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MAC Luncheon

The Military Affairs Committee's monthly luncheon is scheduled promptly for 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 3, at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center, 2047 South Highway 92 (across from the Mall). Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, commander of the US Army Signal Command is the guest speaker. He will provide an update about the establishment of the Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command followed by a question and answer period.

Cost of the buffet lunch is \$8.50. For reservations call the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

U.S. Savings Bonds Campaign

This year's theme is "Save For Your Future—Reach for the Stars."

On Tuesday Vincent Decain, Area Manager, Arizona Savings Bonds Marketing Office, Department of the Treasury, is scheduled to speak at Murr Community Center at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Greely Hall Auditorium. Savings Bonds Field Canvassers are required to attend as well as interested personnel.

TROA presentation

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring a presentation by The Retired Officers Association entitled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career". The presentation will take place on June 19th from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Cochise Theatre. It is free and open to both senior NCO's and Officers who are contemplating a transition from the service in the foreseeable future.

The presentation will be made by COL Dick Crampton, U.S. Army (Ret), Deputy Director, Officer Placement Services, TROA. Crampton presents a 2-1/2 hour lecture on job competition, the realities of competition in the civilian job market; a plan for transition; networking; salary negotiations and benefits; how to handle rejection; the perceptions that civilian employers have of military personnel; tips for strengthening the resume (to include how employers read the resume); preparing for and conducting a successful interview, and salary and benefit packages.

Crampton doesn't promise instant job search success but guarantees that each person that attends his lecture will profit from the knowledge gained and be ready to move in the right direction towards that second career. The information that Crampton presents complements the job search preparation that is offered by the ACAP Office.

Call Angela Baker at 533-5766 for more information.

Post Retirement Ceremony

The next Installation Retirement Ceremony takes place tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. on Chaffee Parade Field. The ceremony is open to the public.

Ft. Huachuca is proud to salute those men and women who have made the U.S. Army a career and who have served their country so well. This ceremony is an excellent opportunity to attend a colorful ceremony rich in the heritage of the best U.S. Army traditions.

The past, present and future come together as Fort Huachuca soldiers and B Troop closes the ceremony with a traditional pistol charge that will make you feel the excitement of those soldiers who came before us long, long time ago.

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

Fire trainer tower officially opens



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Fort Huachuca firefighters get an opportunity to test out the new million dollar Fixed Structural Fire Fighting Training System. The facility officially opened Tuesday.

Facility is one of eight in use Army-wide

By Kathy Goode
Scout staff

On Tuesday a new million-dollar fire training tower opened on Fort Huachuca's Libby Air Field to provide safe and realistic structural fire training for not only Fort Huachuca firefighters, but through a mutual aid, to other firefighters in Cochise County and Southeastern Arizona.

"You would have to go to Phoenix to find something like this structure," said Col. Michael Boardman, U.S. Army Garrison commander. He added of the partnership between Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca, "This shows the other side of the partnership. The city does a lot for us ... and through this we give back."

A live burn center for firefighters, this tower, officially called the Fixed Structural Fire Fighting Training System, corrects the problem of not having a local training area.

"This is a great opportunity for all of the area firefighters to really get in there and experience heat so extreme that it turns to steam—the temperatures are just out of sight," explained Maj. Mike Petty, Directorate of Public Safety.

According to Fort Huachuca Fire Chief Steve Hauck, the training tower is run by propane fuel, and has basically four different areas that firefighters can train in.

"We have three burn centers—the first floor which is the bedroom, the living room and the smoke generator, the second floor is the kitchen, and the third floor is the storage room, or attic," Hauck said. "Now all you firefighters know that the higher you get, the more intense it can get."

Environmentally safe, the fire simulation trainer is completely computer operated so that human error may be eliminated, and only shuts down flames when extinguished properly.

"The LED screen allows you to maintain the type of smoke and fire you want—whether big or small," Hauck instructed. "This system also has an external manual safety shut down system so that it is 100 percent safe."

In addition to being a fire-training agent, Hauck said that the tower also has hooks on the roof to allow it to become a repelling tower, and also allows roof entry for firefighters.

"This training tower is for everybody," Hauck said. "It may be fixed on the installation, but with this partnership, we are definitely going to open this up for everyone to train." Hauck added, "If you need to use it, just make a phone call, schedule a time, and

Wildfire threat remains on post

By Kathy Goode
Scout staff

Over 91 fires have ravaged Arizona, New Mexico, and Western Texas since March 18, laying waste to a total of 182,076 acres of forests and grasslands.

"But what makes this even worse," said Kim Bartlein, an Environmental Protection Assistant with the Environmental Division of the Directorate of Installation Support on Fort Huachuca, "is our fire season doesn't even begin until June."

"Most of our fires have been between the Flagstaff area and the Coronado National Forest, and in New Mexico," said the 23-year civil serviceman who was previously the fire chief of Fire Station 2 on Fort Huachuca.

Bartlein added that Fort Huachuca's Libby Air Tanker Base is a firefighting base for Southeastern Arizona, and joins in fighting the fire menace in the Southwestern Area, which includes Arizona, New Mexico, and western Texas.

According to the Southwest Area Wildland Fire website, 884 human-caused fires have

devoured over 93,944 acres of our wildlands and Federal Parks in Arizona alone, with 5,331 acres of that total on Fort Huachuca.

"People need to understand the dangers," Bartlein cautioned, worried that similar fires as the Ryan Fire, or the current Bullock Fire that as of Monday, had burned over 14,500 acres.

According to the Mount Lemmon Fire Department, the Bullock Fire was rated the number one fire in the nation as of Monday, due to the evacuations of small towns and businesses.

Bartlein added that Fort Huachuca's "slurry team" at the tanker base had joined early on in the fight to stop this deadly menace.

With planes coming, going, and lined up to fight the fire that was devouring the Mount Lemmon area, he explained, "These planes have about a 20 to 30 minute turn around from the time they load the slurry, fuel up, dump the slurry at the fire just north of Tucson, and come back to start all over."

Bartlein explained, "We have aircraft that can hold from 1,000 to 3,000 gallons" of the slurry mixture of fertilizer, clay, and red food

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Lean on me

Two mourners share a moment of prayer at the gravesite of a loved one in observance of Memorial Day. Fort Huachuca held its annual ceremony Monday honoring the many Americans who have given their lives for the Nation's freedom. See page 4 for more photos.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Team Talk

BG "Spider" and Marty Marks Commanding General and wife

Once more, the Fort Huachuca community has shown just how well it takes care of its own. Army Emergency Relief just concluded an extremely successful campaign here that raised almost \$90,000 and exceeded the 2002 goal by approximately \$10,000! For 60 years, AER has been assisting Army families everywhere around the world, including right here on Fort Huachuca. In fact, last year alone, AER helped 461 people on Fort Huachuca for a total of \$251,000. Our thanks to everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile program of soldiers helping soldiers.

As always, there are lots of things happening here on post. Have you noticed that the Military Clothing Sales Store has moved? The new store is now located in MI Village (in the old Virginia Hall dining facility building), where it should be easier for our military intelligence students, as well as all soldiers here on post, to get to. Our thanks to Dave Nelson, the AAFES general manager, as well as John Ruble, the director of Installation Support, and all the other folks here on Fort Huachuca who worked so hard to make this move happen so quickly. This is just a part – a very important part – of our focus on improving our quality of life, in this case by making this facility more accessible.

With summer here, there are a couple of important issues I want to stress. First, we all need to make sure our Family Care Plans are complete and up-to-date. This vital tool empowers soldiers and their families. It is designed to have the details for complete family care in place to take over whenever circumstances mean the soldier can't be here for his or her family. In order for it to work, though, the plan must be accurate, current, and ready to go at a moment's notice. Check your plan today to make sure it works for you.

Secondly, summer brings to mind leisure and family time. I think it's extra important that we all take the opportunity to "recharge" and relax. I want commanders, leaders, and supervisors to ensure their subordinates and staff members have a leave plan and use it. Every single one of you works hard; you need and deserve to take some well-earned time off. Do it!

Our open-door policy is important to Marty and me. If there's an issue you have that you just can't seem to get solved, feel free to contact my aide and set up an appointment to come talk. Please, though, before you call, make sure you have all the details about the situation, and please make sure you have first worked through your chain of command. We will be glad to do all we can to help you resolve any problem, but we want to make sure you've gotten all the right folks involved.

I imagine you've heard a lot of talk about the fact that Fort Huachuca is working on a



new biological assessment. What exactly does this mean? Well, the biological assessment is a document outlining the post's environmental impact on this region. We take our environmental stewardship seriously and lead by example in our protection of natural resources. That's why we have such a strict watering policy on post. But, what all this really means is that our biological assessment will capture new as well as proven ways to mitigate more water.

Thanks to help from each and every one of you, as well as state-of-the-art water-saving technologies, we have been able to continually reduce the amount of water we use.

However, there are no "time outs" in our efforts to conserve our resources. Officials here on post are continually working on new ways to conserve... new recharge facilities, use of treated effluent in our common areas (like Brown Parade Field)... and I am confident about just what good stewards of the environment here at Fort Huachuca we will continue to be.

As I told the members of the Military Affairs Committee two weeks ago, I've seen many good civilian and military relationships, but the one Fort Huachuca has with the off-post communities here is the best – truly the record-setter! We will continue to work with our partners and neighbors in those communities to seek out aggressive ways to conserve our precious natural resources and make our new biological assessment a truly definitive document.

This process is of the utmost importance for all of us who live and work on Fort Huachuca, and we thank you for working as a team to make sure that the result reflects our commitment to excellence as neighbors and environmental stewards.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Fire fright

According to Michael Saenz, assistant fire chief for Fort Huachuca, a fire broke out Wednesday along Allison Road which is the road that winds behind the housing area located by the Lakeside Activity Centre. Saenz said approximately four acres burned but was contained by the joint effort of eight Fort Huachuca firefighters with four units, and six Forest Service firefighters with two units. In an effort to stop future fires, all canyon areas on Fort Huachuca are closed until further notice.

Check it out!

Natalie Danforth Administrative Librarian

Check out these new features at your post library. You can contact the post administrative librarian by email at danforthn@hua.army.mil or by phone at 533-3041.

Rabbit Shy

"If a cowboy gets bucked off a rabbit-shy horse he gets even. He makes the horse walk back to the ranch all by himself." From Savvy Sayin's, Ken Alstad Company, Tucson, c1986.

Scotland Yard's

Commander Dalgliesh tries escaping the pressures of his job in an isolated northern town where he has inherited a windmill and cottage. Master mystery writer P. D. James cuts short his vacation with murder in *Devices and Desires*. Read the book, watch the videos.

The Darwin Awards

This book commemorates "those individuals who ensure the long-term survival of our species by removing themselves from the gene pool in a sublimely idiotic fashion." In the New Book section.

Scout on the Street

How are you going to protect yourself during the 101 Critical Days of Summer?



Just being extra careful and looking out for kids because they are out on school break.

Anna Bridgman,
family member



Staying home. I never drive anywhere even if I've had one beer.

Sgt. Brian Orzechowski,
504th Sig. Bn.



By staying home, have a picnic at my home; grill hot dogs and hamburgers at my home.

Herman Capsuto,
retired Staff Sgt.



Just have a plan as far as drinking and driving and a way to get home. Also, practice all safety precautions such as when you're boating.

Staff Sgt. Kenya Boysaw,
314th Training Squadron



Preplan; if I go on vacation I try to go at non busy times, early in the morning or late at night.

Spc. Robert Ladrillono,
345th MI Bn.,
Ft. Gordon, Ga.



My wife and I don't drink, so we are alert on the road. Be aware of what's going on; we take the keys from our friends if they're drinking.

Spc. James Prescott,
D 309th MI Bn.

Photos by Angelica Pequeño

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Fort Huachuca Fire Department Chief Steve Hauck poses with the Commanding General's coin and letter thanking the post firefighters for their role and efforts to combat the Ryan wildfire which blazed more than 5,000 acres on post four weeks ago. Thirteen post firefighters were honored in a ceremony May 22.

Post firefighters honored for Ryan wildfire heroics

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

Four weeks ago as post residents were anticipating the worst of the fiery path of the Ryan fire, there were 13 Fort Huachuca firefighters on the ground battling the blaze to keep it at bay.

Because of their efforts, and other firefighter agencies, the post was spared what could have been a catastrophic loss of property and life. To show the post's appreciation of their bravery, Brig. Gen. James Marks, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca commanding general, recognized the firefighters in a ceremony May 22.

"Your collective efforts really prevented what could have been a huge disaster here," Marks said. "Many would say because we lost power on post for 15 hours, it was not a success. Well let me tell you, the structural damage that could have happened was prevented because of the smart decision making on the ground."

Marks also mentioned there was no doubt in his mind on who was in charge, on who was making things happen, and who was anticipating events before they occurred.

"I just wanted to take a few minutes to say thank you from all of us in the community for what you do routinely, but specifically for your efforts on the Ryan fire."

The ceremony was considered a morale booster for his men according to Fort Huachuca Fire Department Chief Steve Hauck. Serving as the Incident Commander for the Ryan fire, Hauck and his staff coordinated with other agencies fighting the blaze to make critical decisions based on day-to-day factors.

"I think it's very significant that Gen. Marks was here," Hauck said. "We're all in this situation together and it for the same reason – to protect our community. So many times people think that this is just our job and we're trained to do this every day. I will tell you that our firefighters are dedicated professionals."

Hauck mentioned during the battle with the fire there were days that his men did not sleep, could not eat and didn't get the opportunity to rehabilitate for a new day of fighting.

"Some people might ask, 'why would you do this, why would you put your life at risk?'" Hauck said. "You almost have to love this to do it."

Although the fire is history in many of the minds of some, Hauck and his team still gets praise from the post community, however, he is humble through it all.

"We've received a lot of support from the community since the fire," Hauck said. "But it's not just Fort Huachuca doing good stuff, it's all the surrounding communities as well. We're all still on standby at high alert. The situation right now is relevant to having a nasty fire anywhere in this area."

MI officer reflects on past, looks forward to future

*By Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Scout News Editor*

Eleven years ago, then Capt. D.J. Reyes was the Headquarters company commander, for the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion when it was located at Fort Devens, Mass.

Fast forward to today, now Lt. Col. Reyes will pass the reigns of the 306th as its outgoing battalion commander. The change of command ceremony on Brown Parade Field ends nearly two years of command of a unit which is close to his heart.

"It's been a homecoming of sorts for me. I feel I have a history with this unit. I'm very proud, honored and humbled to serve in the 306th MIBN again, he said.

Reyes received his commission through ROTC in 1979 after earning his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology at the University of Notre Dame. He took a three-year break to earn his law degree from Temple University.

He then returned to active duty as a 35D, tactical intelligence officer and has served in command and staff positions supporting MI, Armor, Infantry, and special operations units from detachment through the joint staff level.

Reyes credits being a military brat for his service in the Army.

"Being in the military community exposed me to a lot of opportunities. One of these was the Army's ROTC scholarship program, which ultimately paid for my college, and gave me a job upon commissioning. I couldn't pass up the offer."

But it is the intangibles that keeps Reyes in the Army. "What I didn't know then was that I would be given authority and responsibility to plan and execute missions, to command and lead troops, and to truly take care of families in ways that I could not imagine. And to do all of these things with a team of professionals, is humbling – and fun."

When asked what his source of strength is, Reyes did not hesitate. "Family is everything – they are the baseline you go to when times get tough. As Army leaders we really have to take care of the family – it's not just words. There is a direct correlation between this concept and soldier effectiveness and efficiency. I love the saying, 'If Mama ain't happy, nobody's happy.' That's so true."

Reyes said there are three things he's learned and observed from good leaders, both officers and noncommissioned officers.

"First, be yourself. God made us all different for a purpose. We should embrace, rather than avoid, our differences. That is one of the great things about the Army. We are rich in diversity," he said.

He continued, "It's the leader's challenge to harness that diversity and mold it into a unified fighting force driven by core values. Diversity can be our strength, but it can also be our weakness. If you as a leader are incapable of shaping your unit with a 'one team, one fight' mindset, you may experience dissension amongst the ranks and a breakdown of effective command and control, and mission focus."

"Second, as a leader, you have to lead from the front. You can't manage from the rear – you have to lead the way," he said emphatically.

"Third, a good portion of our current human relations issues can be easily resolved if all parties exercise mutual respect and mutual communication. You also have to learn the art of listening. One mentor told me a long time ago that 'We were born with two ears and one mouth – that means we should listen twice as much as we talk,'" Reyes said.

Reyes said that he chose to remain in the Army because it is one of the few institutions where a person is truly judged on merit, and not on race, religion, or ethnic origin.

"I believe that there are no glass ceilings in



Photo by Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Lt. Col. D.J. Reyes, outgoing 306th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, right,

this Army, and that you can do great things with a great bunch of folks", he said.

When asked why he chose military intelligence as his career field, Reyes said that he was, like others, intrigued. Twenty years later, he continues to be amazed at the evolving technical aspects of the intelligence field. "We demand a lot from our intelligence soldiers – they not only have to be tactically proficient, but they're required to understand very complex systems and its architecture – all in support of the warfighter. And our intelligence soldiers are doing it on a daily basis, from Afghanistan to Korea. I'm just utterly amazed," he said.

His next assignment will be as the senior staff intelligence officer (G2) for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), currently in Af-

ghanistan and involved in other contingency operations. "I'm apprehensive, but it's a good apprehension, like the 'good nerves' you would have before a race. I've been told by many that it's a most difficult, yet highly rewarding assignment. I also believe that as prior command and staff assignments prepare you for battalion command, all MI analytical jobs ultimately lead you to Division G2. I look forward to this challenge," he said.

Reyes paused to reflect on his last two years of command. "There are no bad days as a commander – it's just that some days are more fun than others", he said laughing. "However, my not so good days as a battalion commander were much better than my absolute best days as a staff officer. The bottom line is that there

Cochise College near completion of Army Education Center renovation project

*By Kathy Goode
Scout staff*

In a concerted effort to promote the partnership between Cochise College and Fort Huachuca, Cochise College is finishing a joint, six-to-nine-month renovation project of the Army Education Center, located in Building 52104.

"We are actually finishing up what the military started," said Bruce Richardson, Director of Cochise College's Fort Huachuca Center.

"Col. Michael Boardman, U. S. Army Garrison Commander, thought it would be nice if Cochise College had their own building and provided us with what is historically the Col. Young School," said Sharon Lewis, an Education Services Specialist at the Army Education Center.

Richardson explained that previously, Cochise College had classes scattered all over post making it difficult for students and faculty.

"It was a nightmare for the previous director, Ralph Italia," Richardson said, "and that was true especially at night when he had to go to where the classes were held to make sure every-

thing was alright."

"So, about a year-and-a-half ago, Col. Boardman, who is so supportive of us, gave us this building making our job much easier," Richardson continued.

Richardson said of the college's renovation effort, "This is just a chance to give back to the military for all that they have done for us." He explained of the renovation project that is costing Cochise College approximately \$20 thousand, "this is a small gesture for what has been done for us."

Richardson said of the military portion of the renovations that were finished in April, "Boardman was responsible for the new roof, a new awning, exterior renovation and painting."

Lewis said, "The roof was so bad, that is was actually leaking on students. Obviously that wasn't a good learning environment" to the nearly 700 students a term that use this facility.

Also, for the 20 students per class, in the 34 classes offered, "the college has rewired classrooms so that the electric is up to code, provided brackets to hang televisions from the wall, and we are currently in the process of painting the interior," said Richardson.

According to Richardson, that the Army Education Center

has also assisted in the college's renovation project by donating 10 gallons of paint for the interior painting that is currently underway.

Richardson explained, "Repainting will lighten the classes up and make them neater. Right now they are dull and dark, but using a whiter color of paint will make it easier for students to see."

But the donation of paint is not the only thing the Education Center has done for this branch of Cochise College.

According to Lewis, the Education Center has also contributed in other ways to the college. Lewis said, "The Army Education Center was responsible for buying the new furniture, VCR's, TV's, and tables and chairs for the classrooms."

Desiring to do more towards renovating the building, Richardson said, "The next thing we are going to do is replace the carpet. We will then tear up and replace the existing 625 square yards of carpet."

"We just want to show appreciation for what the military has done for us," said Richardson. He continued, "The military gave us this building, pays for all the utilities—they give, give, give. Now it's time that we give back to the military."

'Moment of Remembrance'

Memorial Day Observance recognizes fallen American heroes from wars past, present



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Above photo: Members of the Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard await orders to perform the ceremonial 21-gun salute at the Fort Huachuca Memorial Day Observance. Top photo: left, and Charlie Price, commander Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9972, Sierra Vista, give a solemn prayer at the tombstone of Pvt. F.P. Kelly. The post honored Kelly, the first person buried in the original cemetery on Fort Huachuca on Dec. 22, 1877.



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

"I miss my old friends that are buried here," said Evelyn Mundorff, former Vietnam War medic. "I put down roses at each of their graves throughout the year. It's just my way of showing remembrance."

Mundorff, along with other soldiers, veterans and family members gathered at the Fort Huachuca Post Cemetery to pay homage and respect to the many Americans who paid their lives to protect the Nation's way of life.

The ceremony highlighted by remarks from Brig. Gen. James Marks, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca command-

ing general, honored the first person buried in the original post graveyard in 1877.

"We know very little about Private Kelly as an individual, but we certainly recognize the accomplishments achieved by Kelly and the U.S. Army at that time," Marks said.

Marks also asked the audience to take time during the day and be a part of the nationwide 'Moment of Remembrance.'

"This is to remind all Americans of the importance of remembering those who sacrificed for their freedom and what it means to be an American," Marks said, "And to provide Americans throughout the world an opportunity to join this expression of gratitude in an act of unity."



Left: Van Santiago sheds tears and places flowers at the tombstone of her deceased husband, former Sgt. 1st Class Ricardo Santiago. Above: Chuck Bianco, left, Bill Moore, center, and Carl Clark, all members of the Sierra Vista local chapter of the Military Order of Purple Heart 572, reflect on fellow comrades of war. Bianco served in the Vietnam War, Moore in both the Korean and Vietnam War and Clark served in World War II in the Pacific.

'Fraud alert' helps stop identification theft damage

By 1st Lt. Theodore Lorenz
153rd Legal Support Organization

You have found that dream home or have decided to buy the car you have always wanted. You need financing to make the purchase and you have been careful over the years to maintain good credit. However, your application for the loan is rejected and you cannot understand why. You could be the victim of identity theft—and you are not alone.

The identity of thousands of people is stolen each year and used by others to purchase goods or services on credit, or to apply for loans. With our personal information so readily available these days, it has become easier and easier for preying individuals to access our information. This problem has not gone unnoticed on either the Federal or State level as evidenced by the legislation enacted to deal with this continuing issue. Obviously, it is a crime to use someone else's identity.

If your identity is stolen, then the following steps should assist you in dealing with that unfortunate event. First, contact the three national credit reporting agencies listed and advise them that you are the victim of identity theft. You should request that a "fraud alert" be placed on your account to prevent further problems. You should also request a copy of your credit report, which the agency should provide for free, so that you can assess the damage. Upon receipt of your credit report, review it closely and report any unauthorized transactions to the credit-reporting agency.

Secondly, you need to contact the unauthorized creditors or companies listed in the credit report and report the theft. The creditors will usually require you to file a form or write a letter stating that you did not request the credit, did not purchase the goods or services, and did not receive any benefit from the transaction at issue.

Also, be sure to close the account in question. It is extremely important to contact the creditors and report the theft in order to

avoid being held responsible for the unauthorized debt. This step will probably be the most time consuming, especially if the identity thief racked up a lot of debt in your name.

Lastly, you should report the theft to your local police department. Be sure to get either the report number or a copy of the report so you can provide this information to the creditors and the credit reporting agencies. You should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and report the theft. The FTC maintains a centralized database for victims of identity theft as well as an excellent website, which is listed below, to assist individuals whose identity is stolen.

You can and should take steps to reduce the risk of a thief stealing your identity. You can do this by being careful about giving out your personal information (especially your social security number), whether over the Internet, the phone, or in any other manner.

For example, soldiers separating from active duty service were previously advised to file their original DD 214 at a county courthouse, in part, to prevent the loss of the original.

The problem with this advice is that upon filing the DD 214 it becomes a public record which anyone can access. The more prudent course, and the advice currently given by Transition Counselors, is to store your original DD 214 in a fireproof or safety deposit box, which should also hold other important documents such as your will and birth certificate. That way, preying individuals will not have access to your personal information contained in those documents.

The FTC's website also has information about "opting-out" of the disclosure or sharing of your personal information by credit agencies, public agencies, and direct marketers. In other words, if you follow the steps outlined by the FTC, you can prevent the disclosure of your personal information by certain agencies and companies to third parties. It may also be wise to purchase a home shredder so those documents containing personal information that should be shredded prior to being thrown out.

Another preventative measure you can take is to order a credit

report each year and review it for any discrepancies. If there are any discrepancies or problems, contact the credit-reporting agency. In addition, you may consider notifying the three major credit reporting agencies that you do not want any credit approved in your name without your prior approval. Sometimes this is referred to as a "credit block" and will require a potential creditor to contact you prior to approving any credit in your name. This is true even if you are the one applying for credit.

Listed below is the contact information for the national credit reporting agencies and the FTC:

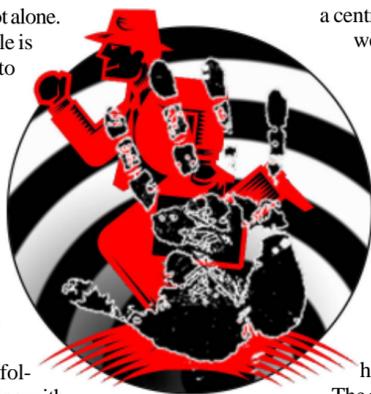
**National Credit Reporting Agencies
Equifax Credit Information Services, Inc.**
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian Information Solutions, Inc.
P.O. Box 9530
Allen, TX 75013
888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion
Fraud Victim Assistance Division
P.O. Box 6790
Fullerton, CA 92634-6790
800-680-7289
www.tuc.com

Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
877-438-4338
www.consumer.gov/idtheft

If you are or become the victim of identity theft, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is available to assist you with any questions you may have.



Leader involvement key to minimizing motorcycle accidents

Bruce V. Heran
Safety Manager, USAIC&FH

Based on the number of miles driven, motorcycle accidents account for far too many injuries and deaths when compared to other vehicles.

The only privately owned vehicle fatality sustained by Fort Huachuca personnel in the last two years was a single vehicle motorcycle accident. Driver error was the apparent primary cause of the accident.

Unsafe vehicle loading was indicated as an additional factor. Just two weeks ago, a soldier was killed at Fort Bliss in a motorcycle accident. It occurred at a high rate of speed and the military operator did not have a helmet.

Army statistics show that about 20 percent of reported motorcycle accidents are fatal. I

am sure that not all minor accidents are reported, and a certain number slip through unreported. But, when you compare this percentage to the less than one percent fatality rate for automobile accidents, it is clear that we as leaders and individuals must become involved.

We can do many things to minimize the risks of motorcycle accidents. Strict adherence to existing safety standards is high on the list. Based on several recent inquiries, confusion regarding the applicability of motorcycle safety requirements seems widespread.

Some of the key requirements from various standards and regulations are given in the paragraphs below. *None of the requirements are new.* Most have been in effect for over 10 years.

For those who desire to "read the letter of the law" the bulk of the requirements are found in DOD Instruction 6055.4 and AR 385-55, both

of which are available on various military web sites.

Applicability. The requirements for protective equipment and training apply to: military personnel on or off post at all times, DOD civilian employees on post and during the conduct of government business (for example, on TDY) and anyone using or riding on a government owned motorcycle. The protective equipment requirements apply to everyone operating a motorcycle on post.

Licensing. Motorcycles must be licensed to operate on roadways and operators must have a valid operator's license. In order to register a motorcycle on Fort Huachuca you must also show proof of insurance.

Protective Equipment. The following

items are mandatory for use. ANSI approved helmet, goggles or full face shield (motorcycle mounted wind shields and eye glasses do not qualify), sturdy footwear, long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, full fingered gloves or mittens, and brightly colored (or reflective) upper outer garment for day use, reflective outer garment for night use.

Training. All Military personnel must complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course (or equal) to operate a motorcycle. DOD civilian employees need to complete the course to operate a motorcycle on Post or on official government business (for example, on TDY). Courses are available as a coordinated effort between Cochise College and Fort Huachuca. The course coordinator

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coloring that is used to put in front of the fire, and around it as a firebreak.

John Snyder, the Retardant Plant Manager for the tanker base, said on Friday as he checked the slurry mixture, "We have gone through 80,000 gallons of slurry alone this morning to fight this fire. ... And we have at least five-and-a-half hours more to go."

He added that operating the plant to help fight fire is hard work, "but we enjoy it."

Due to the extreme conditions of drought which allow these fires to get out of hand, Bartlein has worked closely with the Forestry Service district office in Sierra Vista on Highway 92, and has designed signs similar to theirs and put them up at each gate on Fort Huachuca and at the entrance of Huachuca Canyon, "so when people come on post, they will know what the fire dangers are and are able to [safely] go up to the canyons to bird watch, or recreate, or picnic or whatever they want to do."

"We have not had any fire danger signs up for a long time," Bartlein said of this action which is hoped will decrease the amount of fires on Fort Huachuca.

Gov. Jane D. Hull said she is serious about preventing future wildfires that are mainly human caused, and to comply with this, Fort Huachuca has designed some strict guidelines.

Prohibitions on post are widespread, and according to Bartlein, these include: smoking regulations of no smoking in bed, no littering the post with matches, cigarettes, or smoking materials of any kind, and in the canyons, smoking is only allowed in vehicles or buildings; to fire restrictions similar to those put out by the U.S. Forestry Service, where only attended gas or propane barbecues and lanterns are allowed.

"If you get caught by a MP following you when you throw a cigarette butt out of your window, or someone sees you throw-



Air technicians load slurry into the dump compartment of an airplane in preparation of fighting a fire. The threat of wildfire on Fort Huachuca is considered extreme by the post Environmental Division.

ing out a cigarette butt and turns in your license plate number to the MP's, you can get written up for a fine for littering and also for possible cause of a brush fire," advised Bartlein.

"We did have a brush fire start on the East Range about a month-and-a-half ago caused by a person flipping their cigarette butt out on Highway 90 outside Huachuca City," Bartlein said.

"It started at the shoulder, and it only took a moment to start. ... When you have the wind blowing, the coals from the cigarette reach 350 to 400 degrees... and it only takes about 250 to 350 degrees to start a brush fire," Bartlein cautioned, saying this is extremely true due to our current dry conditions, and the lack of moisture in brush, grass, and other fuel for fires.

He added, "It's crispy critter dry out there right now, and if a fire is not detected within two to three hours—you just won't be able to catch it."

Bartlein said, "We haven't had a dry spell like this in the 33 years I have been here. ... And people are saying there hasn't been a drought like this since the drought from about 1959 to 1962."

"We are about 4 inches behind [in rain] from the last three years," said Bartlein. And due to this, he added, "Arizona is at a four out of five on a scale for the danger of fire. The only thing that can save us is rain."

"Basically I will be in control to make sure the fire danger signs are correct, so that people can know how bad the risk of fire is," said Bartlein of his part in fighting fire.

He added, "And these people who work at the tanker station to fight fire, because they are part of the forestry service, are only supposed to work about six months a year. ... They had to start two to three months early this year. Because of this, they are being paid on what is called a severity code."

To fund the saving of land, homes, and most importantly, lives, the U.S. Congress passed a bill that, according to Bartlein, "has allowed about 5.5 billion dollars to fight fires this year." In addition, Hull has passed bills to supplement the congressional dollars, "to fund wild land firefighters and rural fire departments in the state."

Bartlein explained, "This is America's tax dollars going for a life saving cause—land, life—human and animals—as well as people's houses."

(Editor's note - Additional information for this article was obtained from: Southwest Area Wildland Fire website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/>; and The Arizona Daily Star.)

Community Updates

VA Benefits briefings set

Veterans Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the VA Regional Office, VA Hospital and Tucson Vet Center. Representatives cover VA Benefits such as education and training, health care, home loan guarantees, disability compensation, pensions, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation.

It is important for all soldiers who are submitting claims for medical conditions to come to this briefing. The forms necessary for the submission and an explanation of how to complete the forms is provided. The public is invited to attend this briefing.

All VA benefits briefings are held in Building 22420. General information is provided from 8 a.m. to noon, and assistance in filing claims is done from 1-3 p.m. No reservation required. Briefings for 2002 are set for May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

TROA presentation

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring a presentation by The Retired Officers Association entitled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career." The presentation will take place on June 19th from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Cochise Theatre. It is free and open to both senior NCO's and Officers who are contemplating a transition from the service in the foreseeable future.

The presentation will be made by COL Dick Crampton, U.S. Army (Ret), Deputy Director, Officer Placement Services, TROA. Crampton presents a 2-1/2 hour lecture on job competition, the realities of competition in the civilian job market; a plan for transition; networking; salary negotiations and benefits; how to handle rejection; the perceptions that civilian employers have of military personnel; tips for strengthening the resume (to include how employers read the resume); preparing for and conducting a successful interview, and salary and benefit packages.

Crampton doesn't promise instant job search success but guarantees that each person that attends his lecture will profit from the knowledge gained and be ready to move in the right direction towards that second career. The information that Crampton presents complements the job search preparation that is offered by the ACAP Office.

Call Angela Baker at 533-5766 for more information.

Combat Lifesaver courses set

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

The schedule for courses for fiscal year

2002 is as follows:

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

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

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

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

Federal Jobs Workshops

Federal Jobs Workshops are offered to explain subjects such as What is Federal Government Employment, How To Use the Internet To Find Out Where Government Jobs Are Located, Federal Jobs Benefits, Federal Pay Scales, Interpreting a Federal Job Advertisement, Federal Applications, How to Apply for a Government Job, Veteran's Preference, The Selection Process, RESUMIX Procedures, and Outlook on Opportunities. The public is invited to attend. All Federal Jobs Workshops are held in Building 22420 from 8 to 10 a.m. No reservation required. The public is invited to attend. Workshops are set for June 7, July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. For more information, call Thomas L. Hapgood at 533-7314.

FRG training scheduled

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

Follow-up Advanced FRG training, including personality types, conflict management and group dynamics is set for 9 a.m.-noon, June 15. Basic FRG training, including commercial sponsorship, fund raising, private organization status, and rules and regulations governing an FRG is set for 9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 14.

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

Moving Wall comes to Sierra Vista

The Moving Wall Vietnam Memorial comes to Veterans Memorial Park, June 20-26. Donations to assist in sponsorship may be made at "The Moving Wall Account" at Compass Bank in Sierra Vista. For more information, call Angela Brown at 456-1265 or e-mail adamant30@earthlink.net.

Security Agency reunion

The U.S. Army Security Agency Association will host its annual reunion for past members of the agency Aug. 23-25 at the Hon-Dah Resort, nine miles south of Pinetop-Lakeside, Ariz. in the White Mountains. For more information, visit www.azasaa.org, call Dave Waldmann at 378-0159 or e-mail dwaldmann@theriver.com.

Signal reunion planned

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

Mortuary affairs reunion slated

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

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

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

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

U.S. Cavalry needs you

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

Troops to Teachers needed

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

If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certifi-

cation and finding a teaching position, contact the ARIZONA TROOPS TO TEACHERS office at 1-800-830-2134.

Commanders Access Channel

Did you know the Fort Huachuca Commander's Access Channel 97 is on Cox cable channel 97 on your television, whether you live on post or in Sierra Vista?

The CAC is a great way for you to inform the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista community about what's happening in your organization. It's updated daily with upcoming events and activities that may be of interest to you.

The Public Affairs Office also airs videotapes provided by Soldiers Radio and Television on the CAC as a way of keeping our viewers informed about current events in the Army.

To air an announcement or for more information, call Pat Dillingham at 533-1850.

Market yourself for a second career

Col. Dick Crampton (Ret.) will host a seminar on civilian life after the military at the Cochise Theater on Wednesday, June 19th, 2002 from 1-3 p.m.

Col. Crampton has served 26 in the service, and has extensively researched, written and spread his knowledge to soldiers about programs affecting military personnel transitioning to the civilian workforce.

It is aimed towards officers and senior NCO's who plan on leaving the service in the next one to five years, and retirees. Spouses are welcome.

Topics will include learning about your competition for finding a job; perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel; planning your job search; resumes, cover letters, broadcast letters, etc.; salary negotiations and benefit packages. For more information contact Ms. Angela Baker at 533-5766.

Father's Day Special Buffet

Bring Dad for a He-Man Menu at the LakeSide Activity Centre on June 16th. The menu features the traditional carving station with savory steamship round. Also a bountiful buffet complete with grilled BBQ salmon with prickly pear sauce, tasty turkey legs, blackened chicken breast with red pepper sauce, zesty peppered smoked pork ribs, vegetable especial, au gratin potatoes, LakeSide Benedict's, hearty pastries, croissants, breads and a delicious salad bar.

The ever-so-popular omelet bar will be available for your cooked-to-order omelets, then stop by the fruit and cheeses display and the healthy juice bar for more refreshing additions to your meal. Last stop is at the desert bar where a slice of heaven is right at your fingertips. Adults are \$14.95; children \$7.95 and children under 4 years of age are free! For more information and to make your reservations call 533-2194.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Community Events Calendar</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6970.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Army Family Team Building</h3> <h4 style="margin: 0;">Level 1 Training</h4> <p style="margin: 0;">June 11-13</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Call 533-3686 for details</p> </div>						
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Desert Working Writers Association meets from 2-4 p.m. at the SV library. • The Wild Bunch at the OK Corral in Tombstone at 2 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647. • Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883. 	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info. • ACAP is holding its Three-Day Workshop from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Bldg. 22420. Call 533-7314 for reservations. • Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. • National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. • Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502. • Society for Creative Anachorism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">5</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. • ACAP is holding its Three-Day Workshop from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Bldg. 22420. Call 533-7314 for reservations. • SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACAP/TAP Three-Day Workshop at Bldg. 22420 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 533-7314 reservations. • National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details. • SV Parks & Leisure is hosting Concerts in the Park. The 36th Army Concert Band will open the season at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park. • Tsunami Nights at the Cove from 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 a person and free pizza and soft drinks. • SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. 	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Red Cross Blood Drive at Eiler Gym from 2-8 p.m. • Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details. • ACAP is holding its Federal Jobs Workshop from 8-10 a.m. at the Bldg. 22420. Call 533-7314 for information. The public is invited to attend. • The SV Youth Center is hosting Nimitzendo & Playstation Tournaments. The fun begins at 3 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11-17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details. 	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p>
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<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>						

Golf Course Committee turning loss into profit

Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

The Golf Course Advisory Committee met for the first time on May 3 to address the needs and concerns of golfers who use Mountain View Golf Course.

"We just had the first meeting in order to look over the constitution and bylaws, and to make sure they were acceptable. And then we are going to have our next meeting on the first Friday of June," said Allan Guthrie, manager of Mtn. View Golf Course, of the advisory council endorsed by Brig. Gen. James Marks.

A council that will provide a point of contact for all golfers, whether officer, enlisted, dependent, retired, or civilian, Guthrie explained. "The purpose of the Golf Course Advisory Council is to get input from members and different quarters, so people can voice their concerns and give suggestions for improvements."

And there is a definite need for improvement, cautions Guthrie, as "there has been approximately a \$60,000 loss in the past five years in just the retail side alone."

However, the outlook for the golf course is looking up. With the changes to the golf course of adding Guthrie, as the new manager, and a moneymaking off-post entrance to the golf course, Mountain View has done better financially in one month than in the past six months. Guthrie added, "and the advisory council will have the opportunity to make things even better."

"Improvements need to be made everywhere," said Guthrie, "from the retail store, to the driving range, to the golf course and the condition of the course, to the golf carts, the restaurant, and to the fee schedule. Basically every area we will be looking into."

And that is why the advisory council was implemented. Guthrie said of the council that will consist of about 16 or 17 people, "I am only one person. With the council I can get information together and say 'here guys. How about crunching some numbers and letting me know what you think. Let's find out where we are high and low to other places like Ft. Leonard Wood, and see how we compare. Give me recommendations."

"We have people here [on the council] that are primarily golfers, and between them, they have basically been on every military golf course in the world. So if someone, somewhere, is doing something better than we are, and we can adopt it, fine. Tell me what we need to do."

"If you have a suggestion, write it up and give it to your representative," Guthrie urges. Explaining that each organization or group will have its own representative that will be listed on the bulletin board at the golf course, "It's your representative body. They are there for you."

"The sport of golf has grown more in the past five years than ever," Guthrie continued, explaining the declining gross intake for



Golfers in the distance enjoy a lazy morning at Mountain View Golf Course.

just the retail store over the past five years, "That means those figures should be going straight up, and the costs involved have gone up. So if the income line is flat, then you are actually losing [money]."

"We are trying to right a sinking ship. I would think that this is the most expensive piece of real estate that MWR has, and the greatest asset. This should, by rights, be the goose that lays the golden egg, but it's not. That's why I am here. . . . That's why we have the advisory council," said Guthrie. With the determined look of a winner, this former golf pro said, "We will do much better. We will do fine, it's just going to get a little bloody along the way."



Photos by Katherine Goode

Allan Guthrie said that many people are concerned about the environmental issues of the golf course encroaching on the natural environment, but instead the golf course is home to many animals and native grasses.



Courtesy photo

Chalk Talk Toast

Grandparents, parents and even a younger brother joined seventh-grade student Van Hollenbeck at the Kiwanis luncheon on May 20th to honor him as the Sierra Vista Kiwanis Student of the Month. Van was nominated by Smith Middle School Counselor classes in the Ft. Huachuca Accommodation School district. "Van has worked very hard this year to become more comfortable with his peers in the school environment and he did an outstanding job as an anchor player on our Academic Team," Ellsworth reported. "He's going to be an outstanding eighth grade student." Van is the son of John and Lori Guess.

CG's Sensing Session

In mid-March, Brigade General James Marks, conducted the first four of 18 sensing sessions focusing on Quality of Life. All the issues raised in those sensing sessions were captured and tasked out to the appropriate agencies/activities within the command to respond to and/or resolve. Contained in this article are the issues that were raised during those sessions, along with responses from the agencies/activities responsible for each area.

Inconsistent standards for fair wear & tear in quarters

The observation was made that standards for fair wear and tear are not consistent. An example was given of an occupant paying 50 additional dollars to his cleaning team to clean the oil stains off the driveway. The cleaning was never accomplished and the quarters were alleged to have passed inspection.

Response

There have been some instances where occupants have been charged for damages to quarters which have subsequently been determined to be fair wear and tear. In all cases we

have refunded the amount charged. Since this normally occurs after a resident leaves, it probably is not known to those neighbors or friends still assigned. Training and review of processes are used as a continual learning tool in the housing office. Each week agents share situations to ensure consistency of service and adherence to standards and policies.

Vehicles speeding through housing areas

Residents of enlisted housing areas were concerned about vehicles speeding through housing areas. There was an impression that placing signs in enlisted housing areas similar to the signs in the officer housing area near the museums, designating it as for residents only, would prevent vehicles from speeding through that area. The CG pointed out signs do little to prevent vehicles from continuing to speed through the housing areas.

Response

The garrison commander directed the Safety Board meet with the appropriate offices to review this situation. Several recommenda-

tions were made, such as considering speed bumps as a pilot project in the Hall Circle area and ensuring all speed limit signs are the same speed limit.

The Garrison Commander is awaiting more information before a decision can be made concerning the aspects of speed bumps, etc. In addition, future renovation projects include traffic circles within housing areas as part of the standard design to reduce speed violations. Finally, DPS systematically increases patrolling in areas where speeding becomes a problem.

Garbage collection

When garbage is picked up, trash frequently falls to the ground and is ignored by the garbage collectors. The contract needs to include the requirement for the collectors to police up any trash that falls on the ground during collection. If it is already in the contract, then it needs to be enforced.

Response

As of May 1, the Directorate of Installation Support has a new refuse collection contractor, Sunrise Sanitation, on board for the post

and family housing areas. Sunrise Sanitation is in the process of replacing trashcans at the family housing areas and dumpsters in the post areas, and has made great improvement in the services provided. It will take Sunrise a little time to make all the adjustments and get the trash collection equipment replaced.

The Directorate of Installation Support thanks you in advance for your patience, and should you need any assistance or have any questions, please call 533-1442.

Items not available in the PX

There was a concern that the Main Post Exchange does not carry children's shoes below size four. There was also a comment that the PX carries \$80 jerseys but does not carry inexpensive sweats.

Response

The PX does carry children's shoe sizes ranging from size 0 to 13, although the selection is limited due to the size of the shoe department which is a reflection of the size of the

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we'll make it happen for you."

A mobile aviation trainer aircraft is located on the same site as the tower.

With equipment to simulate a spill area, along with the body of an aircraft that is operated similarly to the computerized tower, firefighters can now practice their skills during a simulated aircraft crash, including practicing cutting through the fuselage to remove the flight crew. The cut through panel is designed of steel, and is made to replace after simulations.

Petty mentioned after involvement in a recent simulated joint exercise between local emergency agencies he learned "how important mutual aid and the interdependency among our departments is throughout Team Cochise, and beyond. No one can do it alone. If we have a major structural fire, or an aircraft crash, mutual aid is essential."

Petty also said that we need to utilize these facilities not just on an individual departmental basis, but jointly so that,

"God forbid," if anything were to happen, we would know how to work with each other.

"There is truly nothing like this south of Phoenix," said Boardman. "It provides an extremely realistic, but a completely safe training environment not only for our firefighters on Fort Huachuca, but all our cooperative stations. This is something great for all firefighters in southeastern Arizona."

To further mutual aid, Fort Huachuca has opened the trainer to Cochise College for hands on training for Cochise College's revived Fire Science Program.

Dennis Sherrod, Educations Services Director for Fort Huachuca, said, "It's really going to be a good program because Cochise is going to partner with all the different fire departments from the entire Southeastern Arizona area."

Bruce Richardson, Director of Cochise College, Fort Huachuca, said, "Actually we have contacted all the local fire departments, they're all in it, and it will all start in August."



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Post firefighters get to test out the new fire training facility.

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may be contacted at 432-7770 for details.

Other Requirements. Motorcycle headlights will be turned on when the vehicle is in operation except where prohibited by military missions, state or local laws or by SOFA. Motorcycles (except government owned tactical off-road) will be equipped with rearview mirrors mounted on the vehicle.

As a final note, failure to comply with the requirements of the DODI is something that may be considered in line of duty determinations. This is real a possibility in the recent fatal accident mentioned above. Costs of treatment and other benefits may be affected.

Having any accident is undesirable. Having it become more serious because of failure to comply with standards is bad. Having your benefits reduced because of your own actions is even worse.

Let's get the information out and enforce the standards so that no more individuals are killed or maimed in preventable motorcycle accidents.

Persons desiring additional information on motorcycle safety are encouraged to contact the Fort Huachuca Safety Office at 538-7233 or 533-8422

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customer support base. Popular brands include Wee Kids and Little Darlings. The PX does carry a variety of brands and price points for sweats depending on the time of year and weather. We currently have shorts for \$4.99, sweat pants for \$9.99 and tank tops for as low as \$3.99. During the winter months we sell heavier sweat pants for \$7.49 and tops for \$6.49. In addition, we offer several other popular brands to include Nike, Adidas, and Wilson. Because of our diverse customer base we offer a variety of price points on many clothing items.

Fees to park vehicles at the Lemon Lot

Soldiers took exception to having to pay to park cars they are trying to sell at the "Lemon Lot." The charge is \$15 for 30 days.

Response

This policy was approved by the previous CG after conducting research at other Army and DoD installations. The centralized location prevents the placement of unsightly "for sale" vehicles all around the installation. It assists DPS in keeping this operation in one central location for security purposes. It also helps sellers sell their vehicles faster by one stop shopping at a central location.

The 50 cent per day charge is more than reasonable to cover the cost of registering the vehicle and associated paperwork. Local markets charge a percentage for sales. Also, this charge can be passed on to the buyer through adjustment of the sale price if the seller wishes. For more information, please call David Wall, Deals on Wheels manager at 533-6707.

Perishable produce at commissary

Soldiers feel the perishables in the commissary are of poor quality. Fruits and vegetables were specifically mentioned as going bad not long after being purchased.

Response

The Commissary has recently changed produce suppliers. We are now receiving our produce from Tucson Fruit and Produce. Our receivers have had additional training inspecting produce as it arrives and are refusing items at the back door that are less than top quality. The Army food inspectors are also checking the deliveries with our receivers.

Produce personnel are culling the produce cases throughout the day and removing bruised items. The Store Director inspects the cases several times per day to ensure this is being accomplished. An unannounced inspection by

DeCA Headquarters during April found the quality of Commissary produce equal to the quality available in local supermarkets and current price surveys shows Commissary shoppers saved 37 percent over local markets. Beginning in May, Tucson Fruit and Produce will be sending one of their experts to assist and train our produce personnel twice weekly. We welcome requests from our customers and will make every effort to bring in produce items they would like to have.

Availability of BOSS and FRG Information

There was a concern when someone tries to get information regarding Better Opportunity for Single Servicemembers or FRG, they do not get any responses.

BOSS Response

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Robert L. Voss sent a reminder on April 3 to all brigade command sSt. Maj.'s including Signal and MEDDAC about DA Cir 608-01-1 which requires a BOSS representative from each unit to attend meetings and represent soldiers. He asked that they also remind the subordinate Battalion CSMs, commanders, and 1SGs to ensure the information is available in their units.

Voss also notified the BOSS President, Spc. Melissa Garret, of the concern. He asked her to work on advertisement of these meetings and events through the channels. At the April 17th general BOSS meeting, Voss addressed the unit BOSS Representatives who were present. He explained the concern from the sensing session and asked that they all work the issue harder to ensure there are no new soldiers in any of the units who have to seek information about the Fort Huachuca BOSS program.

Additionally, a mechanism is in place to allow Spc. Garrett capability to distribute information on BOSS using "All user" e-mails, the Scout and the Commander's Access Channel.

Currently, the poc phone number for the BOSS President is 533-6568. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at Murr Community Center at 3 p.m. and are open to all military single soldiers. Meetings and events are being advertised with all media including "All users." The BOSS program also has their own web page. It can be accessed by going to the Ft Huachuca Homepage, selecting the

Pets of the Week



I'm a gorgeous, sleek black short-haired kitty with a wonderful attitude. I'm so good-looking that my name is "Beauty". I would be a wonderful addition to your home. My adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, a microchip, a feline leukemia test, vaccinations and deworming.



I'm a big, tough, goodlooking Rottweiler named "Max". I look mean, but I have a heart of gold: I love kids and would be a great addition to your family. My adoption fee is \$32, which includes a neuter, vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.



I'm a cute, medium-sized thirteen month old female mix breed dog with beautiful short blonde hair. I'm a very friendly girl and love to go on walks. Blondes have more fun! My adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming. Ask for "Tanner".



My name is "Socks" and I'm a very handsome gray and white male shorthaired tabby cat. I'm very cuddly and love to play. I'm looking for a good home with plenty of people to pet me. My adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter (yikes!), vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.

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

link to the Intelligence Center and School page, and then simply clicking on the BOSS logo ([url http://usaic.hua.army.mil/](http://usaic.hua.army.mil/)).

FRG Response

Family Readiness Groups are a battalion-level organization and each FRG has its own mechanism for conducting meetings, events, and raising funds, etc. Monthly Round Up

meetings have proven to be very effective. The Round Up meetings are conducted the first Thursday of every month at La Hacienda at 9 a.m. All information disseminated there, to include FRG meeting dates, are published by e-mail to all users in the form of a bulletin/newsletter called the Round Up Corral. For more information about FRGs on Fort Huachuca, please call Gail Mortensen at Army Commu