



## Sports shorts

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### Youth basketball clinic

The Cochise College basketball program will host the Cochise Buddies youth basketball clinic April 13 at the Douglas campus.

The program is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through ninth grade. Participants will receive instruction on the fundamentals from Cochise College basketball players and coaches, as well as a Cochise basketball T-shirt.

Registration for the clinic costs \$10. Register the day of the clinic, or call 417-4072 to find out more information. The program lasts from 10 a.m. to noon.

### Okinawan karate at Eifler

Eifler Fitness Center offers karate classes for students five through adult. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for ages 5-7 and 6:30 p.m. for adults. On Saturdays class is from 9:15 a.m. to noon. The class cost \$25 per person per month, with discounts available for families of three or more. For more information call the sports office at Barnes Field House at 533-3180.

### Golf lessons

Golf Professional, John Hosterman, is now offering private golf lessons for beginners through well-seasoned golfers at variable times throughout the week at the Mountain View Golf Course.

Hosterman is a Class A, Professional Golfers' Association, teaching professional. He has been playing golf the majority of his life and has taught golfers from the west to the east coast and even 14 years within Mexico. He teaches the fundamentals of the swing, including the short game and golf course etiquette. Hosterman prides himself on his patience, knowledge, and experience.

Cost for private lessons ranges from \$20-\$30 for each 30 to 45-minute lesson. For more information, please call the Mountain View Golf Course, 533-7088.

### Sports Camp

Parks and Leisure Services will be conducting the Pepsi Pitch, Hit and Run Sports Camp from 10 a.m. to noon March 30 at the Pat Arbenz Field, located in the city's Sports Complex.

The competition includes hitting form a batting tee, fielding and throwing, and base running. It is free and open to boys and girls ages 7-14, (as of July 23, 2002.) A copy of participant's birth certificate is required when registering at the Oscar Yrun Community Center or online at [www.sportability.com](http://www.sportability.com).

### Track & Field Sports Camp

The Parks and Leisure Services are looking for sprinters, runners and standing long jumpers, born between 1988-1993, who are looking to hone their skills while participating in the 2002 Hershey's Youth Track and Field Mini Sports Camp, open to boys and girls.

Registration will continue through Monday at the OYCC or online at [www.sportability.com](http://www.sportability.com).

The camp will be held from 1-4 p.m. starting Monday through Thursday at the Buena High School Track and Field Complex.

The camp is designed to instruct youth in the sprints, 800 and 1600-meter runs, standing long jump, and softball throw. The camp costs \$35 per participant and prepares them for the 2002 Hershey's Track and Field Youth Meet scheduled at 9 a.m., April 20. A copy of participants' birth certificate must be turned in at registration. Please call 458-7922 for more information.

# Thunder Mountain Marathon



Photo by Spc. Jessica Inigo

Full marathon runners begin their trek onto post. The route began in Sierra Vista's Veteran's Memorial Park and continued on throughout Fort Huachuca's scenic route.

## Marathon runners take to the hills

By Spc. Jessica Inigo  
Scout Staff

The Third Annual Thunder Mountain Marathon and Relays brought 453 runners to Fort Huachuca to run 26.2 miles for a chance at a total purse of \$2,400.

There were 53 5k fun runners, 150 half marathon runners, 90 full marathon runners, and 40 relay teams that took part in the sporting event, which began at Veterans Memorial Park in Sierra Vista.

The route climbed to the base of the scenic Huachuca Mountains on post and continued up through historic Fort Huachuca, with a flatter route the final 6.2

miles. Water was available every two miles throughout the course, with volunteers offering other energizers, like oranges and bananas, to keep the athletes moving.

"The successful completion of the 2002 Thunder Mountain Marathon was a result of good teamwork among the civilian and military communities," said Michelle Kimsey, sports specialist and TMM race director. "Sierra Vista's Parks and Leisure Service's successful execution at the start line, up to the Main Gate, got the runners off to a good start. The remaining 24 miles, manned by 30 road guards and 30 water point volunteers, braved chilly morning temperatures at 6 a.m., to blistering winds at the finish line, to provide needed support to the runners."

Awards were given to the top three places in each age/team category. Trophies were given to the top three marathon individuals and the first place team. Service awards were given to all participants.

Both the marathon and half marathon were timed using the ChampionChip timing system, which was attached to each runner's shoe.

This marathon course was U.S.A. Track and Field certified and was a Boston Marathon Qualifier.

"Runners provide their opinion of the race and these were in the form of several compliments for the friendly people of the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista communities they encountered along the course," Kimsey said. "Much was heard of coming back next year."

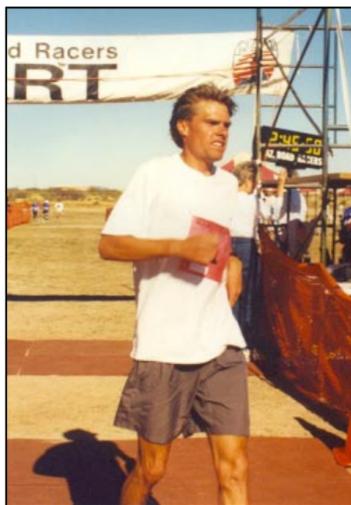


Photo by Angela Moncur

Rolf Schmidt was the overall marathon winner. He finished the 26.2 miles in two hours, 45 minutes and 46 seconds.

## Soldier views world through a variety of lenses

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart  
Scout Staff

Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Little, senior personnel service noncommissioned officer of the 40th Signal Brigade Personnel Action Center, could be called a modern-day "renaissance man." He's a photographer, a self-taught musician and a gospel songwriter.

Even though he's been a photographer since he was 15, he had his first professional showing of his work at the Spring Arts Bazaar at the Ethel M. Burger Center in Sierra Vista, Saturday.

"I started off as the family photographer," he said laughing. He said his first camera was inexpensive and always at his side. He would take it with him when he went fishing and on family vacations.

He is self-taught, but has studied the black and white work of Ansel Adams and the color work of Bruce

Archie in order to hone his artwork.

"I think you appreciate the art of photography more once you study it. I enjoy trying to make my photos say something, I especially enjoy shooting scenery," Little said. He recently has started to experiment again with black and white photography.

He arrived here in October and said he also enjoys capturing the images of the peaks and valleys and cacti of the desert west.

"I'm from Ringgold, Ga., and all the hills are covered with trees, so the contours of the mountains here offer me a unique challenge," he said. Little has also photographed portraits and weddings.



Photo by Sharron L. Stewart

Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Little—a modern renaissance man.



## Top ten in each event

### 5K Fun Run results

Place/Name	Sex	Age	Time
1 464 Dalton Little	M	89	19:58
2 450 William Duncan, Jr.	M	42	20:41
3 451 Marisa Quintanilla	F	38	21:13
4 469 Usama Kabier	M	29	21:58
5 431 Nick Difiore	M	29	22:15
6 468 Erin Brackin	M	10	23:37
7 457 Jessica Joiner	F	14	24:08
8 473 Michael Joiner	M	43	24:09
9 466 Toby Ruch	M	33	24:21
10 430 Erin Egan	F	29	24:22

### Half Marathon results

Place/Name	Sex	Age	Time
1 260 Scott Young	M	32	1:13:44
2 203 Aaron Nichols	M	24	1:14:58
3 283 Rick Fenno	M	45	1:16:31
4 280 Joel Werner	M	27	1:19:27
5 268 Wayne Jewett	M	42	1:20:17
6 186 Angie DeFilippi	F	25	1:28:43
7 296 Armando Diaz	M	20	1:30:58
8 190 D.C. Owen	M	40	1:32:45
9 230 Susy Bacal	F	37	1:34:22
10 215 Jim Bostwick	M	40	1:34:23

### Wheel Half Marathon results

Place/Name	Sex	Age	Time
1 257 Arthur Parson	M	48	2:05:18
2 258 Buddy Ratliff	M	36	3:08:33

### Marathon Relay results

Place/Team	Time
1 301 Thunder Mtn. Cleaning Service	2:53:56
2 302 MAaster Blasters	2:56:11
3 322 Screaming Turtles	3:11:19
4 305 E CO, 305TH MI BN TM #1	3:11:30
5 329 Blue Dragons 1/B CO, 305TH	3:12:54
6 306 E CO, 305TH MI BN TM #2	3:13:05
7 316 Big Cats/ C CO, 304TH	3:13:36
8 336 Intel's Best	3:14:02
9 326 69TH SignalTM #1	3:14:21
10 332 B CO, 40TH Signal TM#1	3:24:00

### Full Marathon results

Place/Name	Sex	Age	Time
1 31 Rolf Schmidt	M	36	2:45:46
2 37 Eric Clifton	M	43	2:51:49
3 64 Ramiro Loredo	M	37	3:00:15
4 32 Rick Stuart	M	44	3:01:03
5 5 Nicholas Goodman	M	23	3:10:38
6 1 Pam Reed	F	41	3:23:07
7 85 Doug Saari	M	60	3:26:30
8 2 David McElroy	M	40	3:29:57
9 3 Dee Chadwick	F	55	3:42:19
10 22 Jerry Miser	M	32	3:44:03

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## In the Spotlight

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



### April is the Month of the Military Child

New Beginnings Child Development Center is sponsoring a wide variety of activities throughout the month of April to celebrate Month of the Military Child. The Month of the Military Child highlights the importance of families, early childhood professionals and communities who work together to support every child's healthy development and early learning.

"Quality early childhood education is one of the best investments Fort Huachuca can make for our children's future," said Heidi Malarchik, New Beginnings Child Development Center Director. Research shows that children attending high quality programs are more likely to develop the language, pre-mathematics and social skills necessary to succeed in school.

These local celebrations of Month of the Military Child are designed to build broader support for early childhood programs that nurture young children's early learning and growth. On April 3, the month long celebration begins with a Storybook Parade. Literacy is the keystone to every child's education and the parade will encourage early reading behaviors. The children and teachers will dress up like their favorite storybook characters or in a costume that represents a favorite book and parade through the neighborhood adjacent to New Beginnings Child Development Center on Smith Street.

A Scholastic Book Fair in the center reception area starts on April 4 and continues through April 17. The fair is open each day from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center's goal for this year's book fair is to increase each classroom's library. When parents attend the fair, they may check out the classroom's wish list to see how they can build their own child's library. For information call Malarchik at 533-5209.

An ensemble from the Army Band, the Smoke House, a professional story teller, Earth Day activities, and Physical Training with Parents are just a few of the planned activities that support and enhance learning and celebrate childhood. "Children's opportunities are our responsibilities," said Malarchik. "If we value our children, our families, our schools and our community, we must make accessible, affordable, high-quality early childhood education a priority."

Child and Youth Services on Fort Huachuca advocates a comprehensive effort to improve the quality of early childhood education, including: providing professional development opportunities and adequate compensation for teachers and staff; improving the health and safety of programs; using developmentally appropriate practices to encourage literacy and learning from birth; supporting the family's crucial role in early education.

New Beginnings has over 50 early childhood professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs. The National Association for the Education of Young Children, the largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of early education programs for children from birth through age eight.

NAEYC has accredited New Beginnings since 1991. For more information or to receive a calendar of events, please call 533-5209, 533-7057 or stop by and visit New Beginnings, Bldg. 48101 on Smith St.

### Tickets available at MWR Box Office

#### BISBEE REPERTORY THEATRE

Diary of Anne Frank Now - April

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#### TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER

Sesame Street Live	April 11-14
Jeff Foxworthy	April 19
Mariachi & Symphony Performance	April 23
Mariachi Showcase	April 25
Mariachi Espectacular	April 26
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 7 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, Sidewinder tickets to games at the Tucson Electric Park and discount tickets to the Tucson Raceway.



## 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](mailto:germanp@hua.army.mil).

### Easter Le Grande Buffet Sunday

The LakeSide Activity Centre staff has an exciting menu planned for the Easter Le Grande Buffet on Sunday. The buffet will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Highlights of the culinary fare will be the Carving Station with roasted lamb, honey glazed ham and Baron of Beef; the Buffet Station with pesto chicken and seared salmon; the Omelet Station where patrons can build their own omelets and have them cooked to order; the Dessert Bar; and selections of fresh fruit, salads, vegetables, potatoes, pastas, freshly baked breads and cheeses.

The cost is \$17.95 per person and \$7.95 for children ages five to 11. Children four years and under are free. Reservations are recommended. Call 533-2194 for information or reservations.

### ICW Pro Wrestling tickets on sale now

International Championship Wrestling, Inc. will be hosted by the Directorate of Community Activities at Barnes Field House April 19. The action starts at 7 p.m. The return of these professional wrestlers is an anticipated highlight in the events scheduled for 2002. Reserve seating is \$15 and general admission is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Tickets will be available at Desert Lanes Bowling Center, MWR Box Office and MWR Rents on Fort Huachuca, and at Safeway in Sierra Vista. Tickets are on sale now, so beat the rush and purchase your tickets early. Call 533-2404 or 1-888-921-4745 for information.

### Events at LakeSide Activity Centre

Due to the Le Grande Easter Buffet on Sunday, the next Sunday Brunch will be April 5. The Sunday Brunch menu includes an Omelet Station and Chef Chewy's special eggs benedict along with pastries, breads and a variety of specially prepared dishes such as baked salmon, sausage, cod, pasta, pork, beef and chicken on a rotating basis. The cost is \$13.95 for adults and \$7 for children ages six to ten years. Children under five dine for free.

### STYX headliner of MGDACT concert June 22

The annual Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour, presented by Army Entertainment and the Directorate of Community Activities will star the classic band, STYX on June 22.

The 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 The Ozone on Fort Huachuca, and at area Safeway Stores off post.

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.

### MWR Rents announcements

The monthly special for April at MWR Rents will benefit boat enthusiasts. Patrons who rent a 14' or 16' boat will receive a free motor rental. This special continues throughout April.

Effective Monday, MWR Rents will begin their summer hours. The facility will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Out-processing hours are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only. The facility will be closed on Wednesdays, Sundays and holidays. Call 533-6707 for information.

### MWR Rents issues propane warning

Effective Monday, updated propane cylinders are required in order to purchase propane. The updated cylinders have a non-removable triangular hand wheel, while the old style handle is a different shape. If you are not already compliant, the solution is simple. An outdated propane cylinder may be swapped for a compliant propane cylinder at many locations. Call 533-6707 for information.

### Spring Youth Fest set for April 20

Child and Youth Services in partnership with CYS Parent Advisory Committee, Recreation Services Division and the Directorate of Community Activities will hold a Spring Youth Fest in honor of the Month of the Military Child. The event will be April 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Youth Services Building 40913 and Geronimo and Foster Fields.

The day will be filled with food, fun and the dunk tank. Volunteers are needed. Family Readiness Groups and Parent Teacher Organizations are welcome. Call Richard Brown at 533-3205 or Marty Johnson at 533-8385 for general information.

Any Family Readiness Group or youth oriented activity are welcome to have a display booth. Call Gail Mortensen at 533-6871 or Marty Johnson at 533-8385 for an application. Applications must be received by March 20.

### Easter Bunny will visit Youth Center

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance Saturday at the Youth Services Center. A gigantic Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for ages five and under from 10 a.m. to noon and for ages six to 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. Pictures will be taken of the children with the Easter Bunny for a cost of \$2 each. Over 6,000 eggs will be hidden and there will be games and prizes. Call 533-3205 for information.

### Mountain View Golf Course closure

Mountain View Golf Course will be closed all day tomorrow for parking lot and road repair. The golf course will also close from 7 a.m. until noon on Monday for marking of the road and parking lot. Call 533-7092 for information.

### Desert Lanes Pro Shop sale

The Desert Lanes Pro Shop will hold their monthly sale today. The sale is from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. only. In-stock items may be purchased at a 10 percent discount. Call 533-2849 for information.

### Arts Center plans May Arts & Crafts Festival

The MWR Arts Center will host an Arts and Crafts Festival on May 4. The event will be held at the Arts Center's outdoor courts. Vendor applications are being accepted now.

Registration and fees received through April 22 are \$25 per space. Registration fees received after April 22 or on-site are \$30 per space. There are 36 to 40 spaces available. Only hand-crafted items will be sold unless commercially made items are incorporated as part of a hand-crafted item. As an example, commercially made wood items that are toll painted by the vendor are acceptable.

Vendors are encouraged to demonstrate their crafts and skills throughout the festival. Applications are available at the MWR Arts Center located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street. Call 533-2015 for information. Center hours are noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The center is closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

### Athletic field closures

Bujalski Field and Smiley Field will be closed through April 30 for maintenance. Call 533-3354 for information.

### Family Child Care provider of the quarter

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is pleased to announce that Amaryl Guante has been selected as the Provider of the Quarter for the second quarter of FY 02. Guante was selected to receive this honor as a result of her continued commitment to the children and families of Fort Huachuca. Guante has shown a selfless spirit by providing care to special needs children and families in need of care during extraordinary circumstances such as deployment, field training exercises and other military absences.

Guante's commitment to her profession is evident through her attainment of Military Star Provider status. Very few providers in the military Family Child Care System receive this honor. Guante was required to attain the levels of Child Development Associate and Military Home Accreditation in order to gain the status of Military Star Provider.

Guante is the spouse of Master Sgt. Miguel A. Guante-Rojas. They have two children, Ymara and Miguel.

Parents who desire to nominate their child's FCC Provider for this honor may contact the program directory by email at [syretha.storey@hua.army.mil](mailto:syretha.storey@hua.army.mil) or call 533-2494. Nominations are now being accepted for the third quarter FY 02.

### Sports Branch seeks summer life guards

Summer is right around the corner and this is the time of year when the Sports Branch of the Recreation Services Division looks for responsible individuals to work as life guards at the Fort Huachuca pools. A lifeguard class will be held in April for interested applicants. The class is open to all military, military dependents and civilians. The class fee is \$170 per person. Upon completion of the class, students will receive three certifications that will qualify them to work at Fort Huachuca pools. For more information and to register, contact Karlie Jo Hale at 533-3835 or 940-2771.

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

In recognition of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Fort Huachuca Family Advocacy Program is sponsoring many events.

The ACS Family Advocacy Program and the Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse will hold a Child Abuse Prevention Conference this evening and Friday at the Windemere Hotel on Hwy. 92. The conference is titled "Why are our kids so angry and what can we do about it?"

Keynote speaker is Malcolm Smith, M. Ed. Smith will speak from 6 to 8:30 p.m. tonight. The cost is \$10. The conference continues tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for Friday's event is \$30. On-site childcare is provided with advance notice. To register, call 533-6878, 458-9096 or 458-6168.

Throughout April there will be displays focusing on child abuse prevention at the Post Exchange, Army Community Service, the post library and Murr Community Center.

"Moms Meeting Moms," a meeting for first time moms and their babies will meet at the Blake Foundation in Sierra Vista from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on April 4 and 18.

The Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will offer a Child Abuse Identification, Recognition and Reporting Class on the following dates - April 4, 6 - 8 p.m.; April 11, 2 - 4 p.m.; April 18, 6 - 8 p.m.; April 25, 2 - 4 p.m. All classes are held at the ACS conference room in Building 50010. Call 533-6873 or 533-2330 for information, to register or to volunteer support.

Free classes concerning car seat safety are scheduled for 10 a.m., April 9 at Youth Services and 6:30 p.m., April 24 at the Army Community Service conference room. This class will answer questions on correct installation, car seat model recall and size and weight recommendations.

ACS is also offering several classes in April for new parents or expectant parents.

A class on caring for newborns is scheduled for April 10 and a class on breastfeeding newborns will be held April 17. Both classes are held at the ACS conference room from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

As part of the Spring Youth Fest, "Kids on the Block" puppet shows will be held at Youth Services' Geronimo and Foster Fields from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. These puppet shows communicate safety lessons to children.

"Stand for Kids Day" will be celebrated at the Sierra Vista Ethel Berger Center in conjunction with the Children's Activities Festival from 10 a.m. until noon.

For information on any of these events, call 533-2330.

**TMM photos from B1**



*By Spc. Jessica Inigo  
Scout Staff*

The Thunder Mountain Marathon Race and Relays was a fast paced event for everyone. Photos capture the many events that took place throughout Saturday.

From beginning to end, runners were taken care of, while volunteers got in a full days work.

From the young to the old, the marathon was challenging and fun, regardless if you ran the entire 26.2 miles, the half marathon, fun run, or just supported your time and energy at the sidelines.



*The 90 full marathon racers take off from Veteran's Memorial Park in Sierra Vista promptly at 6 a.m. Rolf Schmidt made the fastest time in two hours, 45 minutes and 46 seconds.*

Photos by Angela Moncur



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*Commanding General, Brig. Gen James A. Marks volunteers with his wife Marty, and other neighbors by providing water, sports drinks and cut up fruit along Grierson Street.*



*Laura Pierce attaches a ChampionChip to a marathon runner's shoe. This chip accurately calculates runner's time.*



*Runners were pleased to see the feast waiting for them at the finish line. All participators had their choice of snacks.*



*Arthur Parson completed the half marathon in two hours, five minutes and 18 seconds, beating out the his competition, Buddy Ratliff. Ratliff completed the half marathon despite a flat tire.*

## Motorcycle safety could save lives

*By Lee Gerhardt  
USAIC&FH Safety Specialist*

With spring here this seems like the perfect time to get the motorcycle you've always dreamed of.

The salesman says they are easy to learn to ride and perfectly safe. But that all depends on the individual and the effort you are willing to put into learning to do it right.

The last three fatal accidents to Fort Huachuca personnel all involved motorcycles. So let's take just a minute to go into a few simple safety precautions that could save your life.

### Learn to ride your bike

AR 385-55 requires that all personnel attend a motorcycle safety class prior to registering their bike on post. Both the Beginning Biker and Experienced Rider Courses are offered through Cochise College. The cost for the ERC and an equal contribution for the basic course are available for qualified military and civilian personnel.

— Always wear a helmet, face or eye protection, long pants, leather shoes or boots, long sleeves, gloves and reflective material.

— Always keep your headlight on and never

use headphones while riding.

— Check all your bike's safety equipment, lights, horns and brakes frequently.

— Never drive too soon after you've consumed any alcohol, while drunk or after using any sort of legal or illegal drugs that can effect your alertness.

— When in doubt yield the right of way.

Drivers of cars and trucks frequently aren't looking for something as small as a motorcycle and will cut you off or pull out in front of you. You're better off yielding, even when you legally don't have to, than to be lying on that pavement.

The weather in Arizona is great year round for motorcycle riding but should be taken into account at all times.

Summer heat, rains and thunderstorms can be deadly. Winter snow and ice, although infrequent, can make riding hazardous. Be alert for hazardous road conditions too. Loose gravel, sand, rocks, debris and things like "cattle guards" can cause you to lose control with potentially serious consequences.

Motorcycling should be fun, and smart operators follow all the rules and always expect the unexpected.

## Disney offers military a salute

*By Spc. Jessica Inigo  
Scout Staff*

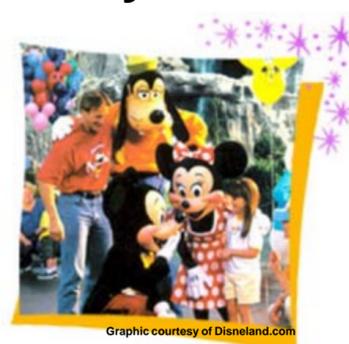
In an effort to support the military, Disney Resort has announced special offers available to active-duty servicemembers and reservists on active-duty status and their families at their Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure parks.

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute," running through May 31, is offering one complimentary pass to military and their immediate family, with up to five additional passes for friends or family for 50 percent off. This offer is not valid from March 22 through April 7.

Active duty military must present military identification, while spouses must show their family member ID. Reservists must present ID and activation orders.

These complimentary and special-offer tickets can be obtained only at theme park ticket windows.

Along with the special pass offers, Disney is also offering reduced rates on their hotels. Reservations must be made in advanced and is only offered on availability of



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rooms.

At the Disney Paradise Pier in California military room rates are \$75 per night on Sundays through Thursdays and \$99 per night on Fridays and Saturdays.

Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure parks are both located in Anaheim, Calif., some 540 miles away from Fort Huachuca.

For more information log on to [www.disneyland.com](http://www.disneyland.com), or call (714)956-6425 option four to reserve a room.

### Lenses from B1



Little is also a self-taught musician who had a couple of lessons when he was younger and now plays bass guitar by ear for his church.

"Both talents are gifts from God, they are provided to me through His blessings. I enjoy praising God and ministering to others through my music," he said.

Little has also recently finished writing the words to a gospel song. He started the song while he was stationed at Camp Carroll, Korea.

"I just enjoy what I do and I enjoy meeting people from all walks of life. I want thank God for my parents and their encouragement," he said.

## Spring means snakes are coming out in Arizona

*By Rory Aikens  
Arizona Game and Fish Department*

The first day of spring was Wednesday, signaling the beginning of the snake season in Arizona.

Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists said that some people are apprehensive about encountering venomous reptiles, particularly rattlesnakes, while hiking or enjoying other outdoor activities.

"The probability of getting bit by a rattlesnake is pretty small. You are much more likely to get injured in a car accident on the way to your favorite hiking spot, getting bit by a dog, falling on the trail and spraining your ankle, walking into a cholla cactus, getting stung by a bee, or becoming sick from dehydration," said Mike Sredl, Game and Fish herpetologist.

Sredl explained that rattlesnakes are really mellow and defensive creatures, and will almost always move away from larger predators (humans). "In fact, they intentionally warn you of their presence, in order to avoid an encounter. Think about it, would a snake that wants to bite you give you advance warning?"

Arizona is home to 11 species of rattlesnakes, and if you

are lucky, you might encounter five or six different species in the mountain parks or desert areas surrounding the valley.

Here are a few things hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts can do to reduce their chance of encountering rattlesnakes:

1. **Stay on established trails/paths.** Snakes are less likely to hang around open and barren trails. In addition, you can clearly see the ground in front of you.
2. **Use a walking stick.** The stick gives you better balance, makes additional noise that may help warn the snake of your approach, and extends out in front of your body.
3. **Keep your children and dogs behind you or at least close by.** Kids and dogs tend to move quicker, often without looking.
4. **Put your hands and feet only in places where you can see.** Enough said, this is common sense.
6. **Don't try to move or pick up any snakes you encounter.**
7. **Don't try to get the snake to move by throwing objects** (e.g. sticks, rocks) at it. Instead just go around the snake. A good rule of thumb is to keep about six feet away and walk slowly around the snake.

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# WWII bomber takes flight over Tucson

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Old Glory, a restored World War II B-25 bomber, will take to the skies over Tucson, Ariz. on April 5 with public flights available for purchase April 5-7.

Old Glory is one of only a handful of B-25s that are veterans of World War II. The B-25 was one of the star attractions in this past summer's blockbuster movie "Pearl Harbor." December 2001 marked the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The B-25 Mitchell bomber was made famous during the Doolittle raid on Tokyo, which took place four months after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Led by Col. James "Jimmy" Doolittle, the group of 80 men took off from the USS Hornet about 800 miles from the coast of Japan.

The daring raid renewed America's confidence shortly af-



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ter the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

B-25s went on to become the most versatile medium bomber of World War II, seeing combat in every theatre of operation. Specifically, Old Glory served in the Mediterranean from September 1944 to July 1945.

Frank B. Dean, one of the survivors from the 310th Bomb Group in which Old Glory served, wrote the following after visiting the restored bomber at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. In 1996:

"I watched the 54-year-old bomber taxi to the runway and take to the air in the familiar B-25 style. It triggered the dormant memory of April 9, 1945 when the 310th Group filled the sky with 78 B-25s, its largest-ever bomber formation, and the ground trembled and there was the deafening thunder of radial engines in the morning sky."

Old Glory served in what became the U.S. Air Force until 1985. It was then converted into a borate bomber fighting forest fires in Alaska. It wasn't until 1995 that its award-winning restoration was completed.

"Old Glory flies today as a tribute to the courage and commitment of those who have served our country in times of need," said Russ Newman, owner and restorer of the B-25.

"Old Glory provides visitors the opportunity to step back in time to gain respect for the men and women who gave so much to protect our freedom," he said.

The Old Glory flights are made available by the Tulsa Air & Space Center, Tulsa, Okla. The bomber will be at Tucson International Airport at the Executive Terminal Flight Center, located at 7081 South Plumer Ave., Tucson, Ariz.

There will be a protected area for those who would like to watch the bomber fly at no charge.

Those who choose the opportunity to purchase a flight experience on the B-25 will receive:

- A briefing about the historical significance of the aircraft;
- A scenic flight around the area with an opportunity to



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move about to different crew positions;

— A one-year membership to the Tulsa Air & Space Center which establishes free admission, a 10 percent discount in the center's gift shop and a subscription to the center newsletter; and

— An Old Glory ball cap or T-shirt.

The total experience generally takes 45 minutes with approximately half of this time in flight.

The B-25 will be on the ground and available for flights and viewing by the public beginning April 5. Hours of operation are varied based on flight reservations.

Flight experiences are \$350 per person with a \$50 discount given to those who register in advance. One seat is free for those booking an entire flight.

"The opportunity to climb into the B-25, feel the power of the Wright Cyclone engines and take a step back in time is the ultimate gift for a loved one or yourself," said Kim Jones, curator of the Tulsa Air & Space Center.

For reservations and information, call 1-877-6B25RIDE (1-877-622-5743) toll free.

Reservations are not required, but limited seats are available.