific and imminent.

Government officials would also characterize levels of vigilance, preparedness and readiness in a series of graduated threat conditions. These threat conditions would help federal, state and local government officials, law enforcement agents and citizens decide what action they could take to help counter and respond to terrorist activity.

Based on the threat level, federal agencies would then implement protective measures that the government and the private sector would take to reduce vulnerabilities. States and localities would be encouraged to adopt compatible systems.

The advisory system would also include public announcements of threat advisories and alerts and inform people about government steps to counter the threat. The announcements would also provide information to help people respond to the threat.

Heightened threat conditions could be declared for the entire nation, for a specific geographic area, or for a functional or industrial sector, White House officials said. Officials would

use a color-coded system: conditions green, blue, yellow, orange and red.

Condition Green would indicate a low threat of terrorist attack. Government and law enforcement authorities would refine and exercise protective measure plans and regularly assess facilities for vulnerabilities and taking steps to reduce them.

Condition Blue would indicate a general risk of terrorist attack. Among other precautions, authorities would check communications with emergency response and command locations. They would also review and update emergency response procedures and provide the public with necessary information.

Condition Yellow would indicate significant risk of terrorist attacks. Protective measures would include increasing surveillance of critical locations; coordinating emergency plans with nearby jurisdictions and implementing contingency and emergency response plans, as appropriate.

Condition Orange would indicate a high risk of terrorist attacks. Authorities would coordinate security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies and prepare to work at an alternate site or with a dispersed work force and restrict access to essential personnel only. Additional precaution would be taken at public events.

Condition Red would indicate severe risk of terrorist attacks. In this case, emergency response personnel would be assigned and specially trained teams would be pre-positioned. Authorities would monitor, redirect or constrain transportation systems, close public and government facilities and increase or redirect personnel to address critical emergency needs.

The president has given the attorney general responsibility for developing, implementing and managing the Homeland Security Advisory System. Government and law enforcement officials and the public will have 45 days to comment on the plan. Ninety days later, in coordination with the Office of Homeland Security, the attorney general will present a system to the president for approval.



## Easter Sunrise Service set

### Chapel release

Easter Sunday, March 31, begins with the Fort Huachuca Sunrise Service at the Main Post Chapel at 6 a.m. A light breakfast follows the service in the Chapel Activities Room.

Signs will be posted to direct worshippers to the Main Post Chapel. The offering is designated for the Friendship Mission in Sierra Vista.

This year's sunrise service features the 36th Army Band playing in concert with chapel choirs. The Rev. Shawn Buchanan of St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church, Sierra Vista, will preach the Sunrise Service sermon.

All congregations from Sierra Vista and Huachuca City churches are invited. The community assemblies in the Chapel courtyard then moves into the sanctuary for worship. For more information, call 533-4748.

## 2002 Worldwide MI Command Sergeants Major/Sergeants Major Conference a success

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart  
Scout Staff

The Military Intelligence Corps top 180 senior enlisted soldiers attended the 2002 Worldwide Military Intelligence Command Sergeants Major/Sergeants Major Conference, said Master Sgt. James Broun, this year's conference coordinator.

Broun, who is a 96B, an intelligence analyst, said the purpose of the conference, which was held March 11-15, was to provide a forum for all senior enlisted MI leaders to discuss issues that affect MI soldiers.

He said there were 25 briefings held by senior enlisted leaders of other Army branches such as the Inspector General and Medical Command. They briefed the sergeants major on issues that specifically affected MI soldiers. They were also briefed on how many soldiers in the reserves and the National Guard have been deployed.

Broun said attendees had the chance to combine into working groups to discuss the various issues presented at the conference and provide briefings for Lt. Gen. Robert W. Noonan Jr., deputy chief of staff for intelligence; Maj. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, commander of the U. S. Army Intelligence and Security Command; and Brig. Gen. James Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

Broun said attendees came from every MI unit worldwide to include the United States, Korea, Bosnia and Germany.

"So far the feedback has been pretty positive. Every year it gets better and better," he said. Broun also coordinated with vendors to have displays set up for the conference.

"The conference is one of the tools available to improve and shape the future of the MI Corps," he said. He said that in the future he would like to see a conference for officers and senior enlisted soldiers.

### Specialist receives CSM award

Spc. Ario Sanchez, who is assigned to the Military Intelligence Detachment of the 75th Ranger Regiment, received this year's Command Sgt. Maj. Doug Russell Award.

During Operation Enduring Freedom, he directed imagery operations aerial surveillance missions over hostile territory and he provided real-time analysis for maneuver commanders during combat missions. His expertise enabled him to advise aircrews on the best approach angles to capture imagery of Taliban military equipment. He also participated in a surveillance flight that covered British targets.

Working in a slot normally held by a staff sergeant, Sanchez analyzed data for every Ranger objective in Afghanistan and Pakistan during round operations.

He was a member of the National Honor Society while in high school and also served as the student council president. He became a certified paramedic before joining the Army.

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# 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.

## Reservist opportunities

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

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

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

ITRADS is located in Riley Barracks on Fort Huachuca.

For more information, e-mail Maj. Bruce Niedrauer at [niedrauerb@hua.army.mil](mailto:niedrauerb@hua.army.mil) or call 538-1431.

## Self-help chain-link fence

The Family Housing Office will issue a limited amount of chain-link fence material to residents on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This is a you-do-it project requiring removal of existing fence fabric at one address and reinstallation of fence at the new quarters. Any additional material such as posts, rails, cement or gate will be the responsibility of the resident. Fence installation request forms are available at the Family Housing Office, Building 41415. Digging permits will be required. Upon retrieval of fencing fabric, the material will be added to your hand-receipt.

If you are interested in installing a chain-link fence at your quarters and have the time to spend on this project, call Melissa Cutter at 533-5901 for more information and coordination.

## Range closures

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|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Today     | AA, AC, AD, AK, AM, T1, T1A, T2 |
| Friday    | AA, AB, AC, AK, AM, AW and AY   |
| Saturday  | AB, AL, AM, AW, T1, T1A and T2  |
| Sunday    | AM, AQ, AW, AY                  |
| Monday    | AM, AV, AW, AY                  |
| Tuesday   | AM, AQ, AV, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2 |
| Wednesday | AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2         |
| March 28  | AG, AM, AU, AV, AW, AX          |
| March 29  | AM, AU, AV, AV, AX, AY          |
| March 30  | AM, AU, AV, AX, T1, T1A and T2  |
| March 31  | AM, AU, AV, AX                  |

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

## ASMC luncheon set

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

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

## Free business seminars

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

## Library retirement luncheon

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library invites the community to join its retirement luncheon to say farewell to Chris Hurd, Gerald "Jerry" Thorson, Priscilla Linden and Marcia Drehobl. The luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Friday at La Hacienda's Boots and Saddles Room. Cost is \$7.75 for the hot buffet and salad bar, or \$6.75 for hot buffet only. Cost includes beverage and gratuity. RSVP to Anita Lewis at 533-4100.

## JITC hosts annual conference

The Joint Interoperability Test Command will host the 12th Annual Interoperability Conference April 8-11 in Building 61801, Greely Hall Auditorium (Room 1215). 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 Friday. If payment is not received by this date, the conference fee will be \$20.

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](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.

## NCMA hosts March meeting

The Coronado chapter of the National Contract Management Association is hosting a one-day National Education Seminar addressing Financial Analysis: Contract Management Applications. The speaker will be Renee Garecht.

The session is set for 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at La Hacienda on Tuesday. For NCMA Members the cost is \$145. For non-members the cost is \$195. A continental breakfast and lunch is included.

For those unable to attend the full seminar,

the monthly luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The luncheon speaker, Sarah Nelson, will address Department of Labor Compliance. The cost is \$7 for members. For reservations, call Kelly Stute at 459-6227. The public is welcome to attend.

## Notice of public sale

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

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

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

## View circus tent raising

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

## Ammo supply point closed

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

## Retirement ceremony set

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

This ceremony is an excellent opportunity for community members and visitors to this area to attend a colorful ceremony rich in the heritage of the best of U.S. Army traditions.

The past, present and future come together as Fort Huachuca soldiers and B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) conduct a pass in review. B Troop will have a change of command ceremony immediately following the retirement ceremony.

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

## Commissary produce sale

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will hold a one-day "Produce Sale & Show" under the big tent in the parking lot, March 30 from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. During the show, customers can buy produce at "low, low prices" by the case or by the pound. Drawings will be held throughout the day where one DVD player, one CD player, 12 Easter lilies and Commissary gift cards will be given out.

Events include a Sunkist Mesa Citrus demo at 10 a.m., vegetable garnishes and floral arrangements at 11 a.m., stir fry and pot stickers demo at noon, oriental stir fry and using edible flowers at 1:15 p.m., and tomato and potato tips at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 533-5540.

## Apply for scholarships

Applications are now available at the Fort Huachuca Main Post Library for scholarships from the Noncommissioned Officer, Enlisted and Civilian Spouses' Club. Application deadline is March 31. For more information, call Sharon Bell at 459-8797.

## 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.

## AUSA annual symposium

The Association of the United States Army's annual Information Operations Symposium for 2002 will be April 8-10 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, Va. Military co-sponsors are G2, G3 and G6.

This year's theme is Asymmetric Warfare. Highlights include dinner speaker retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey and Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs. Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, commanding general, Army Signal Command will also speak. Full agenda and online registration are on the AUSA Web site at [www.ausa.org/meetings](http://www.ausa.org/meetings).

## Holocaust remembrance set

Fort Huachuca will host a "Days of Remembrance" event April 9 to recognize the victims of the Holocaust. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at Kino Chapel. At 10 a.m., Dr. Gail F. Wallen, director of Southern Arizona Holocaust Services will give a presentation to Colonel Smith Middle School history classes. At 11:15 a.m., Holocaust survivors will have lunch with Initial Entry Training students at Yardley Dining Facility. The day will close with a Holocaust survivor symposium and reception at 2:30 p.m. at Kino Chapel.

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <h2>Community Events Calendar</h2> <p>To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-HUA3.</p> <p><b>Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Commanders Access</b><br/>Channel 97, March 21 at 7 p.m.<br/>Call in your questions!<br/>School Spring Break!<br/>March 25-April 1 for all school districts</p>   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| <p><b>24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vigilantes at the Heliodorado set beginning at 2 p.m. in Tombstone.</li> <li>Nifty Fifties Day at Desert Lanes, noon to 4 p.m. Most everything 50 cents!</li> <li>SV Parks &amp; Leisure is sponsoring a Ping Pong Tournament at 2 p.m. at the Youth Center. This event is to youth between the ages of 11-17 years. Call 459-4377 for details.</li> <li>Come hear the 36th Army Band in Concert at the Ethel Berger Center starting at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.</li> </ul>                             | <p><b>25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.</li> <li>Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.</li> <li>National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.</li> <li>Put Prevention Into Practice (PIIP) &amp; Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.</li> <li>Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.</li> <li>Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at 7 p.m. Methodist Church at 7 p.m.</li> <li>Society for Creative Anachorism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.</li> </ul> | <p><b>27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.</li> <li>Passover Service at MPC beginning at 6 p.m. Call 533-4748/4755 for reservations.</li> <li>The 269th Sig Co will hold their FRG at MCC beginning at 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>The 69th Sig Co will hold its FRG at Peter Piper Pizza at 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>The HND 504th Sig Bn's FRG Meeting is at the company orderly room.</li> <li>The 19th Sig Co FRG will meet at 6:30 p.m. at La Casita Restaurant.</li> </ul> | <p><b>28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACAPTAP Three-Day Workshop at Bldg. 22420 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call Thom Haggood at 533-7314 for details and reservations.</li> <li>National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.</li> <li>Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.</li> <li>SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Cafe. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation Retirement Ceremony begins at 4 p.m. on Chaffee Parade Field. This event is open to the public.</li> <li>Buffalo Corral Spring Break Trail ride 9-11 a.m. for youth 7 years and older. Cost is \$12.50 per rider. Call 533-5220 for reservations.</li> <li>Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-7322 for details.</li> <li>Easter Egg Hunt at Youth Services. Over 6,000 eggs to be found. Ages 5 &amp; under 10 a.m. - noon. Ages 6-12, 2-4 p.m. Games and prizes. Picture with the Easter Bunny for \$2.</li> <li>Rabies Shot Clinic at SV Animal Control 1124 N. Ave. from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$10. Call 458-4151 for additional information.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>31</b></p> <p><i>Happy Easter!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>La Grande Easter Buffet at Lakeside 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Reservations highly recommended at 533-2194.</li> <li>The Vigilantes at the Heliodorado set in Tombstone beginning at 1 p.m.</li> <li>Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at MPC at 6 a.m. followed by a light breakfast.</li> <li>The Vigilantes at the Heliodorado set in Tombstone beginning at 1 p.m.</li> <li>Easter Sunday Mass begins at 9:30 a.m. at Main Post Chapel</li> <li>Easter Sunday Mass at Kino Chapel is at 11 a.m.</li> </ul> | <p><b>1</b></p> <p><i>April Fools Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Huachuca Welcome at MCC from 8:30-10 a.m. This event is open to all military, DACs, NAFs and their family members who are new to Fort Huachuca. Call Gail Mortensen at 533-6871 for details.</li> <li>School-Age Services Parent Orientation at the Youth Center Bldg. 49013 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</li> <li>San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.</li> <li>Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.</li> </ul> | <p><b>2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.</li> <li>Put Prevention Into Practice (PIIP) &amp; Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.</li> <li>Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at 7 p.m. Methodist Church at 7 p.m.</li> <li>Society for Creative Anachorism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.</li> <li>Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.</li> <li>SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Cafe. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.</li> <li>National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.</li> <li>Post Accommodation School early release schedule: 1:15 p.m. for Johnston, 1:20 for Myer 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Graders and 1:40 p.m. for Smith.</li> <li>ACAPTAP Three-Day Workshop at Bldg. 22420 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call Thom Haggood at 533-7314 for details and reservations.</li> </ul> | <p><b>5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.</li> <li>Green to Gold Briefing in Classroom #2 at the Ed Center from 11 a.m. - noon. Call Sharon Lewis at 533-2390 for details.</li> <li>SV Parks &amp; Leisure is sponsoring Nintendo 64/Playstation Tournaments at the Youth Center starting at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to all youth 11-17 years.</li> <li>SV Parks &amp; Leisure Art Discovery Series presents Brad Richter &amp; Sinead Pratschke in concert starting at 7 p.m. at the Buena HS Performing Arts Center. 458-7922 for info.</li> </ul> | <p><b>6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2nd Annual San Pedro River Spring Fest at the San Pedro House on SR 90.</li> <li>Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-7322 for details.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>MCC = Murr Community Center      MPC = Main Post Chapel      OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center</p> <p>Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-4823 or 533-2330</p>   |   |   |  |   |  |  |

# Civil War spies: good intel knows no gender

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Historians agree that World War II changed life for American women in the 20th century.

The Civil War had just as great an impact on the lives of American women in the 19th century.

When the South fired on Fort Sumter, S.C., in 1861, American women wanted to do more than just wait at home for their brave menfolk to come home. North and South, women wanted to help the war effort.

In the North, women organized "sanitary fairs" to ship medical aid, food and suitable reading material to the boys in blue. Many Northern women found themselves running farms and small businesses as their men left for the front. Still other Northern women went to work in factories.

In the South, women also found themselves rolling bandages and making clothes for the boys in gray. They, too, took over farms, plantations and small businesses and went to work in armories providing the weapons of war.

In both areas, there were women who wanted to do more, and they went off to nurse those wounded in action. Some women actually enlisted using men's names and fought with Union or Rebel armies.

Finally, women aided the war effort as spies. Espionage was considered disreputable for men at the start of the war. The idea of one of the "fair sex" engaging in such activity would have been greeted by horror. But the need for good intelligence was crucial, and men overcame their revulsion when good, accurate information began coming in from women spies.

In the South, one of the most celebrated female spies was Belle Boyd. She was called "La Belle Rebelle" during stage appearances after the war. She was born Isabelle Boyd in Martinsburg, Va. (now West Virginia), in 1844. A beauty, she was presented to society in Washington, D.C., in 1860.

When Virginia seceded, Boyd threw her lot in with the Confederacy and moved back to Martinsburg. At first, she helped in more traditional roles of rolling bandages and raising money for the Confederate forces, but that changed when Union soldiers occupied Martinsburg in July 1861. Boyd mixed with Union officers and picked up tidbits of troop moves and future plans. She passed those along to Confederate forces.

Her most famous exploit was passing along the plans of Union Maj. Gen. James Shields to Gen. T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson in 1862. Learning that Shields intended to destroy

Martinsburg's bridges, Boyd undertook a hazardous journey through the Union lines and is said to have urged Jackson to move quickly. He did and, though outnumbered, drove Shields' troops from the Shenandoah Valley.

After her return to Martinsburg, Boyd continued to spy openly for the Confederates and served also as a courier and scout with Maj. John S. Mosby's guerrillas. She was arrested by Union forces and held in Washington. She contracted typhoid and was paroled in a prisoner exchange.

In 1864, Boyd was on a mission to England bearing letters from Confederate President Jefferson Davis when the Union Navy intercepted her blockade runner. She fell in love with Lt. Samuel Wylde Harding Jr., the Union officer placed aboard the rebel ship as prize master. He allowed her and the Confederate skipper to escape. Court-martialed and discharged, Harding sailed to England and married La Belle Rebelle.

After the war, she wrote an account of her life as a spy and also became an actress. She toured the United States and married again in 1869. Belle Boyd died in 1900.

Union spy Elizabeth Van Lew was a lot more effective. A Richmond, Va., native, Van Lew was schooled in the 1850s at a Philadelphia Quaker school and came to despise slavery. Before the war, she wrote, "Slave power crushes freedom of speech and of opinion. Slave power degrades labor. Slave power is arrogant, is jealous and intrusive, is cruel, is despotic, not only over the slave but over the community, the state."

She freed all the family slaves. Hearing that the children or relatives of Van Lew slaves were to be sold by other owners, she bought and liberated them as well.

When the war broke out, she did not disguise her Union sympathies. She asked to visit Union prisoners held in Richmond and began taking them food and medicines.

Many of the prisoners noted Confederate defenses and troop movements after they were captured. Van Lew set up a network of couriers and devised a code to get that information through the lines to Union forces.

Richmonders called her "Crazy Bet," and she cultivated that image. In public she mumbled and hummed to herself. She held

conversations with herself. She combed her curls less carefully and wore her oldest clothes and most battered bonnets. All Richmond thought Crazy Bet's sympathy for the Union was part of her mental illness.

But Van Lew did more than just pass along tactical information she picked up from captured Union soldiers. Among the slaves she had liberated before the war was Mary Elizabeth Bowser. Van Lew got Bowser a job as house servant for Confederate President Jefferson Davis and, together, the two collected and passed information to the North.

She was among the first people Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant visited upon the taking of Richmond. When Grant became president, he appointed Van Lew as postmaster of Richmond. Once the people of Richmond realized the scope of the aid Van Lew provided the Yankees, they shunned her.

Van Lew also died in 1900. The people of Massachusetts erected a marker on her Richmond grave that read, "She risked everything that is dear to man — friends, fortune, comfort, health, life itself, all for the one absorbing desire of her heart — that slavery might be abolished and the Union preserved."

Other female spies — North and South — followed their convictions during the war. They include Confederate Rose O'Neal Greenhow and Union spies Pauline Cushman, Sarah E. Thompson and Harriet Tubman.

All these women truly expanded the range of acceptable activities for women in the 19th century.

## — Women's History Month —

Celebrating diversity in the uniformed services. The following events happened this week in women's military history:

### March 21, 1983

Lt. Elizabeth Toedt completes the first operational all-female crew carrier landing in a C-1A.

### March 22, 1917

Loretta Walsh becomes the first woman to enlist in the U.S. Navy.

### March 23, 1996

Sgt. Heather Johnson becomes first woman to stand watch at the Tomb of the Unknown, Arlington National Cemetery.

### March 24, 1997

President Clinton nominates Maj. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy, deputy chief of staff of intelligence, as the Army's first woman three-star general.

### March 25, 1944

The last two of 13 Army flight nurses on a Nov. 1943 evacuation flight from Sicily to Bari with emergency landing in Albania, escape.

### March 26, 1930

DACOWITS member and Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, was born.

### March 27, 1964

Army nurses begin participating in relief operations to aid victims of a violent earthquake in Alaska.



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**Rose O'Neal Greenhow was born in Montgomery County, Maryland in 1817. "Wild Rose", as she was called from a young age, was a leader in Washington society, a passionate secessionist, and one of the most renowned spies in the Civil War. Among her accomplishments was the secret message she sent to Gen. Pierre G.T. Beauregard which ultimately caused him to win the battle of Bull Run. She spied so successfully for the Confederacy that Jefferson Davis credited her with winning the battle of Manassas.**

## Military Intelligence Officer basic students mentor youth from Mary's Mission

By 2nd Lt. Veronica Saffo  
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Students from the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course spent March 2 hiking McClure Canyon at Fort Huachuca with students from Mary's Mission Developmental Center. The hike was followed by a cookout.

Class 02-05 of Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion arranged the hike and barbecue in order to begin a mentor relationship with the youth from this local school. Members of Class 02-05 organized into small groups to get better acquainted with each of the youths.

Class 02-05 is comprised of about 40 students enrolled in the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course. Most are second lieutenants, however, there are also six international students from countries such as Slovenia and Egypt.

Mary's Mission and Developmental Center is the result of retired Maj. William Lacey's vision of a therapeutic treatment center for young men. Lacey, chief executive officer of the mission, said he wanted to give something back to the city of Sierra Vista and surrounding communities when he retired from the Army in January 1997.

In March of 1997, his vision became a reality when Mary's



Courtesy photo's

Mission was licensed.

Lacey and his professional staff provide a variety of therapeutic services in a caring manner with a goal of promoting rehabilitation and a new beginning for today's young men.

The members of Class 02-05 were very pleased with the positive response of the children and plan to spend more time enjoying the great Southeastern outdoors with these young men.



The class challenges everyone to find some time on the calendar to take a few hours to make a difference in the life of today's youth. The class also encourages everyone to follow Lacey's example and give back to the community.

For information about mentoring at Mary's Mission, 345 Taylor Dr., Sierra Vista, call 459-4563.

**Clockwise from the top: MI Basic student (right) and this youth student (left) pair up in search of the barbecue. Always remember to take a break as needed on every long hike. This group of students knows any worthwhile journey is bound to have a few bumps in the road. The whole bunch, MI basic volunteers, as well as the local youth students, smile, content in McClure Canyon.**

## 112th introduces housing area POCs

### 112th MI Bde. release

As part of Fort Huachuca's Unit Housing Sponsorship program, the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade has adopted the Miles Manor 3 and 4 housing areas along with the Gatewood 1, 2 and 3 housing areas.

The brigade's Unit Housing Sponsor non-commissioned officer is Sgt. 1st Class Charles Patterson, who will promote, facilitate and manage the community activities within the adopted housing areas.

Each housing area will have an area coordinator who will assist Patterson. The area coordinator for Miles Manor 3 and 4 is Sgt. Benita Sarabia of the 304th MI Battalion. The area coordinator for Gatewood Plaza 1, 2 and 3 is Staff Sgt. Kelvin Jones of the 306th MI Bn. The Unit Housing Sponsor NCO, along with the area coordinators, will be responsible for:

- Creating a formal line of communication that will effectively identify, assess and resolve community issues and programs;



(From left) Sgt. Benita Sarabia, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Patterson and Staff Sgt. Kelvin Jones.

- Complimenting other programs, which impact on the community such as; law enforcement, safety and self-help programs;

- Generating pride and personal involvement in their neighborhood activities, projects and programs;

- Improving communication and coordinate between the Fort Huachuca staff and the community they serve; and

- Meeting all residents in their housing areas and giving them their professional and honest support.



### Housing/Transportation Issue #2: Housing Maintenance Contractors

#### Scope:

The lack of quality control for housing maintenance contractors directly effects the Standard of living for the Fort Huachuca residents. Jobs are not completed efficiently and effectively. Contractors are not held accountable for performance. At this point, there is no effective process in place to report customer feedback about these issues.

#### Recommendations:

Group requested adding customer surveys to work orders to be signed by the occupant upon completion of work.

#### Action taken:

This suggestion was forwarded to the Housing Maintenance contractor and it was immediately implemented. Originally, only a 10 percent random sampling of customer satisfaction was being captured. The contractor is now requiring mechanics and craftsmen working on 100 percent of all housing service orders gather customer satisfaction responses. The contractor is providing the Housing Division with monthly statistical feedback of customer satisfaction reports for continuous monitoring. Thanks for this suggestion on process improvement.

## Off-post housing survey

If you are a married or a single parent servicemember assigned to Fort Huachuca, complete the survey below and return it to the Post Housing Office, ATTN: Housing Division. The Housing Office is working at reconciling its off-post housing database and needs your assistance to ensure all the information is correct. Please circle the correct answer.

|                            |     |    |
|----------------------------|-----|----|
| DO YOU OWN YOUR RESIDENCE? | YES | NO |
| DO YOU RENT A HOUSE?       | YES | NO |
| DO YOU RENT AN APARTMENT?  | YES | NO |
| ARE YOU AN OFFICER?        | YES | NO |
| ARE YOU ENLISTED?          | YES | NO |

Please provide your name, unit, social security number, off-post address and duty phone number when forwarding this survey.

NAME:  
SSAN:  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT:  
OFF-POST ADDRESS:  
STREET NUMBER  
CITY

If you wish to send your response through distribution, please forward to Housing Division, ATZS-ISH.

## Secretary of Army announces regions for Transformation of Installation Management

### DA release

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White announced Tuesday the next phase in the Army's concept to create a more efficient and effective corporate management structure for Army installations worldwide.

The program, known as Transformation of Installation Management, (formerly called Centralized Installation Management), was announced by the Secretary in late 2001. Tuesday he announced his approval of the finalized plan for aligning the regions that will oversee installation management.

"Our intent is to streamline headquarters, create more agile and responsive staffs, reduce layers of review and approval, and allow commanders to focus on their mission," White said, speaking before a group of Army garrison commanders at a conference in Nashville, Tenn.

The transformation implementation will geographically align installation management in seven regions worldwide. The following installations will host the director and staff for their respective region:

Northeast: Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va.  
Southeast: Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

Northwest: Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill.

Southwest: Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas

Europe: Heidelberg, Germany  
Pacific: Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii

Korea: Yongsan, South Korea

After extensive analysis, these locations were selected in order to minimize turbulence on the civilian workforce and take advantage of facilities and skilled personnel in the Major Army Command elements stationed at these locations.

The Transformation of Installation Management, scheduled for Oct. 1, will establish a corporate structure focused on installation management to support base operations and enable mission commanders. The regional directorates will oversee the services provided on installations that support day-to-day operations and well-being.

Regionalization of these services will establish equitable standards of service at all Army installations worldwide, streamline the flow of resources, and improve the delivery of services to commanders, soldiers and their families. This initiative includes installation management within the Army Reserve.

## What sugar can do to your baby's teeth is really rotten

### California Dental Association release

Good oral health begins when your child is an infant. Health habits taught early will continue to provide benefits throughout your child's life.

But without appropriate care and attention, even babies can develop serious and painful dental disease. The most common cause of tooth loss in children isn't accidents or injuries — it's Baby Bottle Tooth Decay, a pattern of severe and rapid tooth decay in infants and toddlers.

#### What causes baby bottle tooth decay?

For a baby's tooth to decay, three elements are needed: a tooth, plaque and foods containing sugar and starches.

Everyone's mouth has plaque, even an infant's with new "baby" teeth. Plaque is a sticky, colorless film of bacteria that constantly forms on tooth surfaces. When it comes in contact with sugar and sweets, the bacteria in plaque produces acids which attach and dissolve the tooth enamel. This breakdown of the enamel leads to the formation of a cavity.

Every time your baby consumes sugary or sweet liquids, the acids produced by the plaque attack the baby teeth. After numerous attacks by these acids, cavities can begin to form. In bottle-fed or nursing infants, the teeth most susceptible to BBTD are the upper front teeth, but the molars or back teeth can also be affected.

Surprisingly, liquids that are good for your baby, such as formula, milk, breast milk and fruit juices, all contain some form of sugar. These nourishing liquids can be a primary contributor to the development of cavities in your baby's newly formed teeth. The sugary liquids pool around your baby's teeth and gums. The sugar acts as an energy source, or food source, for the bacteria that produce the acids that attack the teeth and create cavities.

#### Why is baby bottle tooth decay so bad for children?

Baby bottle tooth decay not only can cause painful toothaches, it can create feeding and nutritional problems and may lead to middle ear infections. In very severe cases, decayed teeth can become so infected that they may need to be removed. If a child loses a tooth too early, it can result in poor eating habits, speech problems and loss of self-esteem.

Baby teeth also play an essential role as space holders for permanent or adult teeth. Premature loss of baby teeth may create changes in the growing of the jaw. If adult teeth cannot assume their proper position in the jaw, extensive orthodontic repair may be required later on.

#### How can baby bottle tooth decay be prevented?

Be vigilant. Because baby teeth are susceptible to decay almost as soon as they appear, parents should be especially careful about what they feed their children. It's important for your baby to get the essential nourishment that comes from milk, formula and fruit juices even though they contain sugar. It's when you give your baby these foods that can make a big difference in the health of your child's teeth.

#### Don't use a sugary liquid as a pacifier.

Many parents will use a bottle with milk or juice to pacify their baby at naptime, bedtime and long periods outside of regular meal times. While this can give short-term comfort, it also can be damaging to your child. These sugary liquids pool around the teeth and gums, starting the information of cavities. Remember that tooth decay is usually related more to the length of time the liquid is in the mouth than to the amount of sugar in the liquid.

#### Don't put a bottle filled with sugary liquid in the crib.

The best way to prevent baby bottle tooth decay is to put your baby to bed without a bottle. While your baby sleeps, the natural saliva flow is reduced and the body does not wash away the sugary liquid. This allows plaque and acid to build up and attach the teeth as your baby sleeps.

Instead of a bottle, try these simple tips: offer your child a security blanket, teddy bear or pacifier (don't dip it in anything sweet); sing or play music; hold or rock

your baby to sleep; rub or pat your child's head and back; read or tell a story; or use an infant swing to rock your baby to sleep.

If you must give the baby a bottle at nap or bedtime, fill it only with water.

#### Take an active role in preventing cavities.

Always hold your baby when bottle feeding and remove the bottle when your baby falls asleep. After regular feedings and snack times, make sure you wipe the child's teeth and gums with a damp washcloth or gauze pad to remove plaque. You can begin brushing your baby's teeth with a small soft toothbrush as soon as the first tooth appears. Check with your dentist about beginning a routine or regular flossing as well.

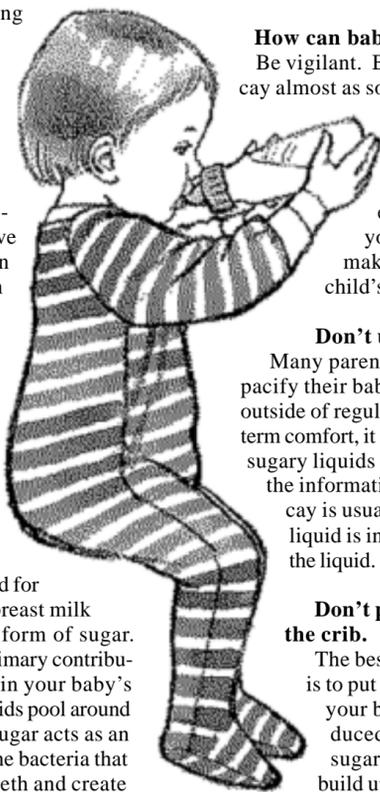
#### Wean your baby from the bottle sooner, rather than later.

Start to offer your baby a cup at six months of age and wean your child from the bottle by about one year of age. Begin the weaning process by reducing the number of bottles given each day, offering liquids to your baby in a cup instead. At 10-12 months, gradually dilute the liquid in the bottle until it contains only water. However, make sure your baby continues to get adequate calories from other foods.

#### Good care now means a lifetime of smiles.

Good habits established today create a foundation for healthy smiles in the future. Instilling good oral hygiene habits from the very beginning — limiting intake of sugar-laden foods and drinks, brushing and flossing regularly, and scheduling routine check-ups with the dentist — is the best way to prevent dental disease and to help your children take a healthy bite out of life.

Make sure your children are enrolled in the Tricare Dental Program administered by United Concordia. The Tricare Dental Program offers comprehensive dental benefits with low premiums paid through an automatic monthly payroll allotment. To request an enrollment kit, call United Concordia at 1-888-622-2256, Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. eastern time. Log onto their Web site, [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com), to download an enrollment form or enroll online. Enrollment forms are also available from the TRICARE health benefits advisors (Room 1037) at Raymond W. Bliss Health Center and from Runion Dental Clinic.



## Keep these tips in mind while you're getting your garden ready for spring

By Lee Gerhardt  
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Spring fever is starting early and you think you'll do some gardening. Spending time in the garden can be enjoyable and good exercise but take a minute to plan what you want to do and how to do it safely. Emergency rooms annually treat approximately 230,000 injuries related to lawn and garden tools.

By far the most hazardous part of garden are lawn mowers and power tools. If you take a few precautions all should go well:

— Walk the area you are going to mow to clear it of rocks and other obstructions.

— Know where all the controls are and what they do.

— Where proper clothing: long pants, shirt, close-fitting clothes, sturdy non-slip shoes, eye and hearing protection and remember how intense our sun is, so a hat is a must.

— Never fuel the mower or tool while it is running or hot. And never smoke around fuel containers.

— Store fuel in a safe location away from children and pets and in an approved container.

— Never give children rides on your power mower or allow them to operate it. 800 young children are run over by lawn mowers every year. Either because they fell off the seat or a lap or because they approached the operator who didn't know they were there. Children should stay in the

house with adult supervision when you are mowing.

— Never use electric tools in damp or wet locations and use a ground fault circuit interrupter to prevent electrocution. GFCI's come in several models including as part of some extension cords. Make sure all extension cords are in good repair, rated for outdoor use and are the proper gauge for the current capacity of the tool.

— Be sure to turn off and unplug all electric tools before leaving them unattended. Everything is interesting to a child and injuries happen in the blink of an eye.

Another potential garden hazard is plants, fertilizer and pesticides. When you buy new plants check the tags to determine if the plant is poisonous. Several common plants such as oleander and holly can be deadly. When mixing garden chemicals always use an approved container, never an empty food container. It is too easy for children to mistake pesticides mixed in soft drink containers, with deadly consequences. The end of the story is read the label, the whole label, including the warnings and the precautions.

Now lets get out there and get that yard ready for spring.



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### Water Wise facelift

*Within the next few months the Fort Huachuca Library will be re-landscaped into a beautiful, low water, low maintenance botanical garden demonstrating the principles of Xeriscape.*

*The library will serve as a one-stop resource center offering relaxation, education about Fort Huachuca and an introduction the plant and wildlife species occurring here that are not commonly found in the rest of the United States. The grounds will display educational signs about the flora and fauna native to the area as well as tips on living in the desert, and water and energy conservation facts. The project is looking for volunteers during the months of March and April to help install irrigation, build pathways, spread mulch, and plant the gardens. For more information, call the Water Wise and Energy Smart office at 538-7283.*

## Discovery Channel chef to be featured at post commissary produce show

By Nancy O'Neil  
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McCLELLAN, Calif. - When the outside thermometer begins to rise, nothing tastes better than sweet, juicy strawberries. Sliced over cereal, shortcake, or vanilla ice cream they taste great and are good for you. Strawberries are rich in vitamin A and C, are a good source of fiber, and they contain no sodium or fat.

To help get your body and your pocketbook in shape this spring the Fort Huachuca commissary will hold a one day Produce Show on March 30. Strawberries and other in-season fruits and vegetables will be sold at low, case lot

prices. Many fruits and vegetables will be sold at 10 cents each or 10 cents a pound. Unlike warehouse store sales, shoppers can purchase produce by the case, by the pound or by the piece.

Executive Chef Barry Infuso, food writer for the Tucson Lifestyle Magazine and host of the Discovery Channel TV show, "Chefs of the Great Southwest" is one of the Produce Shows featured chefs. At 1:15 p.m. Chef Infuso will teach a class on Oriental Stir Fry and Using Edible Flowers. Other chefs and specialists will be on site throughout the day offering cooking classes and tips on vegetable garnishes, floral arrangements, and food safety and storage.

There will be lots of food sampling, face painting for children and a clown will be here for the little ones. Be sure to enter the drawings for a DVD player, CD audio player, 12 Easter Lilies and gift cards to the commissary.

Look for produce demonstrations and sales under the big tent in the commissary parking lot between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For additional information call the commissary at 533-5540.

