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Fire restrictions in place

The Coronado National Forest implemented fire and smoking restrictions. Restrictions include open campfires, smoking and fireworks.

Campfires, charcoal grills and stove fires are prohibited on national forest lands, except in Forest Service developed campgrounds and picnic grounds where grills are provided. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed.

Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building; a developed recreation site; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and free of all flammable material.

Fireworks are prohibited on all national forest lands year-round.

For other local fire restrictions and fire information for any southwestern forest, call toll-free (877) 864-6985 or visit www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire.

Astronomy club meets

The Huachuca Astronomy Club will meet at 7 p.m., Friday at Cochise College, Room 314, Sierra Vista campus. Dr. David Levy, author of many popular astronomy books and discoverer of 21 comets will give his presentation on "Arizona Comets." Adults and children are welcome. Refreshments will be served during the break. Some telescopes will be available for viewing. Door prizes will be awarded. For more information or directions, call (520) 366-5788.

Arizona trekkers meet

Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Wilcox, Sierra Vista. Discussions will be held concerning upcoming events both locally and in the surrounding area. For more information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Softball tournament

The 504th Signal Battalion is hosting a double elimination slow pitch softball tournament May 3-5 at the Eifler Sports Complex. The tournament is open to the first 16 teams to register. ASA rules will apply for the tournament. Cost is \$75 per team and all proceeds will benefit the battalion's Family Readiness Group. For more information and an entry form, call 1st Lt. Rochelle Gallagher at 533-0740 or Sgt. 1st Class Guillermina Moses at 533-1217. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

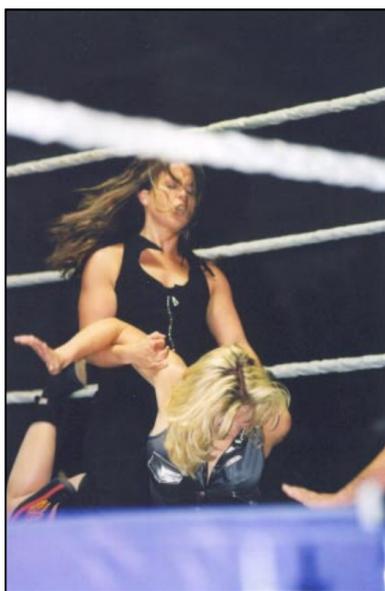
Youth volleyball tours Europe

Sports For Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15 - 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the United States on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The team will play in international age group volleyball tournaments, as well as play local club team in each city. Full sightseeing tours are scheduled in each city as well. E-mail at info@sportsforyouth.com, or visit www.volleyballtours.com.

Correction

In "Memorial march: Soldiers, civilians remember Bataan" article in the April 18 issue of The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper incorrectly identified the Desert Coyotes I and Desert Coyotes II teams as being assigned to the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion.

The teams were in fact representing Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 111th MI Brigade.



Raw night of fights

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

Make (or break) no bones about it; Sgt. Craig Williams, 69th Signal Company, is a die-hard wrestling fan. His television schedule for the past week included Sunday Night Heat, Monday Night Raw, and WWF Smackdown! on Thursday night.

However on Friday night he saw the action raw and up close at Barnes Field House as International Championship Wrestling, Inc. came to Fort Huachuca featuring famed professional wrestlers Konnan, Disco Inferno and Good Gangrel.

"My partners and I are humongous and loyal wrestling fans," Williams said. "It was great to see the former stars come here. This was a great morale booster, and we're having a damn good time."

The event, originally scheduled last Octo-

ber, was cancelled following the tragic events on Sept. 11. However, the wrestlers expressed their satisfaction of performing before the soldiers, family members and community of Sierra Vista.

"It's incredible to be here," said Konnan. "The energy here is electrifying and I'm going to give the crowd a show they'll remember."

A former middleweight boxing champion in the Navy, Konnan, delivered true to his promise as he smacked, slapped and stomped Disco Inferno for a victory.

"I know how excited I was in the Navy when events came to our base, so I know what the soldiers here feel," Konnan added. "I see the unity the soldiers here have, and I remember the closeness with the people I served, so it's a good feeling being back around the military."

Almost missing out on the event because of Kitchen Police duty, Pvt. John Pew, Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, bargained to switch details with a fellow soldier in order to attend.

"I'd never thought of experiencing something like this in the Army," said the 18-year-old Hampton, N.H. native. "I grew up on wrestling since I was six years old, so there was no way I was going to miss out on this. I definitely got the better end of the deal."

As part of the event, autograph sessions were held at the Post Exchange and fans were also able to take photos with their favorite wrestler. Pew, who brought his very own authentic WWF championship belt to the event, was able to get autographs from the wrestling superstars.

"It is so nice that cool stuff like this happens here," Pew said. "I'll volunteer again for this kind of detail."



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Top photo: Storm slams Sierra into submission asking, "who's your mama?" Left: Red Barron evades a CPR attempt from Col. William Tucker, after losing his match.

Military children celebrated at Spring Youth Fest

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
 Scout Staff

Approximately 600 parents and children attended the Youth Services 2002 Spring Youth Fest, according to Richard Brown, director of Youth Services. It was held in honor of April being the Month of the Military Child. "It was a success. All of the feedback has been positive," Brown said.

The event, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 20, took place on Geronimo Field and at Youth Services, Building 40913. It included demonstrations by the Military Police K-9 unit, performances by B Troop who also gave children pony rides, the first ever Fun Run, a puppet show by the volunteer puppet troop Kids on the Block, games and prizes. The Smith Middle School band performed the national anthem and Fort Huachuca Boy Scout Troops 431 and 432 displayed the national colors.

Brown said Lt. Col. Vanessa Kennedy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Army Signal Command, came up with the idea for the road race. "We wanted to make the Youth Fest for children of all ages," Kennedy said. The event had a 5K road-race and a family relay and another route for the Fun Run that was approximately half a mile long. Families were able to run together for all of the events. Kennedy went on to say the help of all the sponsors was greatly appreciated.

Brig. Gen. James Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, called the event a great team effort and thanked the entire military community for making the event a success.

Brown said the success of the event was due largely to the efforts of the Youth Services Parent Advisory Council, and Army Signal Command's Family Readiness Group. Brown also credited Julie Petty as being instrumental in getting the lines of communication flowing between the two groups.

"Don't miss an opportunity to hug your kids and look them in the eye and tell them you love them. If we don't get raising our kids right, then we've blown it," Marks told the Youth Fest's crowd.



Photos by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

As the Month of the Military Child winds down, children were celebrated with fun activities during the Spring Youth Fest. Military Police joined in the festivities by conducting dog demonstrations.



B Troop supported the event by providing horses for children to ride throughout the day.



This year's Youth Fest was as fun as it was a learning experience for Fort Huachuca's children.



Cotton candy was a kid's favorite.

In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.

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RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

Facilities announce summer hours

Summer hours are effective May 1 for the following facilities in the Recreation Services Division of the Directorate of Community Activities.

Jeannie's Diner: Mondays - Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon - 6 p.m.

MWR Rents: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

Desert Lanes: Mondays, noon - 9 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 10 p.m.; Thursdays, 4-10 p.m.; Fridays, noon - 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon - 9 p.m.

Sportsman's Center: Wednesdays - Sundays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

MWR Box Office: Mondays - Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

MWR Arts Center: Mondays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Sunday.

Barnes Field House: Mondays - Fridays, 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Currently closed Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 a.m. Beginning March 9, facility will be closed Thursdays from 8:00 - 11 a.m.

Eifler Fitness Center: Mondays - Fridays, 5 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Apache Flats R.V. Resort: Mondays - Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for check-ins only.

Ozone Fun and Sports Place: Fridays and Saturdays, 6-11 p.m. Open special hours during holiday weekends.

Barnes Field House Pool: Mondays - Fridays, 5-7:30 a.m., lap swim; 7:30-11 a.m., open swim; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., lap swim; 1-4 p.m., open swim; closed Saturdays and Sundays; Memorial Day weekend, closed Saturday and Sunday, open Monday at regular hours.

Pools Open for summer May 25

Grierson Pool: Tuesdays - Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. lessons; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. open swim; closed Sundays and Mondays; Memorial Day weekend open Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Monday noon - 5 p.m.

Irwin Pool: Thursdays - Mondays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., open swim; closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays; Memorial Day weekend open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Styx, Dishwalla, Evan & Jaron here June 22

MWR Release

The annual Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour, presented by Army Entertainment and the Directorate of Community Activities will star the classic rock band, STYX on June 22. The opening act will be Dishwalla, followed by Evan and Jaron.

Friends, critics and fans who have seen the recent shows have all been struck by the amazing energetic performances of all the current Styx members. Joining guitarist/vocalist Tommy Shaw and guitarist James "JY" Young are former Styx member, Glen Burtnick (who had replaced Shaw when he left the group in 1983 for a few years) on bass, Lawrence Gowan on keyboards and vocals, and drummer Todd Sucherman who has been a member of the band since the untimely death of original drummer John Panozzo a few years ago.

This month marks a groundbreaking event for the group Dishwalla who simultaneously released their forthcoming album "Opaline" on DVD-audio and compact disc. Dishwalla's first single, "Somewhere in the Middle" from the album, "Opaline," continues to gain momentum while being met with praise and excitement from both retail and radio. Dishwalla consists of J.R. Richards, vocals; Rodney Browning Cravens, guitars; Scot Alexander, bass; Pete Maloney, percussion; and Jim Wood, keyboards.

Evan and Jaron is a laid-back folk-rock duo comprising twin singer-songwriter brothers Evan and Jaron Lowenstein. Influenced by Jackson Browne, the Beatles, Elvis Costello and the Everly Brothers, the devoutly Jewish brothers built a loyal, grassroots following nationwide through constant touring, playing more than 200 shows a year. Evan and Jaron are students of '70s pop who thankfully have a taste and talent to make excellent music on their own.

Admission price for this year's concert will be the same as last year: \$20 in advance or \$30 at the gate. The gates will open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Chair rentals will be available or spectators may bring their own chairs.

Tickets will go on sale the beginning of May at MWR Box Office, MWR Rents, Desert Lanes and Ozone on Fort Huachuca, and at area Safeway Stores off post.

Vendors are needed for this annual popular event. Spaces of 20' by 10' are available to rent for \$350 each. Applications may be picked up at the Recreation Services Division office located inside MWR Rents at Irwin and Hunter streets. Call 538-1690 for information.

For those who would like to be a real part of this event, consider becoming a volunteer. Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas, so sign up now by calling 533-4823. Call 538-1690 for general information.



Styx



Dishwalla



Evan and Jaron

Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for content appearing on this MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or sent by e-mail to germanp@hua.army.mil.

MWR Rents April specials

Patrons who rent a 14' or 16' boat during April will receive a free motor rental. MWR Rents also offers a 'Go Wild for the Weekend' special. Patrons may rent a cabin in the Huachuca Mountains for the entire weekend at a cost of \$50.

MWR Rents has a lawn maintenance special available just in time for the warmer weather. Patrons who rent a lawn mower by the hour five times will receive a sixth lawn mower rental for free. This offer continues throughout the summer.

Desert Lanes news

The Third Annual PBA Western Regional Tournament will be May 10, 11 and 12. The final sweeper for bowlers to qualify for the tournament will be May 4. Entry fee is \$60. Contenders bowl ten games across ten lanes and one out of seven will earn a spot in the tournament.

The PBA Senior Pro-Am is May 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. Entry fee is \$25. The PBA Junior Pro-Am is May 11 at 9 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. Trophies will be awarded for boys and girls. The PBA Adult Pro-Am is also May 11 at 9 p.m. The entry fee is \$30. Seniors and adult bowlers are eligible for cash and door prizes. All Pro-Am participants bowl three games with three different professional bowlers.

Spectators are invited to come watch the pros at the PBA Western Regional Tournament. Call 533-2849 for information.

Sportsman's Center events for April

A Paintball Sportsman's Challenge will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. Three person teams will compete for prizes which include three paintball guns. Entry fee is \$75 per team. Certain brands of paintballs will be sold at a reduced price during the tournament.

A gun safety course is scheduled for May 11 and 12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The class will cover safety and marksmanship of various weapons. Fee is \$10 and includes a certificate and t-shirt upon completion of the course. Participants may join in a fun session on the paintball range after class. Call 533-7085.

Commander's Cup Programs begin

Intramural golf competition begins May 20 at 3 p.m. Unit MOIs are due in the Sports Branch office at Barnes Field House by COB May 1. All rounds are played at Mountain View Golf Course. Coaches meetings are scheduled for April 24 and May 1 at 10 a.m.

For information, contact Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180 or e-mail michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil.

Intramural softball league play begins May 20. Unit MOIs are due in the Sports Branch office by COB May 7. Games will be played at 111th MI Sentinel and Warrior softball fields. The coaches meeting is May 7 at 11 a.m. Games are scheduled Monday through Thursday at 5:30, 6:45 or 8 p.m.

For information, contact Norrise Kelley at 533-3180 or e-mail norrisse.kelley@hua.army.mil.

Installation volunteer recognition

Top installation volunteers who have helped the Directorate of Community Activities and all other organizations on Fort Huachuca during the past year will be recognized at a ceremony tomorrow. The event will be at Murr Community Center at 6 p.m. Brigadier General Marks will announce the Volunteer of the Year. The ceremony will be followed with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Call 538-4823 for information.

Volkssport events Saturday

The Sports and Fitness Branch of the Directorate of Community Activities plans a Volkssport event on Saturday. The course opens at 7 a.m. and check-in is from 6:30 to 11 a.m.

There are three scenic, un-timed courses; 5 kilometers, 10 kilometers and 20 kilometers in length. Registration fees are \$7 for an individual and \$18 for a group of three to five members per event. "B" Awards may be earned. Patches will be given

to all Volkssport participants.

A Ruckmarch is another option open to participants of the Volkssport. The rucksack's minimum weight is determined by age and is weighed prior to the start and at the finish of the course. Trophies will be awarded to the first 20 ruck marchers at the finish line. Call Norrise Kelley at 533-5031 or 533-3180 for information.

Babysitting class scheduled

Child and Youth Services will offer Red Cross babysitting training classes on Saturday and May 18 at the Youth Services Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students who complete the class will receive a Red Cross Babysitter card, and a 4H Babysitter certificate. Class graduates will be placed on the CYS babysitter referral list. The total class for enrollment is \$17. For information, call Ms. Johnson at 533-8385.

Sunset Trail Rides begin today

The first Sunset Trail Ride is today at the Buffalo Corral. These seasonal rides are offered on Thursdays and leave the Corral at 6 p.m. The rides wind through the flatlands and into the Huachuca Mountains. The cost is \$12.50 for authorized MWR patrons or \$18 for civilians. Rides are open to riders seven years and older. Reservations and prepayment are required by COB the day before the scheduled ride. Call 533-5220 for information.

Arts Center plans May Arts & Crafts Festival

The MWR Arts Center will host an Arts and Crafts Festival on May 4 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. A space reservation is now \$30.

Prizes will be given away each hour. Applications are available at the MWR Arts Center located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008 on Arizona St. Call 533-2015 for information.

Barnes changes maintenance schedule

Effective May 9, Barnes Field House, including the pool, will no longer close on Tuesday mornings for maintenance, but will close on Thursdays from 8-11 p.m.

La Hacienda activities

The La Hacienda is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Patrons may dine from the daily buffet or order from a wide selection of items on the lunch menu. Bingo is offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. The Early Bird Games begin at 6:45 p.m. A Sunday afternoon bingo session begins at 12:45 p.m.

La Hacienda offers a variety of music and entertainment on Friday evenings. Old School music is pumped in Pepperoni's Lounge from 8 p.m.-3 a.m. and Hip Hop and Top 40 Rhythm and Blues is played in the main ballroom from 10 p.m.-4 a.m. Latino Disco music is played in the Pepperoni's Lounge on Saturdays from 10 p.m.-4 a.m. Call 533-3802 for information.

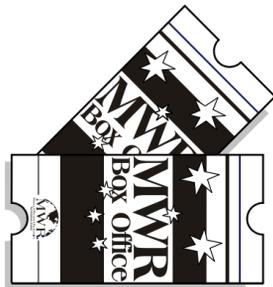
2-10-2 Biathlon coming May 18

The 2-10-2 Biathlon, scheduled for May 18, is a ten-mile bike ride sandwiched between two two-mile runs. This strenuous event begins at Chaffee Parade Field at 7 a.m. Entry fees are: \$20 for civilians; \$15 for active duty military; \$30 for civilian teams; \$25 for active duty military teams. For more information, call Les Woods at 533-5031.

LakeSide activities

The LakeSide Sunday Brunch will be presented again this Sunday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Adults are \$13.95, children ages 6-10 are \$7 and children under five dine for free. Future Sunday Brunch dates are May 26 and June 30.

The annual Mother's Day Buffet will be May 12 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$17.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children ages 5-11. Children four years and under dine for free. Call 533-2194 for information or reservations.



Tickets available at MWR Box Office

TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER

Mariachi Showcase	Today
Mariachi Espectacular	Friday
Champions on Ice	July 9

Times and prices vary. Call 533-2404 for information or drop by the Box Office located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street. Operational hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Services also available from MWR Box Office include discount tickets to Sierra Vista's Ball Fore Miniature Golf and Tucson's Golf N Stuff, special order tickets to Florida amusement parks, tickets to Sidewinder games at the Tucson Electric Park and discount tickets to the Tucson Raceway.

MWR Box Office is ready to assist patrons in making hotel accommodations in Tucson and Phoenix or plans for vacations in Southern California.

Disneyland Resort military discounts

Active duty military personnel are eligible for special military rates at the hotels at the Disneyland Resort in California through June 13. On Sunday-Thursday, the starting rates per night at the Disneyland Hotel are \$99 and at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel are \$49. Friday and Saturday starting rates at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel are \$99; Disneyland Hotel, \$119; and Disney's Grand Californian Hotel, \$179. Rates do not include the resort fee or applicable taxes.

Military personnel may call (714) 956-MICKEY and reference the military promotion rate plan MLT.

Soldier wins military category Mountain Bike Association of Arizona

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

Though his namesake is all about motorized vehicles, Staff Sgt. Bob Ford is all about mountain bikes.

And when he won first place in the military category of the Mountain Bike Association of Arizona race held on post April 13 he said he did it for himself, the Army and southwestern mountain bike racing.

For the last eight years, through various states and even through deployments, Ford has pushed his physical limits and has reached the pinnacle of his sport - he has reached the top.

Ford first became interested in the sport from hunting. It wasn't always easy to maneuver motorized vehicles up the terrain he was hunting in, so he started pedaling, and then fell in love with the sport.

His latest title was the one goal he set to ensure the Army came out on top and mountain bike racing was put in the proper spotlight.

"This was a goal I had to help get recognition for mountain bike racing here at Fort Huachuca. The military recognizes the sport back east, but isn't done here. Arizona is rated as one of the top 10 spots to race in a mountain bike magazine. It needs the recognition because it's a great place. I would like to see the military have mountain bike racing here - especially for the Army," Ford said.

Last year Ford participated in the same race, but came in third, losing to younger Air Force competitors.

This year he changed the tables on them. "I feel great. I compete in the 40 plus category, but I beat out the Air Force, who are twenty

years younger."

Ford tries to compete in at least half of the eight-series mountain bike races that are held annually.

To stay fit for these races Ford practices on the weekends and during physical training hours. This also helps him maintain a good PT average.

"For cardio respiratory mountain biking helps 100 percent. I can beat most fast runners - just put them on a bike. I have no problem getting over 270 on a PT test," Ford said.

Ford, who is a platoon sergeant for the system maintenance division of Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, as well as a computer maintenance instructor, keeps his already full schedule even busier. He is the Dawn to Dust Mountain Bike Club president, part of the Huachuca Mountain Archers and Bow Hunters Club, and a girl's fast pitch softball coach in Sierra Vista.

But if that wasn't enough, Ford still has the drive in him to fight for Arizona to be the setting for future military mountain bike races.

"There are so many people here who do it. [Initial Entry Training] soldiers are very active here. There are about five serious competitors. Plus, there are many other soldiers and civilians who consistently mountain bike here," Ford said. "There are five main mountain bike trails right here on Huachuca Mountain that riders use on a daily basis."

Ford said mountain biking isn't a cheap sport to get into. He sports a full suspension Schwinn, and recommends those who are interested in mountain biking to get something similar.

"The average person who races can spend



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Staff Sgt. Bob Ford has entered mountain bike competitions for the past eight years. Ford said Arizona is one of the 10 best spots to mountain bike. His next race is the John Cooper and Perimeter Trails Tour, May 11.

\$1,500 plus for their bike. A cheaper bike would be about \$800. The bike is the key. Not to dog-out Huffy, but their bike would break very quickly on a trail," Ford said.

He recommends beginners to learn along side other bikers. This not only ensures fundamentals are taught, but guarantees safety. "If

someone is hurt out on a trail it could be a while before you are found."

Ford's next race is the John Cooper and Perimeter Trails Tour May 11 on a nine-mile loop between Miller and Carr Canyons. Racers interested in participating can contact Shane Stilwell at Sun N' Spokes at 458-0685.

COOL Web site helps soldiers certify skills for future jobs

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Soldiers who want to develop professional civilian skills while serving in the Army now have a COOL way to see what can be required for the career field they are interested in.

The Army Continuing Education System launched a Credentialing Opportunities On-Line, or COOL, Web site April 15 that identifies the education, experience and testing requirements to earn certification or licenses for for hundreds of civilian jobs. COOL is located on the Web at www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool.

"We do not credential soldiers for civilian jobs," said Louie Chartier, post secondary education program manger, Army Education Division. "What this program does is educate soldiers about what is needed in order to get credentials for the job they want to pursue following the Army. The COOL Web site provides analysis information that links military occupational specialties with similar civilian equivalent jobs.

"It tells the soldier what to study, what work experience is required, (and) what the educational requirements are, so the soldier can manage his own pathway to the credentials he may need," Chartier said.

About 71 percent of Army MOSs have civilian equivalents that are subject to certification or licensure, according to ACES statistics. The Web site allows a soldier to enter the analysis section by specific MOS, or, if interested in credentialing requirements outside his MOS, by job title.

For example, a 27D legal specialist will find that his Army MOS training and experience is creditable with the National Association of Legal Assistants for legal writing, research and litigation for a paralegal job.

However, the 27D soldier will also see that he needs education credits in intellectual property, bankruptcy and consumer protection law, in addition to taking and passing the ABA paralegal certification exam. Legal specialists also can be certified as legal secretaries, legal assistants, legal clerks and court reporters, according to COOL.

Costs for certification tests can be anywhere from \$100 to \$2,000, Chartier said. But the good news is soldiers can use the Montgomery GI Bill, she said. Authorized just last year, soldiers leaving the service with the Montgomery GI Bill can use up to \$2,000 of that benefit per test.

Chartier said she encourages soldiers to use Army Computer-Based Training, also known as SmartForce, for information technology preparation courses as equivalent civilian courses can be costly. SmartForce must initially be accessed through an Army Knowledge Online account or from a Department of Defense computer.

The SmartForce courses are free to soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. The SmartForce Web site address is www.attrs.army.mil/channels/eLearning/smartforce.

Another part of GI to Jobs is Partnership for Youth Success, better known as PaYS at www.armypays.com. PaYs is a program that allows a potential recruit to enlist with a guaranteed civilian job waiting for him when he leaves the Army. There are currently 19 civilian companies with Army PaYS agreements, including BellSouth, John Hopkins, Sears, DynCorp and Pepsi.

As many of the current certifications on COOL are based upon partnerships with national professional and technical associations, Stoskopf said, the Web site encourages soldiers to ask certification or licensure boards in the area they want to work what their requirements are for appropriate credentials.



Photo by Katherine Goode

Fairway to fun

The new extension of Wilcox Drive into Mountain View Golf Course officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 19. Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, said although the golf course has been open to the public since 1996, "today we are reinforcing our partnership with the city and surrounding communities to share this great facility." Also present from Fort Huachuca and the surrounding communities were Col. John Custer, USAIC&FH deputy commander; James A. Chambers, deputy garrison commander; Dan Valle, director of Community Activities; Tom Hessler, Sierra Vista mayor; George Nerhan, Huachuca City mayor; and Alan Guthrie, the new golf course manager and pro.

Army dietitians declare 'war on obesity'

New weight management education program unveiled

By Col. Brenda Forman
Nutrition Consultant

Army dietitians, active duty and reserve, are declaring war on obesity with an exciting new weight management and education program, called "Weigh" to Stay.

This new program will be unveiled June 2002 at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center to coordinate with implementation at Army installations and reserve units worldwide. "Weigh" to Stay will be standardized throughout the Army by June 2002 to ensure continuity of care. It also will provide soldiers the vital tools to achieve and maintain Army weight standards, thus improving soldier readiness, health status and retention.

This program addresses a problem that U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher says, 'is quickly becoming an epidemic, almost as menacing to health as cigarette smoking.' According to Satcher, 62 percent of Americans are either overweight or obese, compared to only 48 percent in 1980, and over 300,000 deaths per year are attributed to obesity related illnesses.

Satcher announced recently a year-long effort to develop a national action plan for reducing overweight and obesity in the U. S.

"Weigh" to Stay supports the goals for this national effort. Lt. Col. Linda Rowbotham, an Army dietitian currently serving as the Director of Health Promotion and Wellness Services at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and a team of 15 other dietitians developed this program and it's memorable name and

logo.

Strong command support at every level will be a major factor in the success of this weight management program. Initially, soldiers will be required to participate in a series of three comprehensive classes. These sessions will focus on teaching participants principles of weight reduction and exercise, with a strong emphasis on behavior modification. Soldiers who meet Army weight standards, but who desire weight counseling as a preventive measure are strongly encouraged to participate as well.

According to Rowbotham, the most important feature of "Weigh" to Stay is the planned participant follow-up at 90 and 180 days after starting the program, as well as more frequent follow-ups, if desired. These follow up sessions, which will be conducted individually, will continue the education process and provide immediate feedback about progress. Counselors will analyze food and exercise diaries, and continue to provide information and support to the soldier.

"Weigh" to Stay is similar to many successful civilian programs-the only difference is, it's free.

For more information about "Weigh" to Stay, contact your installation dietitian, Capt. Ronna Winn, R.D., at 533-5133 or check the U.S. Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Web site at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhbw>. Log on to this Web site and find out more about "Weigh" to Stay.



Johnston School photo

Cancer cure

Colonel Johnston Elementary School staff walked the 5K in The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race For The Cure in Tucson on April 14. Pictured from left to right: Second Grade Teacher, Pat Glow, second-grade teacher; Barbara Comaduran, SPED teacher and breast cancer survivor; Rose Cahoon, SPED instructional assistant; Teresa Miranda, Write To Read computer lab tech.

Army fielding second black berets

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
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Active-duty and mobilized reserve-component soldiers will soon be getting their second black berets.

By the end of April, installation-level central issue facilities, including those in Korea and Europe, will be equipped to field soldiers with their second berets, said Dave Geringer, assistant product manager for Product Manager Soldier Equipment.

"Berets will be at the installation level by April 30, but not necessarily in the hands of the soldier," Geringer said. "Each installation is responsible for (its) own beret distribution."

The fielding of initial berets was completed in Jan. 25, 2002 with distribution to soldiers in 88th Regional Support Command, Fort Snelling, Minn.,

The fielding of second berets to reserve-component units that are not mobilized will be complete by September 2003, Geringer said.

A date, however, when Army and Air Force Exchange Services will be stocking the berets is still unknown, he said.

"The priority is to provide a sufficient stock to all units, including Reserve and National Guard, and establish a sustained supply," said Martin Fadden, a logistics management specialist for G-4, Department of the Army.

AAFES is being given the option to purchase berets directly from the manufacturer instead of having to request a supply from Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Supply Center Philadelphia. That option could put berets on AAFES' shelves sooner than expected, Fadden said. The details are still being worked out, he added.

Unlike the first beret-fielding schedule that lasted eight months, the majority of the sec-

ond shipment of berets will be completed in April, Fadden said. Berets are in stock, he said, which is why fielding is going so well.

Last May when berets were scheduled to reach the troops in time for Army's 226th birthday, delivery was delayed when three contracts were cancelled with U.S. companies that had beret factories in Romania, South Africa and India due to quality issues and an inability to meet delivery schedules.

In addition to the contract cancellations, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki announced that U.S. troops would not wear berets made in China or berets made with Chinese content.

An order for about 618,000 black berets had been contracted to Kangol Limited, a British firm that subcontracted to produce the berets at a Chinese factory in China.

Currently Bancroft Cap Company in Cabot, Ark., and Dorothea Knitting, Canada, are the only beret manufacturers, according to officials at DLA. Small businesses have been solicited to compete for beret contracts, and two contracts will possibly be awarded in May to domestic small business firms, officials said.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers will begin to receive their second berets soon.



Photo courtesy of Betty Maldonado

Memorial marchers

Family and friends joined members of Team EPG in the 60th Commemorative Bataan Memorial Death March held at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., on April 14. (Front row, left to right) Greg Sasarita; Rafael Anton; Denise de La Cruz; Joan Robinson; Barbara Chavez; Beverly Everett; Todd Powers; Col. Hugo Keyner, EPG commander; and Dave Kelso. (Back row, left to right) Betty and Chic Maldonado; Rick Thomas, who drove the chase vehicle; Tommy Romanoswki; Joe Dale; and Allison Kipple. Not pictured are Jennifer Dorris; Amy Roberts-Cox; Mandie Tijerine; Debra Ackeret; Mike and Mae Lin. Team EPG had a total of 20 people in the march, which included a local ladies soccer team. The goal was to support each other and finish in the designated categories.

Army Safety Center, country singers team up to save soldiers lives

Kevin Larson
Army News Service

A campaign with the mission of saving soldiers' lives is set to kick off this summer in post movie theaters and on Armed Forces Network television with the help of country music artists.

Planning for the "Drive to Arrive" campaign started early this year at the U.S. Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., to combat the loss of soldiers in car accidents.

Last fiscal year, the Army lost 100 soldiers in off-duty auto accidents, an 11 percent drop from the 113 soldiers that died in 2000.

Despite the decrease in fatalities, the Army's senior leadership started work on a program to reduce fatal car accidents further and increase soldiers' awareness of driving risks, said Jane Wise, command information manager at the Safety Center.

The Safety Center has produced several short public service announcement videos sponsored by country music artists. Through the cooperation of Army and Air Force Exchange Service, these videos will be shown in 162 AAFES theaters worldwide prior to the feature presentations, said Bill Bauman, video production specialist for the Safety Center. The videos will also appear as commercials on AFN stations overseas.

The "Drive to Arrive" campaign targets males between the ages of 18 to 26, said Al Brown, traffic safety specialist for the Safety Center. The target audience was determined by looking at Army privately owned vehicle accident statistics.

"While these individuals are most likely to be involved in a POV accident, the campaign is also designed to reach female soldiers as well," said Brown.

By increasing soldiers' awareness of driving hazards and risks, and providing the tools to decrease the risks, the Army hopes to see a 6 percent drop in both accidents and fatalities, Wise said.

"Reducing POV accidents, the number one



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killer of soldiers, will be key to meeting the Army's safety goals for this fiscal year," she said.

When nationwide car accident fatalities are compared to the Army's, the Army has only 0.19 fatalities per 1,000 soldiers, versus 0.26 per 1,000 people in the nation, Brown said.

The reason the Army has less fatalities is because Army leadership can influence soldiers' behavior.

"The issue is not about statistics," Wise said. "The issue is caring for our soldiers and family members and teaching them how to use risk management to identify and control hazards both on and off duty."

Although leaders can influence soldiers' behavior, it is up to the soldiers to put preventive behavior in effect, Brown said.

"It's the law and seat belts are the first line of defense while driving your POV," he said.

During major holiday weekends and in the summer months when soldiers may be traveling more frequently and sometimes for longer distances, an increase in car accidents occurs.

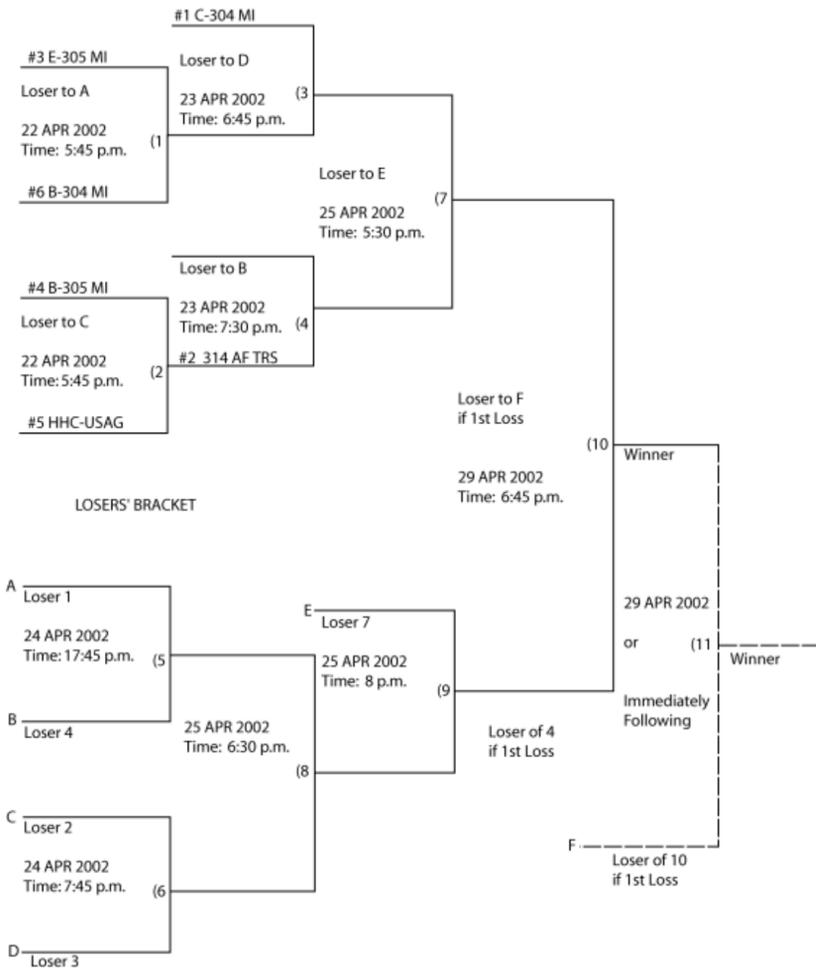
Currently, the Safety Center has five short public service video clips online at the Safety Center's website, Bauman said.

The plan is to make the videos a series that will feature not only country singers, but also personalities from all areas of the entertainment industry.

For more information on the "Drive to Arrive" campaign, visit <http://safety.army.mil>.

2002 post Volleyball tournament standings, intramural, AA League

Intramural volleyball program 2002 AA League double elimination tournament



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