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2002 CFC to begin soon

The 2002 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will begin soon.

This year's campaign will run from Sept. 25 - Nov. 6. Organizations should have already received a tasking letter requiring them to appoint unit coordinator's and key workers.

The training session for unit coordinators and key workers will take place Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - noon and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Greely Hall Auditorium, Room 1215.

If you have questions regarding the training, call 2nd Lt. Tricia Kelley, CFC coordinator at 940-0219 or email afsgqx0@hqasc.army.mil.

Volunteers needed

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will host its Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Sept. 27 at Murr Community Center.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the event such as dancers, individuals to donate Hispanic food dishes, musicians, and individuals with artifacts pertaining to Hispanic heritage.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Shirley J. McKnight-Gullatt at 538-0909.

CGSO Course

Majors have an opportunity to enroll in this required Officer Professional Development course on Fort Huachuca. Phase I and III of CGSOC will start in October and meet one weekend each month.

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including:

- Both a higher graduation rate and higher grade average;
- Workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students;
- Professional and structured learning environment;
- Instructor support.

There are both a minimum and maximum amount of students allowed in each class, so if interested in enrolling, please contact Rick Meador at 538-5099.

Housing limited operations

The Housing Division's Operations Management computer program is scheduled for an upgrade Sept. 10. The office is open to all customers however; housing operations will be limited as follows:

- All inspections scheduled for Sept. 10 will be performed. However, no new inspections can be scheduled on that day.
- Housing applications and additions to waiting lists can be taken manually. The data will be input on the next working day. This will not effect the soldier's eligibility date or position on the waiting list.
- Community housing referral functions for off-post housing and utility waivers will be available.
- Assignments/terminations will be done manually. The computer transactions will be performed the next duty day utilizing Sept. 10 as the effective date.

POW/MIA Walkathon

Fort Huachuca will conduct a POW/MIA Walkathon, 6-8 a.m., Sept. 20, at Chaffee Parade Field to commemorate American POWs and MIAs. This event is open to the public.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Spc. Richard Mathewson, 18th Military Police Detachment, waves incoming traffic into the East Gate. The gate will now be closed on weekends and federal and training holidays effective today.

New hours of operation for East Gate

By Tanja Linton
Media Relations Officer

The East Gate will close on weekends and federal and training holidays beginning today. Because Friday is a Fort Huachuca training holiday and Monday is a federal holiday, the gate will close at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and reopen at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday. On normal weekends, the gate will close at 8:30 p.m. Fridays and reopen at 4:30 a.m. Mondays.

"This measure allows our military police to ensure the highest level of protection for our personnel and facilities in the time bridging the departure of Company C, 1/185th and the yet unannounced arrival of a new unit," said Maj. Dan Ortega, Director of Public Safety.

Post exceeds Army's rate for SFC promotions

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

The sergeant first class promotion list, released on Aug. 22, had 123 staff sergeants chosen from 436 eligible on Fort Huachuca who were considered for promotion, beating the national statistics for promotion by two percent.

Jeanette Newell, chief, Actions and Promotion Section of the Adjutant General Directorate, said she felt the statistics weren't very high for this board Army-wide, however, other leaders on post feel the 28 percent promotion rate speaks highly for the post.

PERSCOM Online, a site giving complete stats for each board, shows a total of 4,656 staff sergeants chosen for promotion of the 18,257 servicemembers' files that were re-

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Fort cleared of jeopardizing endangered wildlife species

By Angela Moncur
Environmental Public Affair Specialist

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army have completed formal consultation concerning the potential effects Fort Huachuca will have on threatened and endangered species.

In a biological opinion signed Friday, the Service concluded that the Army's ongoing and planned operations are not likely to jeopardize the continued survival of any threatened and endangered species or result in adverse modification of critical habitat, on-post or in the nearby San Pedro River.

"The impressive array of healthy habitat types between the San Pedro River and summit of the Huachuca Mountains is a credit to the Army's commitment to stewardship and the dedicated staff at the Fort," said H. Dale Hall, director of the service's Southwest Region. "These consultations have resulted in a realistic 10-year plan that allows the Army to fulfill its mission with-

out jeopardizing some of the nation's rarest species that rely upon the area."

"In practical terms, this means Fort Huachuca is in a position to execute missions required by the department of Army in support of national security," said Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. "It also puts the Fort in a favorable position to expand and change some of those missions as needed."

The fort will continue its dual mission of training soldiers in vital military intelligence skills and environmental stewardship.

Fort Huachuca has been sustaining the land it defends since the 1880s and upholding the tradition is consistent with Army Values.

The biological opinion provides coverage under the Endangered Species Act for all land use, ongoing and planned training activities, construction activities, admin

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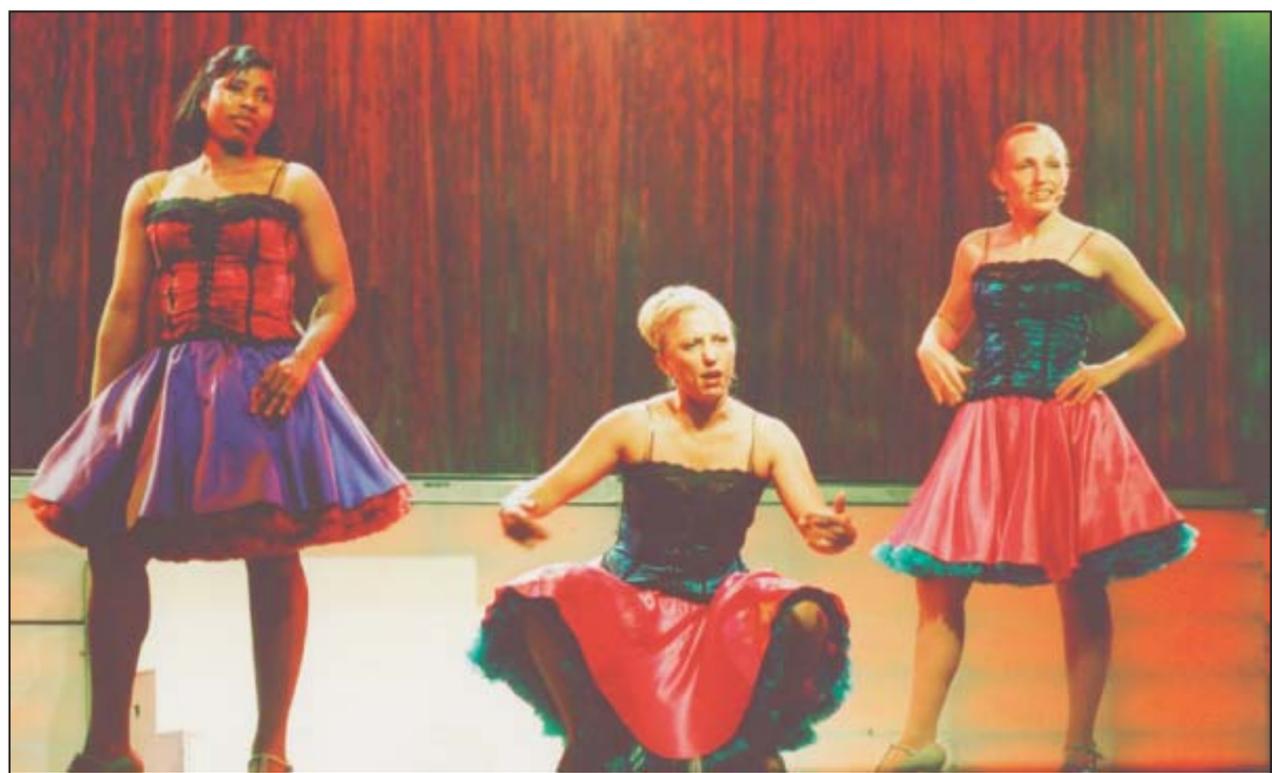


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

You go girls

U.S. Army Soldier Show cast members Sgt. Timora Green, left, 1st Lt. Jennifer Sherwood, center, and Sgt. Kathy Heidecker performs the song Lady Marmalade from the movie Moulin Rouge. Hundreds of spectators viewed the traveling troupe performance Friday and Saturday at Buena Vista High School. See related story and photos on Page B1.

Commander's Hotline

Caller:

I am calling in regards to the price of sodas in the vending machines around here on post. Originally they were all .50 cents and then they went up to .60 cents. However, in some locations, the prices were then dropped back down to .50 cents, but in some places – like Murr Community Center – they remain .60 cents, whereas, like in Greely Hall, they are .50 cents.

I would like to know why the disparity in prices, based on location.

Response:

There are three primary agencies that administer and contract for soda machines on post, stated Barbi Barnett, MWR Plans & Resources.

According to Barnett, their areas are defined by Army regulation (to ensure fairness and preclude duplication). AAFES administers and owns the contracts for all machines in AAFES locations and post buildings whose occupants are predominantly military. The Civilian Welfare fund administers and owns the contracts for buildings whose occupants are predominantly civilian.

MWR (in DCA) has a few machines (11-12 locations) and only in areas to service their own customers. One of the MWR soda vendors raised their prices under one of the aforementioned contracts, thus creating the pricing

disparity.

We share the same concern about pricing consistency as the author of this complaint and have had our contracting department working this issue. As you know, however, when you are dealing with contracts already in place with multiple vendors providing the same service, and multiple expiration dates, contract negotiations can sometimes be complicated.

Our aim is consistent pricing and the current target is .60 cents per can, so in the mean time enjoy the lower prices where you can and we ask the complainant to please be patient with us while we sort this out.

Dave Nelson, general manager of all Fort Huachuca AFFES Facilities said, the machines referenced in the complaint belong to MWR and the Civilian Welfare Fund. The AAFES vending machines had a price change in August 2001. The price for a can of soda went from .50 cents to .60 cents.

It was the first price change in 10 years despite many increases over the years to the cost of operating this business to include utilities, labor, materials and gasoline.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Daryl Lynn Funke, services business manager, at 458-7210 ext. 16 or funke@aafes.com.

Kub's Korner



Courtesy Photo

Wanda C. Gustafson of Electronic Proving Ground smiles just after accepting her Drug Technology Center Professional Award.

Feel like a million

Wanda Gustafson, budget analyst, at Electronic Proving Ground was nominated for her outstanding performance in the execution of EPG's reimbursable program. Gustafson was responsible for managing customer funds in excess of \$61 million dollars. Of this amount, \$54 million is funding for the Counter Drug Technology Assessment Center directly supporting the Executive Office of the White House, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Gustafson provided timely support and counsel to test officers and maintained excellent rapport with customer financial points of contact.

Veteran's to receive upmost respect when dealing with government vows Cheney

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

Vice President Dick Cheney saluted America's war veterans Monday as an example for the nation and said, "Every veteran deserves a response that is fair, respectful and prompt" when dealing with the federal government. "Under our administration, you won't receive excuses," he pledged. "You will receive action." Cheney spoke at the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

He paid tribute to the veterans' past and present service and commended the work of today's armed forces.

In the military," he told the assembled vets, "you devoted yourselves to a cause above self-interest, served with a firm sense of duty and developed personal standards that make you an example for your families and your fellow citizens."

He relayed the comments of a woman whose father served with the Army Air Corps. Cheney said she recalled growing up surrounded by "honesty, integrity, hard work, personal responsibility and perseverance," and that she absorbed these standards "almost imperceptibly."

"Our veterans have had a similar effect on the entire nation," Cheney said. Today's service members, he noted, are exhibiting the same sense of duty and the same high standards in the war against terrorism. "May I say,

as a former secretary of defense, that I have never been more proud of America's military.

"Over the past year," Cheney said, "millions here and abroad have been inspired once again by the bravery and the selflessness of the American armed forces. For my part, I have been reminded on a daily basis, as I was during my years at the Pentagon, of what a privilege it is to work with the people of our military."

The Bush administration aims to improve the government's service to veterans, according to the vice president. "On taking office, we found a large claims backlog numbering in the hundreds of thousands," he said. "The backlog is falling steadily, as is the average time for processing each claim."

There's more work to be done, Cheney said, and Tony Principi, Department of Veterans Affairs secretary, is a the "results-oriented veteran" in charge of getting it done.

President Bush has set up a task force to further improve health care services for veterans. The president has asked Congress for an 8 percent increase for veterans health care and a 7 percent increase for veterans' programs overall. "The money is necessary to meet pressing needs, some of which have gone neglected in recent years," Cheney said.

The administration plans to continue drawing upon the nation's war veterans' military and civilian experi-

ence to help with homeland security, he added.

Cheney also repeated the government's pledge to fully account for all service members whose fate is still undetermined.

"For all the uncertainties that remain, the basic issue is clear: thousands of brave Americans, last seen doing their duty, remain unaccounted for. The nation remembers these men, and this government will persist in the effort to account for every last one of them." Each of America's war veterans "has a place in the long, unbroken line of Americans who came to the defense of freedom," he said, and the American people will always respect each one for standing ready to make the ultimate sacrifice.

VFW members, he noted, continue to give their time, talent and money to citizens in need. Last year alone, they gave more than 16 million hours to worthy causes.

"The VFW stands firm for protecting our country's flag and for defending the right of every American to pledge allegiance to one nation under God," Cheney said, drawing applause from the assembled wartime veterans.

"On the nation's behalf, and for myself and President Bush," he concluded, "I thank you for the service you gave to your fellow citizens, for the loyalty you have shown to each other and for the great honor you have brought to your uniform, to our flag and to our country."

Scout on the Street — Why is now a good time to be in and stay in the Army?



The economy is not what it used to be after Sept. 11.

Sgt. Ron Roberts,
Company A 40th Signal
Battalion



Because of the war on terrorism in Afghanistan.

Spc. Edward O'leary,
Co. D 309th Military
Battalion



I think we feel more useful; more than we ever have. It has become a reality that our freedom is at stake.

2nd Lt. Lynn Ramos,
82nd Reserve Officer Corps,
Ore.



Because the job market is unstable, the Army is a steady paycheck, and we are getting raises every year.

Sgt. Sean Burke,
19th Sig. Bn.



With the way the world is now, there is always something steady with the Army, no matter what happens there will always be an Army.

Sgt. Carson Raker,
269th Sig. Bn.



In 2002 the military creates a more stable job than the civilian sector and if a soldier stays in, he'll receive more rank, thus more pay.

Spc. Nick Pearson,
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
40th Sig. Bn.

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Start early in career for promotions

By Sgt. Maj. Deborah Seimer
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Preparation for promotion is an everyday task. The process is affected by how NCOs conduct themselves as soldiers; how well they do their job; how they approach problems and challenges; how they interact with superiors, peers, and subordinates; and how they seek self-improvement.

Soldiers should work on preparing for promotion two grades up. For example, a private first class should be doing the things needed to be ready for the sergeant board. Continually work on areas like military and civilian education, and improve your physical fitness and basic marksmanship scores.

Soldiers should start seeking tough jobs early in their career and keep doing it. Waiting until the right time or the last minute before a board appearance will be too late.

Soldiers need to work on education from the day they come in the Army: this is important no matter what their career plans are. Take Army correspondence courses and enroll in college courses whenever your duties allow.

Volunteering for any available military training and skills courses also helps. Everything soldiers do to show their enthusiasm to excel and improve their value and abilities count for each promotion.

NCOs should strive to be the very best in whatever position they are assigned to. They will receive a noncommissioned evaluation report for every position they hold and every report can affect competitiveness.

The quality of our Army's NCO Corps is extremely high and competition is tough. Unfortunately, everyone that a promotion board finds fully qualified cannot be promoted.

The Army can only select and promote the number of NCOs that it needs by MOS; therefore, selection boards are charged with picking the best qualified NCOs. This is not an easy task.

Each board leaves thousands of very qualified NCOs unselected based on the needs of the Army. Board members themselves wish they could pick more because of the high quality they see in the records of deserving soldiers.

NCOs need to review their Official Military Personnel File regularly. That has been made easy with the advent of OMPF Online. OMPF Online is available to all soldiers with an Army Knowledge Online account and password via either www.erec.army.mil or PERSCOM Online.

Information on how to review and update the OMPF is provided at the web site. NCOs should review their file carefully to ensure that all NCOERs, AERs, award certificates, and other authorized documents are properly posted. Send missing documents in to update the OMPF.

Another item to check is the photograph. The photograph provides board members a visual representation of the NCO so it is important that it be current, that their uniform fits correctly, and that all authorized awards and decorations are properly displayed.

As previously stated, many great NCOs are not promoted each year because of the needs of the Army. NCOs who are not selected for promotion should do a couple of things.

First, they should make an appointment with their com-



Since you cannot appear in person before a centralized board, your individual photograph represents you. Having no photo in your current grade means you have a slim chance of promotion. Poor-quality photos also can affect your chance of promotion.

mand sergeant major or sergeant major and ask him or her to review their record with them. NCOs should not just ask why they didn't get promoted, they should ask them to point out strengths and weaknesses in the file and give their opinion on how well their NCOERs have been written over time.

When an NCO has a good file (and most do) but doesn't get promoted, they sometimes ask, "Why didn't I get promoted?" The typical answer is, "You have a good file and I think you should have been promoted. I don't see why not."

No matter how good an NCO's OMPF portrays him or her, NCOs should ask what else could they do to make themselves more competitive. Something shined brighter in the records of those who were selected.

Think about what you have done in the areas mentioned above and strive to improve anything, whether it is education or a tough assignment, to make yourself as competitive as possible.

NCOs can write their career branch in PERSCOM. Again, NCOs shouldn't just ask why they didn't get promoted. They should request an analysis of their records in comparison to their peers who have been selected for promotion and ask for suggestions that may help make them more competitive.

Areas to ask for comparisons in are assignments, duty positions, awards, military and civilian schools, special skills, and any other areas that apply to the NCO's MOS and career field.

(This article is a reprint from the Summer edition of the NCO Journal magazine. Sgt. Maj. Seimer is the EREC sergeant major.)

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viewed. This rates only 26 percent across the board for the national stats in comparison to Fort Huachuca's promotion rate.

Staff Sgt. David Sakchai Wang, a personnel sergeant in charge of MEDDAC administration, was the only one from his Military Occupational Specialty on Fort Huachuca to make the selection.

His fourteenth year in the service, Wang was surprised that he made the selection as he has only served just above the minimum two years as an E-6 and since the secondary zone was only a 9.6 percent promotion rate.

"To be picked up the first time around is surprising. I used to be a 65 Bravo, but 65B, 65C, and another MOS merged together into 75 Hotel three years ago, and now my field has so many people that I am surprised that I was considered."

An Army brat, Wang said, "he has followed in his father's footsteps,"—a father who just retired two years ago at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Seventeen years to the service, Staff Sgt. Francisco Ramirez, assigned to the U. S. Army Garrison's Directorate of Information Management, said, this was "his first look at the primary zone."

Ramirez, a cable systems installer, said that his MOS is highly competitive. "There are seven MOSs in the 31 series that merge into 31 Whiskey, making a lot of different staff sergeants to compete with."

"Take the challenging jobs and assignments and make sure your records are up to date," advises Ramirez, saying that this helps in front of the boards and will get you through the process.

In a challenging position, and recently finishing drill sergeant school, Staff Sgt. Melissa O'Brien assigned to Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion said, "This [promotion] was totally unexpected as I thought they would wait for my first evaluation as a drill sergeant, so I was looking more for next year to be promoted."

She advises others servicemembers who want to be picked up for promotion that the all-important step up to sergeant first class is that, "you have to take the assignments and challenging positions that no one else wants. You have to have something that definitely distinguishes you from your peers."

But the most important thing that all of the above stressed was to make sure that military records were up to date, showing all decorations, special recognitions or awards, education, and a recent photo.

"Make sure your records are updated early," counsels Wang, "as this is the only thing the panel looks at to determine what kind of soldier you are."

Fort in line with new DoD guidelines for catching drug users

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

A new policy involving more frequent random testing of active duty military, reservists and civilian employees has been put into effect by the Department of Defense to reflect the reality of our nation being at war.

Zero tolerance is what the military has for drug users, said Ken Bowles, prevention coordinator, Army Substance Abuse Pro-

gram.

The new policy has caused an increase in biotechnical testing, or urinalyses, to between 900 and 1200 collections a month, an amount determined upon the percentage of servicemembers tested.

Smart testing, also a part of the post's policy to catch drug offenders, is "where soldiers are tested on unpredictable patterns" so that the soldier that is a drug user can't say "well they are going to test on this day,

so I can use drugs on this day," said Bowles.

"Fort Huachuca has always been very good about Smart Testing," Bowles said, explaining the biotechnical collections technician provides education to the units, and teaches "the commanders to respect smart testing. Commanders at higher levels are already very sensitive to smart testing."

Under the new policy, units are required to periodically do 100 percent testing, while some do weekend testing, or end of the day testing, said Bowles.

But the testing is always on a different day, at a different time of the month.

Studies show that many people coming into the Army are drug users, with their first time to use drugs at approximately 11 to 12 years of age.

"Biotechnical testing serves a two-fold purpose. It deters and it gets soldiers into a treatment program," advises Bowles, explaining that the training of a soldier is very expensive and through the new policy, DoD hopes to catch offenders early.

According to Bowles, the consequences for being caught using illegal substances can cost a soldier their career. A dirty specimen requires commanders to do three things: notify the Criminal Investigation Division; refer the soldier to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Training; and begin the processing the soldier for separation from the Army.

This is the legal and ethical approach, according to Bowles, as drugs and alcohol affect the way your brain processes information, and affects job performance.

"If a person is on Valium, a person is not functional," Bowles said. "That's what drugs do; that's what alcohol does. Why would I want somebody out on the rifle range, driving a truck, or jumping out of an airplane with a parachute if they are high on drugs?"

"Methamphetamines can be even worse. Amphetamines have been called in popular literature as a greasy slide into addiction.

"If somebody starts to use it the high is so overwhelming and so compelling and the pit of depression is so low that they want to do it again. But each time it takes more and more and pretty soon they find themselves hooked," warns Bowles.

The side effects of this drug are terrible: paranoia, unpredictability, the user doesn't sleep for days at a time losing the ability to think clearly, and then all of a sudden they crash.

"You wouldn't want somebody that hasn't slept in two days, from being on methamphetamines, driving a tank in a training situation or in Afghanistan and then they crash," said Bowles.

Research shows that marijuana continues to be the servicemembers' illegal drug of choice on Fort Huachuca, mirroring military wide research.

The other drugs in the top three most abused by servicemembers are cocaine and methamphetamine (speed). Ecstasy is a close fourth.

"It's even more critical during war that our service members are mentally alert and physically fit. Drug use is inconsistent with that," Andre Hollis, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Counter Narcotics, emphasized. "I'm sure that's the message you'll hear from the NCOs all the way up to the Secretary of Defense."

Hollis continued, "Drug use is not going to be tolerated. There are going to be consequences," he emphasized. "We will not tolerate it." Abusers, he said, could be subject to dishonorable discharges, dismissals, prison time, fines and criminal records.

But, the choice is yours, said Bowles. If you are an alcoholic or a drug user who wants and needs help and has not been caught, what you say cannot be held against you. "Come to our window, or go to your commander. We will give you the help you need."

For more information contact ASAP or Bowles at 538-1315.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Farewell Comanches

Spc. Joseph Thompson, guidon bearer, Company C, 1st Battalion, 185th Mechanized Infantry Regiment, was part of the Army National Guard unit which guarded the gates of Fort Huachuca since arriving last October. The post, led by Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, Fort Huachuca commanding general, bid the Comanches farewell in an award ceremony Friday.

Army meets recruiting, retention goals early

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Dedicated teamwork, commitment of Army leadership and an effective Web-based ad campaign are among the top reasons why droves of people are joining and staying in the Army, said Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

The Army announced that it has met all its recruiting and retention goals for fiscal year 2002 about six weeks early in a Pentagon ceremony Aug. 22.

The enlistment goals were 79,500 new recruits for the active Army and 28,825 for the Reserve. The retention goal was 49,000 re-enlistments for the active Army. This was the third year of meeting all recruiting and retention goals after missing some of those goals from 1995 through 1999.

USAREC had a new goal this year — accessing 400 recruits for Special Forces. Normally, “Green Beret” recruiters cull soldiers in the ranks of specialists and above directly from the active Army for additional training and eventual assignment to Special Forces units.

The recruiting command exceeded the Special Forces requirement with 445 recruits signed up as of Aug. 8.

“As we gather here this morning, our nation is at war,” said Gen. John M. Keane, Army vice chief of staff. “We, as a nation, can never take for granted the young men and women who step forward to take an oath to defend this great nation of ours.”

Four soldiers took the oath at the ceremony — one for commissioning as an officer, two for initial enlistments and one re-enlisting for a second tour of duty. They were: Cadet Walter D. Pridgen, who recently graduated the ROTC program at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va., and was commissioned as an Infantry second lieutenant; Pfc. Allen K. Hawkins Jr. from Spartanburg, N.C., Regular Army; Pfc. Mayra A. Arisas from San Antonio, Texas, Army Reserve; and Sgt. Celena M. Marsh, a personnel specialist with the

Military District of Washington, Washington, D.C., respectively.

While the four soldiers were announced to represent all recruits who had enlisted or soldiers who had re-enlisted this year, Hawkins’ story of how he finally ended up as a private first class was unusual.

Following high school in 1996, Hawkins was about ready to sign the dotted line on his Army enlistment contract. Like his father, who had served eight years in the Army, and a grandfather, who had served in the Navy during World War II, Hawkins said he wanted to serve his country in uniform. However, a car accident left him with serious injuries and impaired judgement.

“I was in a coma for about two months and then stayed in the hospital for another three,” Hawkins said. “As I slowly improved, the doctors told my parents that I would never recover beyond a second- or third-grade reading level at the time.”

Time and hard work have paid off for Hawkins. Close to obtaining a bachelor’s degree in political science, Hawkins enlisted at 26 to meet his personal goal of serving in the Army and at the same time get some help to pay off some college debts under the Student Loan Repayment Program.

Following basic and advanced training, Hawkins will serve in the Field Artillery as a fire support specialist.

With about 65 percent of high school graduates going on to some form of higher education these days, compared to 49 percent in 1980, Cavin said, many people perceive the Army as the last choice for young people to consider.

Cavin said he has been making progress in changing that perception. Programs like SLRP, Tuition Assistance, the Montgomery GI Bill and eArmyU allow soldiers to serve their country while getting resourcing to continue their education, either while on active duty or after they leave to pursue other goals, he said.

“The Army is not the last choice, it is the first choice for many Americans,” Cavin said.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Eric Hortin

Army tradition

Col. Brian R. Hurley takes the 11th Signal Brigade colors from Maj. Gen. James C. Hilton, commanding general, U.S. Army Signal Command, at a change of command ceremony Wednesday at Brown Parade Field. Hurley took command of the brigade from Col. Mark S. Bowman, who will take over Hurley’s previous position as the Assistant Chief of Staff G3 (Operations), USASC.

Artist captures Army history through paintings

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

As her first enlistment as a chaplain’s assistant came near an end, Sgt. Ildiko Reisenbigler had a very tough choice to make in continuing her Army career.

The Hungarian born soldier who has an extraordinary talent with a paintbrush was undecided about which military occupational specialty she’d reenlist for — either multimedia illustrator or military intelligence.

“My goal is to be multi-dimensional and talented in all aspects of life,” Reisenbigler said. “Art is a hobby, but I’ve always been interested in intelligence. My heart wanted to go to the intelligence field as long as I could do my artwork.”

Reisenbigler, currently attending the Human Intelligence Collector course, has a unique passion for painting famous buildings on canvas as a way of documenting history. While assigned in Germany at V Corps, she captured various Army headquarters buildings through her drawings and paintbrush.

“The reason I like doing this is because it’s a part of history,” she said. “I’m documenting history. My goal is to paint all 12 of the Area Support Groups in V Corps. I know they’re not going to be there forever.”

What started out as an idea to present a painting as a going-away gift for a soldier in her unit, has turned into a near obsession of preserving history. Using a blend of ink and watercolors, Reisenbigler has painted several famous Army landmarks in Germany.

“It was easy,” she said. “I took pictures of the building to study the features and I started drawing it.”

Reisenbigler has had no formal art training outside of her basic art class in elementary school in her hometown of Vac, Hungary, located 30 kilometers north of Budapest, but she confessed she’s always had a good hand when it came to drawing.

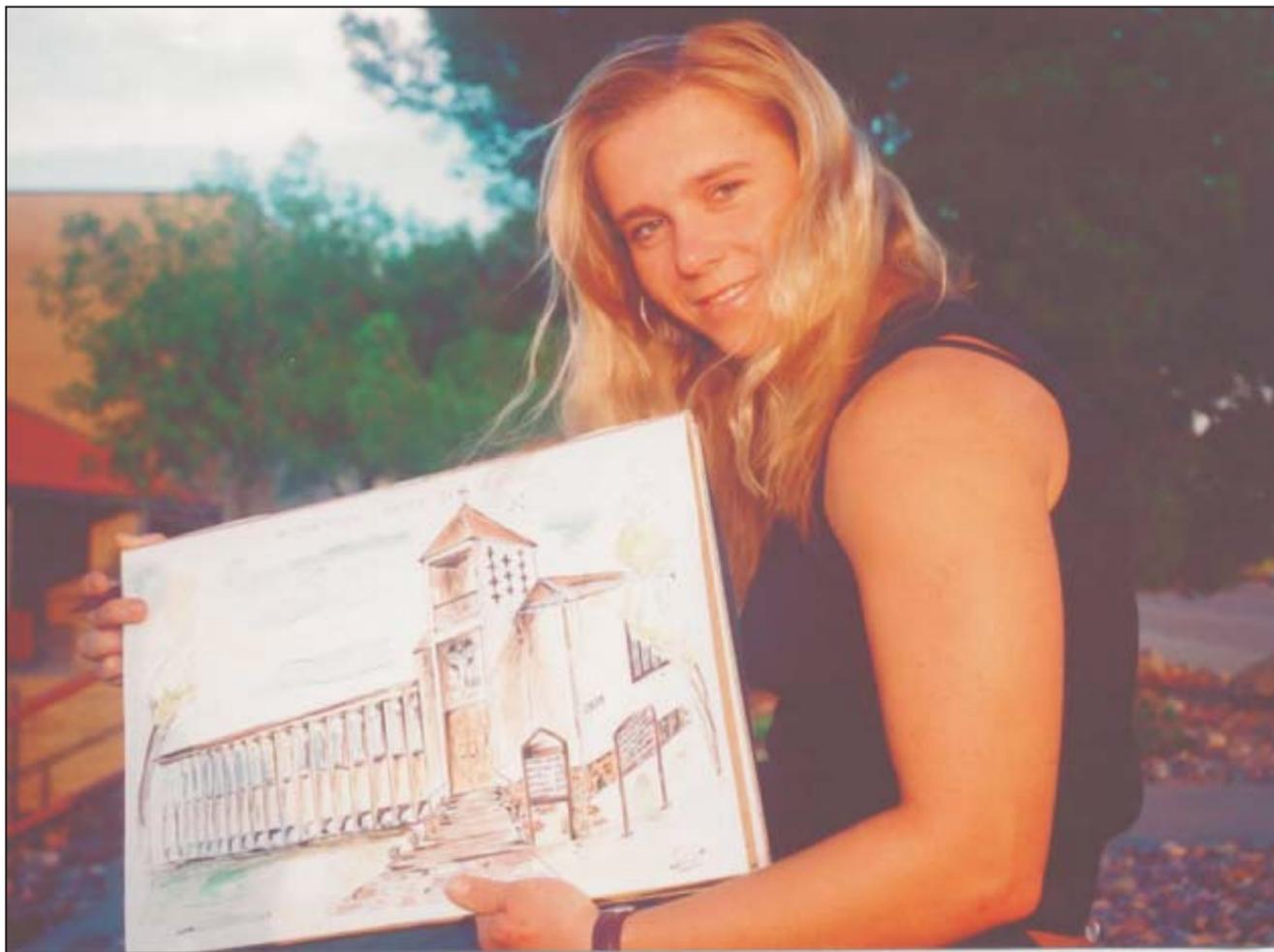
One particular painting she’s fond of is her work depicting the 1st Armored Division Headquarters in Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

The building was utterly destroyed so she had to contact the museum historian and curator to get pictures of the building in its heyday.

“It’s kind of fun when there is nothing there and you talk to people and they describe what was in a particular window or what was sitting here or there,” Reisenbigler said.

Using the comments from various people who worked in the headquarters building, Reisenbigler painted the building in exact detail capturing many details that people normally would take for granted.

“I try to draw everything exact so when people pick up a picture, their memories will come back to them from when they used to work there,” she said. “I try more and more to put things in my painting that have sentimental value to people who’ve been to the buildings in the pictures. It really means a lot to people who worked there.”



Pointing to one picture, there is a hat strategically placed in one of the windows. She said people remember exactly which window the hat was in.

Pointing at another she explained the initial view people saw of the building as they were walking up the street.

She mentioned her biggest challenge was painting the 1st AD Headquarters because it had several tanks in front of the building.

She knew she would face criticism, because she was surrounded by tankers in a tanker division, if she didn’t draw the tanks perfectly.

“I didn’t know too much about tanks,” Reisenbigler said. “So I would go out in the dark and study the tanks. I would study the design of the turrets and tracks. It was hard.”

When asked when does she know her work is done, Reisenbigler admitted she never tells herself that she’s finished when painting a project. She said it takes several weeks from start to finish to complete a painting.

“I’m never satisfied. I’ll keep looking at the picture and make changes,” she said. “If I go back to my pictures right now, I’ll probably make some changes. But I’m happy with the final result.”

To fuel her inspiration to paint and improve her talent, Reisenbigler said she’s



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Top: Sgt. Ildiko Reisenbigler poses with her painting of the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel. The Hungarian-born artist loves to paint pictures of historic Army headquarters buildings located in Germany. Above: Reisenbigler points out details of tanks she painted of the 1st Armored Division Headquarters in Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

traveled to museums such as the Louvre in Paris to study famous artists’ works when she was assigned in Europe. Her favorite painters include Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Rembrandt.

Although she recognizes she has a gift, the soft-spoken Reisenbigler said painting

has been her way to ease stress.

“It relaxes me and it’s fun for me,” Reisenbigler said.

Her current project is Tallmadge Hall and painting several of the famous old homes on Cushing before graduating in October.

DoD provides transitional health care benefits for 60 or 120 days

TRICARE News Release

Family members of active duty sponsors involuntarily separated from military service under honorable conditions, or family members of Reserve Component members separated after serving on active duty for more than 30 days in support of contingency operations, are eligible to receive transitional health care benefits for 60 or 120 days under the new Department of Defense Worldwide TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project if their sponsor was on active duty Jan. 1, 2002, or later.

The new demonstration project provides medical benefits to certain eligible active duty and Reserve families when their sponsors depart from military service. Family members of sponsors with fewer than six years of active duty service are eligible for 60 days of transitional health care benefits; those with six years or more are eligible for 120 days.

The transitional health care demonstration benefit is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2002, and remains in effect for two years, to allow DoD time to analyze the program and decide whether or not to make transitional health care a permanent TRICARE benefit for these family members.

Under the demonstration project family members may use TRICARE Standard, the fee-for-service option with deductibles and cost shares; TRICARE Extra, the network option with deductibles and negotiated fees; or TRICARE Prime, the network option that is least costly for most people.

Sponsors and family members who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime will be automatically disenrolled when the sponsor separates from active duty. To continue using the TRICARE Prime benefit during the transitional health care period, sponsors and family members must contact their TRICARE regional managed care support contractor, or their local TRICARE service center, and re-enroll in TRICARE Prime. There will be no break in TRICARE Prime coverage as long as the sponsor and family members re-enroll in TRICARE Prime.

Dental benefits are available to former active duty and Reserve Component members, but under this demonstration, family members of former active duty and Reserve Component members are not entitled to dental benefits. However, Reserve Component members and their family members who are eligible and enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program would be eligible for dental benefits under the TDP, which is separate from this demonstration project.

To be eligible for transitional medical and dental benefits, the family member's sponsor must be:

- A service member involuntarily separated from active duty; a member of the Reserves separated from active duty after serving more than 30 days in support of a contingency

operation;

- A service member separated from active duty after being involuntarily retained on active duty in support of a contingency operation;

- Or a service member separated from military service who voluntarily remained on active duty for one year or less in support of a contingency operation.

Transitional health care is not an automatic TRICARE benefit. Sponsors must ensure that they and their family members are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Active duty sponsors may verify or update DEERS information for themselves or their family members by contacting or visiting their local military identification card issuing facility. To locate the nearest military personnel office or ID card facility, sponsors may search the DEERS Web site at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/

Claims for these family members will be processed using normal TRICARE claims processing procedures. Claims for family members with expired eligibility will be denied until eligibility is updated and verified in DEERS. If a member submits a claim and it is denied because of eligibility, the member should contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office toll-free at 1-800-538-9552.

Sponsors and family members who have paid for health care expenses out of pocket may submit a claim form (DD Form 2642) to TRICARE with a copy of their itemized bill to receive payment for these services. Family members who are eligible for care under the demonstration project and who have other health insurance must submit all claims to their OHI provider first before submitting them for payment to TRICARE.

Claim forms are available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil claims or from the local beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator, TRICARE service center representative, or TRICARE managed care support contractor.

Eligible sponsors or family members who require additional information on TRICARE may contact the Worldwide TRICARE Information Center toll-free at 1-888-363-2273. Additional information on TRICARE medical and dental benefits is available on the TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil> or by visiting the TRICARE service center or BCAC at the local military treatment facility.

For questions or assistance regarding claims, sponsors and family members may contact the managed care support contractor in their region, the nearest TRICARE service center or a BCAC at the nearest military treatment facility.

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istration and support actions, recreation, fire management, and other activities proposed on the 73,142-acre installation and associated land.

A six week turn-around on the present biological opinion was possible due to the Army's commitment to definitive groundwater goals and an enhanced biological assessment and because the Army had already moved ahead of schedule on many of its 1999 commitments.

"Much of the consultation and evaluation had been conducted while crafting the 1999 opinion," said Doug Duncan, the Service's principal consulting biologist. "The thorough treatment of the effects of the Fort and conservation measures provided in the Army's 2002 Biological Assessment made the rapid consultation process feasible and the resulting opinion credible."

"We've been very pleased with the level of cooperation that we've had with the fort."

The Service previously issued a non-jeopardy opinion on Oct. 27, 1999 based on a number of conservation measures to lessen the effect the Army's activities would have on listed plants and animals.

However, the 1999 biological opinion was set aside by the United States District Court, District of Arizona on April 11, 2002 due to a lack of specific, quantifiable conservation measures.

While the Department of Justice issued a protective notice of appeal of this decision, the Army also prepared a revised biological assessment of the Fort's activities addressing the Court's concerns and requested formal consultation with the Service.

In the revised assessment upon which the consultation and resulting biological opinion are based, the Army included a rigorous analysis of the water deficit and a demographic evaluation of the number

of people attributable to Fort Huachuca in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

The study determined that there is a deficit of 5,144 acre-feet in the subwatershed, which is significantly lower than the 7,000 acre-foot deficit recognized in 1999.

The reduction in the deficit is the result of on-going water conservation efforts by the fort and local communities, including Sierra Vista's effluent recharge project.

The study also concluded that 54 percent of the residents in the subwatershed are attributable to the fort's presence. That means that the fort is responsible for 2,874 acre-feet of the annual deficit.

In the Biological Assessment, however, the Army commits to specific programs and timelines to mitigate 3,077 acre-feet of the deficit by the year 2011.

The Service concurred with the Army's assessment that their activities

These consultations have resulted in a realistic 10-year plan that allows the Army to fulfill its mission without jeopardizing some of the nation's rarest species that rely upon the area.

H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwest Region



File photo

Fort Huachuca has been pivotal in its conservation efforts to protect endangered species and wildlife in areas such as the San Pedro River, pictured above. A recent study by the U.S. Army Fish and Wildlife Service concludes the fort isn't jeopardizing wildlife species in the area.

were not likely to adversely affect spikedace and loach minnow or their designated critical habitat, two small fish that historically occupied the San Pedro River just east of the Fort, or Canelo Hills ladies' tresses, an endangered orchid found in wetlands near the Fort.

The consultation addressed the Fort's effects on populations of the southwestern willow flycatcher, Mexican spotted owl, lesser long-nosed bat, Sonora tiger salamander, and Huachuca water umbel—a semiaquatic plant, and designated critical habitat for the umbel and spotted owl.

The Service found the proposed action was not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of those species or de-

stroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat.

The Army proposed a number of conservation measures to lessen the effect their activities would have on listed plants and animals.

These conservation measures include educating personnel on post to species' possible locations and needs, conducting preconstruction plant and wildlife surveys, protecting and monitoring species and their habitat, implementing fire, erosion and numerous water recharge, reuse and conservation projects, and cooperating with entities of the Upper San Pedro Partnership to balance the water budget in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

Teacher spotlight



Name: Guillermo Zamudio

School: School District Office

Educational background: Bachelor of Science from University of Arizona, Masters of Science from University of Arizona, Post Graduate Administration Credentialing from Northern Arizona University, Working on Doctorate in Educational Leadership at University of Arizona.

Number of years teaching:

Taught thirteen years and have served as superintendent ten years.

Current position: Superintendent, Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools.

Activities outside of teaching: Family, gardening, and fishing.

The hardest lesson I learned: tempering optimism with reality.

People would be surprised if they knew I: picked cotton for three cents a pound.

Who do you admire or who is your mentor? My parents.

Most gratifying experience as an educator:

Having students and employees validate that I made a significant impact.

Why I became a teacher: To impact children in a positive way.

The most challenging aspect of teaching young people today is:

Demonstrating a caring ethic in a liability-laden society.

The best teaching tool I have used and would recommend to a colleague is:

Show the students you care.

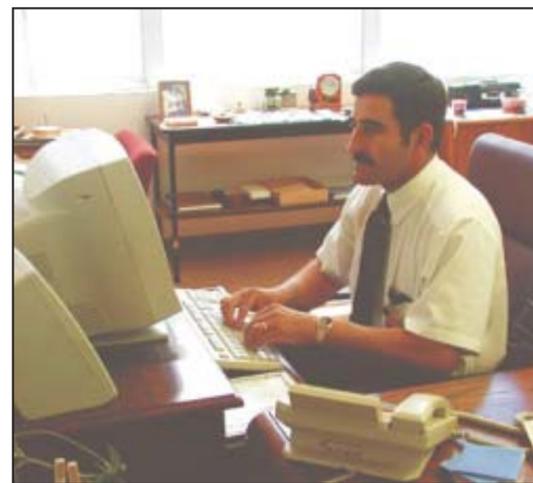


Photo by Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Guillermo Zamudio, superintendent, Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools is high lighted as the teacher of the week.

Community Updates

Road closure in Pershing Plaza

Fort Huachuca has a new major construction project. The Pershing Plaza West 1 housing project was awarded to Lend Lease Actus. The contract is for the demolition of 88 existing housing units and the construction of 65 junior Non-Commissioned Officer houses. To prepare the site for the construction, fencing has been erected around the perimeter of Crawford to Stanley and Smith to Burns Streets.

Access from Smith down to Crawford will be blocked by the construction fencing. The residents of Pershing Plaza are encouraged to use Stanley, Rucker or White Streets when entering from Smith Ave.

Smith Middle School Open House

Smith Middle School will hold an open house on Sept. 5 at 2 p.m. Parents can meet in the gymnasium. Then, parents can walk through their child's schedule.

At 3:45-4:15 there will be a display of post organizations in the library.

The open house is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers and learn more about the curriculum and classroom expectations.

Parent conferences are available by appointment at times other than at open house. Our first regularly scheduled fall conferences will take place October 29 and 30.

Deployment/Reunion Workshop

"How to Survive the Deployment/Reunion Experience" is the title of the Deployment/Reunion Skills workshop the 11th Signal Brigade Chaplains and the "Kids on the Block" puppets will conduct Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Kino Chapel.

The goal is to equip soldiers and families in the brigade with information and skills to help them make family relationships stronger during a time when the soldier is deployed for a unit mission or serves an unaccompanied tour overseas and the family remains at home.

The Kids on the Block Puppets will open with a presentation to the whole family and then work with children ages 3-12 in a separate room while the Chaplains conduct a briefing for the adults. This activity has been coordinated with and encouraged by the Installation Chaplain. For more information and to sign up, please contact the 11th Signal Brigade Chaplain at 533-9507.

Range Closures

Range Closures for Aug 24 - Sept. 1

Thursday Aug 29 - AF, AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Friday Aug 30 - T1, T1A, T2
 Saturday Aug 31 - T1, T1A, T2
 Sunday Sept. 1 - East Range
 Monday-No Closures at this time
 Tuesday- AF, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
 Wednesday- AF, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
 Sept. 5- AF, AG, AM, AN, AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Sept. 6- AF, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Sept. 7 - AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
 Sept. 8 - East Range, T1, T1A, T2
 Any questions should be directed to Range Control 533-7095.

EPG range closures

The Electronic Proving Ground has reserved the East Range on Sunday, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. The range will be closed on those dates due to hazardous operations, except for designated personnel working with EPG.

Arizona Teacher of the Year deadline nears

The Sept. 6, application deadline is nearing for Arizona's 2003 Teacher of the Year sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank in collaboration with The Arizona Republic and Channel 12, with additional support provided by the Challenger Learning Center of Arizona, and for Intel's Science and Math Innovator of the Year, sponsored by Intel Corporation. Public school teachers, kindergarten through 12th Grade, may apply for these awards.

The Teacher of the Year award is the only statewide program, that for the past 19 years, has spotlighted the contributions of Arizona's teachers. Each year, the program recognizes five exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers who have gained the respect and admiration of stu-



Arizona Educational Foundation

dents, parents and co-workers. These teachers play an active and useful role in their communities as well as their schools, distinguishing themselves as leaders. They have a superior ability to help all students achieve and inspire them to learn.

The Teacher of the Year will receive a prize package to include \$20,000 cash, use of the Wells Fargo Suite at America West Arena or BOB, a chance to compete for National Teacher of the Year, professional speech training, a laptop computer from Intel and three trips: one to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., one to meet the President of the United States and one to attend the National Teachers Forum. Four Teacher of the Year Ambassadors will be named; each of them will receive \$5,000 cash, use of the Wells Fargo Suite at America West Arena or BOB, professional speech training, a laptop computer from Intel and a "Space Mission" from the Challenger Learning Center. Winners will be announced at the annual luncheon at the Heard Museum Nov. 13.

In addition to the Arizona Educational Foundation's Teacher of the Year, two awards are available from Intel Corporation to honor Arizona's "Math Innovator of the Year" and "Science Innovator of the Year." Intel is offering two-\$10,000 cash awards and a laptop computer to the winners. These teachers are distinguished because of their innovative method of teaching math or science. Their methods must be not only innovative, but also creative, effective and worth sharing.

For nomination forms or applications, or for more information, contact the Arizona Educational Foundation at (480) 421-9376. Deadline for applications is Sept. 6.

Jewish High Holiday services

Jewish High Holiday services are scheduled as follows:

Rosh Hashana: Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. and Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel.
 Yom Kippur is scheduled for Sept. 15 (Kol Nidre), at 6:15 p.m. and Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel, Main Post Chapel.

For more information contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-6570.

SSA Inventory

The Supply Support Activity will be closed for inventory Sept. 3 - 6. No issues or turn ins will be transacted. This does not affect local purchase pick up. In case of emergency situations, please contact Dan Berry at 533-5828 or Pat Quintana at 533-5610.

Post retention office relocated

The post retention office has moved from Whitside Hall. The new location is Building 41420, second floor, above the ID card and SIDPERS section.

Dental activity closure

The U.S. Army Dental Activity will close at 11 a.m. Sept. 6 for Organization Day activities. Emergency patients should call the Dental Charge of Quarters at 508-9700 or pager 533-3500, code 306.

CIF closure

The Central Issue Facility will be closed Sept. 18-20 for inventory. In case of emergency situations, please call Dan Berry, 533-5828 or Cliff Hensley, 538-8771.

New DOIM training enrollee contact

Effective immediately the Directorate Of Installation Management help desk will be assuming the responsibility for enrolling requesting individuals into the DOIM provided training classes. Therefore, if any U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca employee wishes to sign up for DOIM provided office suite and/or Access data base software classes, call 533-1212 to enroll.

As a reminder, the DOIM training schedule

can be found on Fort Huachuca's web page under the TRAINING category, by clicking the option: "DOIM Computer Classes."

BSEP Class

The Education Center will sponsor a Basic Education Skills Program class which will begin Sept. 9-Sept. 20. The class will run from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily with emphasis placed on English and math skills. A pre-test will be administered at 7:15 a.m., the first day of class.

A post-test and general/technical predictor will be given Sept. 19 and an Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test will be administered Sept. 20. This is a great opportunity to participate in a class that is rarely given due to budget constraints. Raise your GT score and increase your re-enlistment possibilities!

For more information e-mail Bob Campbell, robert.campbell@hua.army.mil or call 533-5690.

PWOC fall kickoff

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to join us for a special Fall Kickoff Program on Tuesday. Our theme is "Moving into PWOC."

Invite a friend and come join us for fellowship, fun and food. The program runs from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

Nursery care is provided for children ages 6 months to 5 years olds for all military ID card holders.

Our regular weekly meetings complete with praise and worship, Bible Study and fellowship begin the following week.

Our Bible studies this fall will be: "The Book of Acts" taught by Chaplain Dickson; "Know What You Believe" taught by JoAn Daggett; "Creative Counterpart" taught by April Arnold; and "A Woman after God's Own Heart" taught by Christine Henry.

The last class is a "Mommy and Me" class where mothers are welcome to bring their babies to class.

Language lab has moved

The Military Intelligence Foreign Language Center, commonly referred to as the Language Lab, is in its new home and open for business.

The Language Lab moved from its past location in Alvarado Hall to O'Neil Hall (Building 61809), room 175. Video Teleconferencing language classes will be conducted in the Fort Huachuca Distance Learning Center in room 1046, Classroom 1 at Greely Hall (Building 61801).

All Defense Language Proficiency Testing will be conducted at O'Neil Hall in Room 230 every Monday and Thursday from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

The point of contact for any questions pertaining to the movement of the language lab is Sgt. 1st Class Mark Stephens at 533-2360. Stephens can be located in room 253 at O'Neil Hall. The VTC classes in Greely Hall contact is Kermit Robinson at 533-9476.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>Community Events Calendar</h2> <p>To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6870.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Celebrate Oktoberfest 2002</p> <p>Veteran's Memorial Park Sept. 6 from 5 - 11:30 p.m., Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., & Sept. 8 from 12-5 p.m.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Parent University</p> <p>September 9-20 at MCC Call 533-2330 for details</p> </div> </div>						
<p>1</p> <p>September</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rickety Rockettes meet at OYC at 10 a.m. National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Put Prevention Into Practice (PIIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2-3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info. Cochise Toastmaster meets at Landmark Café from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502. Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m. 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details. SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring Movies at the YC al day. This event is free and open to youth ages 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for info. Army Family Team Building Level II Training offered at the ACS Conference Room from 5:30 - 9 p.m. Protestant Youth Program "Teen Desert Disciples" meet at 7 p.m. Call Chaplain Jesse King at 533-6731 for details. 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details. Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer-Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1-3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m. Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewish High Holy Services- Rosh Hashana begins at 9 a.m. at MPC. For additional information contact CH (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-6570. Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details. 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewish High Holy Services- Rosh Hashana begins at 9 a.m. at MPC. For additional information contact CH (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-6570. Army Community Service is sponsoring a Newcomer's Information Fair at MCC from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 533-6874 for details. Youth Services Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1-8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vigilantes at the Heildorado Set in Tombstone at 1 p.m. 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647. Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883. 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Put Prevention Into Practice (PIIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info. Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502. Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m. 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details. SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m. 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details. Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer-Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1-3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m. 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details. SV Parks & Leisure Activities proudly presents the 20th Annual Art Discovery Series with the Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Buena HS Performing Arts Center and tickets are \$15 advance and at the door. 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring Nintendo 64 Tournaments at the YC. This event begins at 3:30 p.m. This event is free and open to youth ages 11-17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for info. Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1-8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.
<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, 533-3686 or 533-2330</p>						

Chalk Talk

Myer School News

Kathy Bergman's fourth grade class has gotten off to a great start! They are studying place value in math and in social studies they are studying the state of Arizona. In computers, they have been working with the Microsoft Word Program, learning how to word process, spell check, print, and save their work. Kudos to all the students in

room 207 for a super job the first week of school!

Tom Crawford's fourth grade class has just completed their Metropolitan Assessment Testing. They are now preparing to begin a lengthy project on ecosystems. This project will take them from the low banks of the San Pedro River to the top of a water tank in Hereford, Arizona. What will they find there? They will soon find out. The stu-

dents are also memorizing their multiplication facts at home in an attempt to pig out at their "Banana Split Blitz Party" at the end of the school year. Good luck to all of the students.

Jan Barnes' fourth grade says welcome to everyone for another great school year. Now that the beginning-of-the-year activities are over, they are ready to get to work. They have a lot of things to learn and are eager to do so. The class has already written a poem and printed it in the computer lab. Sounds like things are off to a great start.

Jan Camps' says her fourth grade class is also off to a great start. They are reviewing place value of larger numbers. In health they are learning about their basic needs and feelings. The students are also reviewing conflict management skills in hopes of being chosen as a peer mediator for the playground this year.

Lynn Tompkins fourth graders are hoping to have a successful year filled with adventures in learning and discovering new and exciting authors. Lynn has many adventures and fun things planned to help the students learn.

There is no school Monday for Labor Day weekend.

Wednesday is the Kick-Off Assembly for PTSO with Innisbrook Wrappings. It starts at 1 p.m. for Kindergarten and at 1:30 p.m. for the 4th and 5th grades.

Pets of the Week



Hey if you are looking for a great housecat, then stop looking because you found one. I'm "Zoe" and I am a 2 year old Female DSH. I'm housebroken and I am great with kids. I just love to cuddle and play. For only \$22 I can be yours, that includes a spay, vaccinations, deworm, microchip, and a Leukemia Test. Come and see me.



My name is "Baxter" and I am a 1 year old Male Gray Tabby DSH. I'm a little shy but with lots of love I will be great fit for your family. My fee is \$42 and I will be all yours. That includes a neuter (Oww!), deworm, vaccinations, Leukemia Test, and a microchip.



Hello! I'm "Chant" and I am a 2 year old Female Shepherd Mix. I'm looking for a home that will give me lots of hugs and kisses. I'm a great addition to your family. My fee to take me home with you is \$52 and that will include a microchip, deworm, vaccinations, a spay, and a heartworm test. I'll be waiting.



Hi There! My name is "Tanner" and I am a 1 year old Female Shepherd Mix. I'm already housebroken, which is a plus, and I REALLY LOVE KIDS!!! I am only \$22 and I am yours to keep. All that includes a microchip, vaccinations, a spay, heartworm test, and deworm. Can't wait to see you.

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.