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## Scout reports

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### Garrison move

The U.S. Army Garrison headquarters offices will move from Building 41402 back to Rodney Hall Oct. 23 and 24. The offices will be closed for business both days. Correspondance requiring signature during that time must be received by Oct. 21. Only bonafide emergencies will be considered on Oct. 23 and 24. Rodney Hall should be open for regular business on Oct. 29.

Enter Rodney Hall by using the admin office entrance via the basement.

### Traffic changes

Canopies or overhead cover will be installed at the Main and East gate on Oct. 14 through 16 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Traffic entering and exiting the installation will be altered.

On Oct. 14 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., contractors will be installing a canopy at the Main gate. Inbound traffic lanes will be closed during this time. However, the outbound lanes at the Main gate will be converted to accommodate inbound traffic only.

All Main gate outbound traffic will be routed out the Wilcox gate. East gate traffic will proceed as normal while the contractors install the Main gate canopy.

On Oct. 16 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., contractors will install the East Gate canopy. Traffic entering the East gate will be routed onto Brainard Road towards Arizona.

Both lanes of Brainard will be utilized for inbound traffic only. There will be no change to exiting traffic at the East gate.

All requirements — insurance, State registration, photo identification — for personnel and vehicles entering the installation will remain the same.

Motorists should be aware that identification checkpoints will be established on the alternate inbound routes until the canopy installation process is completed at each gate.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

### Launch

*Spc. John Sheptor, left, and Spc. Devon Durigg, of the Company E, 305th MI, pre flight a shadow. Seven different types of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles were on Fort Huachuca this year as part of a demonstration of the capabilities of the UAVs. For more on this see Page 4.*

# BRAC cuts at home: U.S. will 'reposition' overseas footprint

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Although many in the standing-room-only audience expected to hear the Army's plans for the next Base Realignment and Closure round scheduled for 2005, Raymond DuBois, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, said that for now, the major issue concerning the Pentagon is the military's global footprint overseas.

DuBois spoke at the Association of the U.S. Army convention Monday.

The BRAC process has become an important part of the military's transformation efforts, he said, as the Pentagon tries to eliminate excess capacity and infrastructure and free up funds for those installations that

will be vital to the war on terrorism and future warfighting efforts.

"The secretary of defense promised the Congress of the United States that he would rearrange his overseas footprint before he began to rearrange his domestic footprint," DuBois said during his briefing on installations and transformation at the convention.

DuBois said the reason behind the secretary's decision to focus on its "overseas footprint" is because the terrorism threat to the United States is "clearly more global than ever before."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld left this week for Denver, where he is meeting with NATO representatives to discuss the global basing requirements facing the United States and its allies.

"Secretary Rumsfeld knows

that in order to fight and deter that global threat, we've got to have a repositioning of our global footprint," he said. Just this week, he said, the Pentagon announced it was moving forces in South Korea away from the capital of Seoul.

Describing the global basing issue facing the Pentagon as "very, very" crucial, DuBois noted the 2004 budget was "reprioritized" to shift and realign millions of dollars in military construction funds away from what he calls "nonenduring" overseas bases — those bases where the military's long-term presence is questionable — to installations that will fulfill critical operational, logistical or training mission requirements, which he said are "key to (the U.S.) global basing posture."

Using Germany as an example, DuBois said that in fis-

cal 2003 and 2004, the Pentagon canceled 26 military construction projects worth some \$280 million. That money was then funneled to 18 new projects in the United States.

"For anyone in the media or anyone in Congress to suggest that we didn't make some serious decision or move some serious money is incorrect," he said.

DuBois also noted that in South Korea, construction money was diverted from nonenduring installations there to Camp Humphries, a base he said will be "central" to future U.S. strategy.

President Bush's \$87 billion supplemental spending request includes \$412 million for military construction, DuBois said, with the Army slated for \$120 million to replace and rebuild "aged or almost nonexistent" infrastruc-

ture for deployed U.S. soldiers.

DuBois explained that when the military deploys, the local community's infrastructure supports the military's need for portable water, sewage, and electric power. And in the case of Iraq, where that infrastructure has been "problematic at best," he said, it is "imperative" that the U.S. military doesn't "pull away" in terms of the civilian infrastructure in that country.

"He said every megawatt of electricity U.S. forces uses in Iraq takes about 1,000 Iraqi homes out of the power grid. "So you can see it is to our advantage, both militarily and from a civilian reconstruction standpoint, to spend these precious dollars on water, sewage (and) electricity for our military, specifically for Army troops in Iraq," DuBois said.

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# Dedication recognized: Three awarded

**BY KAREN WEIL**  
SCOUT STAFF

This year's winners of the Mary Walker Award are army wives — and then some.

Jennifer Flower, Jo Ellen Richter and Andrea Wagner were honored on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Fort Huachuca for their volunteer efforts and for their soldier-spouses.

All three received gifts, along with an award certificate.

During the ceremony Marty Marks, wife of Gen. James "Spider" Marks, said the fort was lucky to be surrounded by such dedicated people, all of

whom have the attitude and fortitude of a modern military wife.

An announcer told an audience of almost 90 about this year's award winners.

Flower, who is married to Sgt. Brian Flower, was recognized for her support of the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion's Family Readiness Group.

She also supervised the preparation of over 100 Christmas packages for single soldiers, prepared packages for deployed soldiers and set up a children's Christmas party.

Richter, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Kurt Richter, was honored for her work to make sure that the fort's operations received the needed support. That includes being an adviser to the Headquarters Company of the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade's readiness group.

Richter donates her time to the Sierra Vista Habitat for Humanity and Red Cross blood drives.

Wagner, who is married to Staff Sgt. Derek Wagener, received accolades for her support of Company E, 309th Mili-

tary Intelligence Battalion's family readiness group, and the battalion readiness group's steering committee.

She is also gives her time to the Fort Huachuca Day Care Provider Program, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Red Cross and to the post's youth sports program and chapel activities.

During the Sept. 30 ceremony, Marks also said it was appropriate that the award is named after Mary Walker, a Civil War physician who volunteered as a field surgeon who treated Union soldiers.

Confederate troops cap-

tured Walker in April 1864, and considered her a spy because she wore male clothing. Walker spent time a prison, until the South exchanged her for a captured Confederate soldier four months later.

After the war ended, the government denied Walker's request to receive a commission as an Army major in 1916, Congress revoked Walker's Medal of Honor, along with that of over 900 others, after an official review.

Walker died three years later, but in 1977, an Army board restored the honor.

# Proclamation

America's Diversity Has Always Been a Great Strength of Our Nation. As we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize and applaud the extraordinary accomplishments of Hispanic Americans.

From America's beginning, Hispanic Americans have served as leaders in business, government, law, science, athletics, the arts, and many other fields. In 1822, Joseph Marion Hernández became the first Hispanic to serve as a member of the United States Congress, representing the newly established territory of Florida. Businessman Roberto Goizueta, a refugee from Cuba who rose to become the CEO of one of America's largest corporations, is an inspiring example of what immigrants to America can achieve through hard work and character. Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Roberto Clemente's athletic skills, generosity, and charity made him a legend on and off the baseball field. Through memorable recordings and performances, singer Celia Cruz celebrated her heritage and helped introduce salsa music to the United States.

Hispanic Americans have sacrificed in defense of this Nation's freedom, serving in every major American conflict. More than three dozen Hispanic Americans have earned the Medal of Honor. Today, more than 125,000 Hispanic Americans serve in the Armed Forces,

approximately 9 percent of our active-duty military. As we work to advance peace, freedom, and opportunity abroad, we are grateful to all of the brave men and women who serve our Nation, and to their families.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, I join with all Americans in recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States, and in celebrating Hispanic heritage and culture. To honor the achievements of Hispanic Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 100-402 as amended, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating September 15 through October 15, as "National Hispanic Heritage Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2003, as National Hispanic Heritage Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

George W. Bush



**CHAPLAIN (MAJ) DENNIS R. NITSCHKE  
ACTING COMMAND CHAPLAIN,  
NETCOM**

*"Behold, I make all things new..." Revelation 21:5*

I love to barbecue. In fact, my family says that I barbecue steaks so well that they won't go out to a restaurant and order something less than they can have at home. Since moving to Arizona, I'm on my third barbecue grill - the first was a "regular" grill that could cook a turkey, then I graduated to a Weber Genesis© and now, as a gift from my family, I own a seven burner, stainless steel grill that can be built into a patio. We call it the "mother of all grills." Yes, I can grill awesome meals - ask Chaplain (Captain) Daniel.

However, the secret to grilling is not only having an awesome grill and great meat, but being able to take the "ordinary" and make it "extraordinary." The other night, my wife and I did just that.

The ingredients are simple: Louisiana spiced sausages, bow tie noodles, broccoli, Italian salad dressing, diced tomatoes, and a little seasoning. On their own, they wouldn't amount to much - bland noodles with veggies and sausage on the side. BUT, with a little thinking and mixing together, it all became a gourmet meal: sausage grilled on the "barbie," the tomatoes, broccoli and spices sautéed on the stove top, noodles boiled in herbs and the Italian dressing warmed up. Take the noodles, cover with the veggies, add cut up pieces of sausage, and smother with warm Italian dressing. (The "secret" ingredient for the veggies and noodles is olive oil...) Man, I'm hungry all over again!

The scripture text above is addressed to the end of the world and how all things will be new once more when God brings us all back to how He wanted us to be at Creation. I'm taking the liberty to use the same next to tell each of us that like the ingredients above, we all come from our backgrounds, needs, desires, and dreams, but if we use the God given creativity within each of us, we can create gourmet relationships with people we love and care about, our coworkers and even with God Himself.

In doing that, we have to let go of our own "flavors" (hang ups, needs, desires, etc.) and allow the needs and dreams of others take front row seats in our lives. So,

while I have a desire to do one thing and my wife has a desire to do something else, I give her desire higher priority than mine. While that may be a bother in the short term, it more than likely will prove a boon in the long run. For instance, in the meal above, I just wanted sausage and noodles, but in listening to my wife about adding vegetables and herbs, not only did we get a better tasting meal, but the smells of a great dinner caused our oldest daughter to come into the kitchen and help. The discussion between her and my wife was priceless.

So, how are you doing with "mixing" the flavors in your relationships? Are you settling for hamburger when you can have steak? Are you dealing with meat and potatoes when you could add sautéed mushrooms and onions with a little red wine?

We are created by God in such a way as to make the most of what we have. We are called by God to enjoy our relationships (as well as our food!), so I invite you to look at your life today in a new way. If you are falling short of your potential in your relationships with others, including God, add some herbs and creativity to the mix. Send flowers, say "I love you," say a prayer, give a hug, and make new what has been old in the past. You may surprise yourself - and meet the person God intends for you to be! BAM! Kick it up a notch!

# Commander's hotline

**Call:** It is obvious while driving around post that many drivers do not know when they leave a school zone, and therefore, continue to drive at 15 mph, especially on Winrow near the Health Center and Dental Clinic. I have noticed nice new School Zone signs this year, but I would recommend some way to inform drivers that they were no longer in the school zone. They would be more likely to go back to the normal speed. This would improve traffic flow and reduce driver frustration. The solution would be as easy as to put a sign on the reverse of the "Entering School Zone" sign that reads "Resume Posted Speed."

Thanks for your consideration.

**Response:** Thank you for your concern over community safety. You make a valid point but there are several other items to consider before add-

ing or changing school zone signs, particularly in this area:

First and foremost, slow traffic on any roadways that abuts a school is always preferable for the safety of the children, regardless of whether it is marked as a school zone or not.

Secondly, in this case, there are three school zones about a mile apart. Hence, bump and go traffic will occur regardless, since children crossing crosswalks cause traffic to stop. Adding a "resume speed" sign may in fact make the problem even worse.

Finally, adding signs to an existing already appropriately signed thoroughfare many times serves no purpose other than to confuse drivers. In this case, the two options exasperate this. The first option of adding signs to other

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# Letter from the editor

The staff of the Scout makes every effort to support the needs of the fort's community. Many factors are reviewed when the editorial team determines which stories and photographs will be used in a particular publication. Is the story timely? Is it appropriate? Does it meet Army standards?

Individuals with story ideas should contact the Scout staff and discuss their ideas. Army regulation 360-1, the Army Public Affairs Program, outlines what type of stories and photographs can be used. For example, in chapter 13-4.2 the guideline is: "Photographic clichés of the grip and grin and check presentation genre have little news value in PA operations. Photographs should show people doing their jobs or otherwise performing the activity that warrants newspaper coverage." Instead of covering a cake cutting, ribbon cutting, hand-shaking, gift

presentation type activity we would write about what warranted the event and take photographs of the person/group doing what brought them the honor. We cannot guarantee to cover all events, but will make an effort to give fair and balanced coverage across the fort. Most organizations have public affairs stringers - individuals who keep an eye out for things going on within their units and have been trained on submitting them to the paper. Find out who your stringer is, either by contacting our office or through your chain of command, and use them.

Deadlines for articles to The Scout are 2 p.m. on the Friday prior to the publication of the paper. Articles can be submitted via e-mail at [thescout@hua.army.mil](mailto:thescout@hua.army.mil). For more information, call 533-1987. **Nell Drumheller**

# Scout on the Street

# What is your biggest pet peeve?



*"This constant weather. It's never cold outside."*

2nd Lt David Retz  
Company C 304th MI



*"Sore winners, those people who like to dance." when they're winning."*

Lee Romero  
GNC Employee



*"Lack of reverence for God."*

Master Sgt. Wesley Good  
Headquarters 306th MI



*"People who don't turn on their turn signal lights before they turn. You don't know if their going to turn or go straight. And divorce being so easy these days."*

Lidia Pozos  
Retired military spouse



*"Unruly drivers. No courtesy on the road."*

Chief Warrant Officer Luis Olivares  
TDY Warrant Officer  
Advanced Course



*"I try not to let things get to me but I go to the Lord Jesus and ask him for help."*

Savina Smith  
Civilian Employee at Shopette

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# Airmen fight graffiti war in Sierra Vista

**Community project proves valuable for city, servicemembers**

SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA  
SCOUT STAFF



Photo by Spc. Matthew Chlosta

On left, Airman Kristine Crawley and Airman Halston Burrell, 314th Training Squadron, paint over graffiti on a wash in Sierra Vista, Sept. 30.

Airmen from the 314th Training Squadron, U.S. Air Force donated their time and energy to eradicating graffiti on Sierra Vista city property.

The airmen have continued to work on removing graffiti over the past several weeks at various locations within the city.

The effort was coordinated between former Sierra Vista city Mayor, Carl Frieders, and Neighborhood Officers John Clabourne and Pat Lawless.

According to Lawless, the airmen really worked hard beautifying various sites in the city.

The airmen are initial entry training students in holdover status at Fort Huachuca, awaiting either military reassignment or security clearances to continue school here.

"It keeps our airmen busy," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Blankenship, 314th Training Squadron. "It helps out the city as a bonus to Sierra Vista."

"It's fun for me," said Airman 1st Class Dorian Lecorn, 314th TS. "I feel like I'm doing something for the community."

In recognition for their graffiti removal exploits, the airmen volunteers received the Sierra Vista Mayor's Award on Monday.

# Army supports JWOD program employing thousands of blind, disabled workers nationally

"The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker." - Helen Keller

The Army kicked off National Disability Employment Awareness Month and the Javits-Wagner-O'Day awareness week Army wide on Oct. 2 with the theme, "JWOD Works For America."

The JWOD program began as the Wagner-O'Day Act in 1938,



which permitted agencies serving people who are blind to sell products like brooms and mops to the government, was expanded in 1971 when Senator Jacob Javits led an effort to permit other Americans with severe disabilities to participate in the program.

Senator Javits' Amendment also expanded the Act to include the provision of services to the federal government.

The JWOD Program provides employment opportuni-

ties for nearly 40,000 Americans who are blind or who have other severe disabilities. Community-based, nonprofit organizations employ these individuals and provide quality on-time goods and services to the federal government.

The JWOD Program is a coordinated effort on behalf of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, National Industries for the Blind and NISH-Creating Employment Opportunities for People with Severe Disabilities. This effort has allowed people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities to acquire job skills and training, receive good wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life.

Through the JWOD Program,

people with disabilities enjoy full participation in their community and can market their JWOD skills into other public and private sector jobs.

JWOD utilizes one week in October to emphasize and highlight its activities and ensure personnel of the Army are aware of the supplies and services that are offered by the handicapped personnel who participate in this program.

Many Army procurement professionals and customers will hear Tina Ballard, the deputy assistant Secretary of the Army, Policy and Procurement, speak via video teleconference on the importance of the Army's continued participation in the JWOD program.

Sandy Sieber, director of the Army Contracting Agency, is the

Army's representative to the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled. One of her roles and responsibilities is to encourage Army participation and ensure that the Army purchasers support and comply with the JWOD Program.

The ACA's Fort Huachuca Directorate of Contracting has two major contracts with JWOD industries-grounds maintenance and custodial.

Many other supply items manufactured by JWOD industries are available through GSAA Advantage, the Office Products Blanket Purchase Agreements, and through local vendors, such as Office Smart and Staples.

Obtain more information on JWOD at [www.jwod.gov](http://www.jwod.gov).

## Combined Federal Campaign underway

Unit representatives named, goals set

BY KAREN WEIL  
SCOUT STAFF

Every year on military facilities nationwide, the Combined Federal Campaign gives millions of dollars to numerous charities that help the old and the young, women and men, the rich and the poor.

For the year 2003, Fort Huachuca has a goal of raising \$355,000, and its residents are very generous when it comes to helping people in need, said 2nd Lt. Cheryl Reese, the post CFC coordinator.

The Combined Federal Campaign is the annual fundraising drive conducted by federal employees in their workplace each fall. Federal employees and military personnel may donate to over 1,600 charities, be they local, national or international.

People who sign a pledge card can donate through payroll deduction or give the entire amount at once to one or more charities of their choosing. Even if a person doesn't have a favorite charity, he or she can still donate. CFC will distribute the money to various organizations, Reese said.

"I know a lot of people always ask about local charities," Reese said.

President John F. Kennedy started the CFC in the early 1960s. According to the official CFC Web site, or the 2001 campaign received a record \$241.5 million in contributions, representing an 8 percent increase over contributions in 2000.

For more information or to see the entire list of charities, go to [www.cfc.org](http://www.cfc.org), or [www.cfc.org](http://www.cfc.org). Those with questions may call Reese at 533-6782 or contact these Fort Huachuca organizational representatives:

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JITC	Frank Hay	538-5051

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## The mystery of housing allowance revealed



Ever wonder how the Army determines what you earn for your Basic Allowance for Housing? Why did you make more (or less) at your last duty station?

To answer these questions, let's start at the beginning. Throughout the year, prospective rental properties are reviewed for acceptability by location, condition and accessibility. Condition of the property is self-explanatory. We don't want a property that has obviously been neglected, to be in our listings as adequate for our soldiers. When checking location, we are looking at the surrounding community for upkeep, potential crime, and health or safety issues. Accessibility becomes an issue with the many rural properties in the area. Many of the potential homes for listing are on un-

improved roads that make accessibility a challenge or very difficult. All these issues are reviewed even before a property is added to our listing of available properties. This ensures we get the very best rentals available for our soldiers.

In the late spring of each year, housing offices at installations receive a data call requesting information about off-post rentals to include houses, condos and apartments. The information provided in the data call is analyzed by Department of the Army contractor personnel. The information requested includes sample listings of rentals currently available, rental rates, type of facility, if utilities are included in the rent, names of real estate professionals in the area as well as a request for excluded areas by census tract. Properties such as studios, temporary housing, income managed prop-

erties or mobile homes are not included in the survey data.

The survey data submissions can be from our own referral properties, or newspapers or apartment guides. Since our data is already screened for condition, location and accessibility, we use our Housing Referral database to provide the best possible information. The original submission occurs in May with follow-on dates in June and July to add more properties should they come available. The survey is now submitted over the internet, which eliminates cumbersome bundling of newspapers, etc.

Once the contractor receives the submission, it is reviewed and verified. Local professionals are contacted to validate costs. In the analysis the contractor evaluates the prop-

erties based on the likely occupants for each type of dwelling. This would be apartment for entry-level military, townhouses for mid-level personnel and single-family dwelling units for senior personnel. A matrix is then developed and voila', you have your appropriate Basic Allowance for Housing for soldier at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

How can you help in all of this? The best way you can ensure equitable allocation of BAH allotment is to keep the housing office updated on your residence and the amount you are paying for your home. Armed with this information and the comprehensive inspection process, we can make sure we list only the best facilities and keep current what it is actually costing soldiers who live in the area.



Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

Sgt. Taurean Washington and Spc. Matt Woodward, both from Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion run to the Shadow 200 after it lands, to unhook it.

## UAVs flock to post for homeland security demo

SPC. MATTHEWE. CHLOSTA  
SCOUT STAFF

The Thunder Mountain Evaluation Center here is hosting an unmanned aerial vehicle demonstration this week to evaluate the potential use of UAVs for homeland security.

The five-day event is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

The UAVs could give Border Patrol personnel the same observational capability in remote areas that the military gets from UAVs in dangerous or hazardous environments, said Russ Barnes, UAV operations supervisor.

Potentially the Border Patrol agents could manage security of those areas more effectively and efficiently through prompt detection, interdiction and apprehension of those who attempt to illegally enter or smuggle contraband or tools of terrorism across U.S. borders, according to a Department of the Army presentation.

The decision on whether to continue the expansion of the CBP's UAV program and/or purchase of UAV systems will be determined upon the Commissioner's receipt of reports, conclusions and recommendations taken from the UAV evaluations.

The function began Monday morning with a briefing on the Army UAV program by the systems manager for UAVs on post.

One of the officials briefed was the Border Patrol commander for the Tucson district, said Barnes.

The CBP invited six vendors to demonstrate their UAV systems based upon their potential value to the overall CBP border security mission.

The Border Patrol's Tucson district is kind of the point element for researching the Border Patrol's potential use of UAVs, said Barnes.

Use of UAVs is an important decision for the Border Patrol. It looks promising for them, they look very interested, added Barnes.

Each vendor briefed the DHS and CBP, before demonstrating their company's UAV capabilities under night and day conditions.

"The demonstration went extremely well," said Barnes.

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca currently trains all Army UAV operators and support personnel.

The operators spend many hours operating UAVs along the Southwest border during

their training.

Following the morning briefing, members of DHS, CBP and the UAV demo companies, visited the post's UAV training and support facilities. During the tour, they also observed the Army's current UAVs, the Hunter and Shadow, on static display.

UAVs are used to provide safe and effective means for military leaders to gather intelligence without risking human lives, according to a Department of the Army presentation.

Recently, military UAVs were successfully used for reconnaissance and surveillance operations in Kosovo, Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom), and Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom).

Following a June 2003 inquiry from the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection began researching whether UAVs could enhance the Border Patrol's mission, noted a DA presentation.

CBP made the U.S. Border Patrol the lead agency to coordinate extensively with other federal agencies who were already employing UAVs or who were in the advanced stages of UAV acquisition.

Earlier this year, in combined operations with the U.S. Army, the Border Patrol participated in counter-drug operations in south Texas and Arizona.

During those missions the agency was able to observe ways in which the UAVs can enhance the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection mission.

Since June the CBP screened 23 different UAVs for capabilities essential to executing its border mission to choose those for the demonstration here.

A few of the needs for the Border Patrol's use of UAVs are: maintaining constant border surveillance, watching specific places at specific times and an interest in mobility, said Barnes.

The Border Patrol is still trying to figure out what they need, but in the long run, a mixture of both, long and short range UAVs might be the solution for them, added Barnes. Commenting on potential training sites, if the Border Patrol decides to implement their own UAV program, Barnes said, "I anticipate they will use our school as a model."

The following companies participated in the UAV demonstrations: Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics, British Aerospace Systems, AAI Corporation, Science Applications International Corporation and EFW Incorporated.

*The demonstration went extremely well. I anticipate they will use our school as a model.*

**Russ Barnes, UAV Operations supervisor**



Above, Pfc. Scott Thompson, Company E, 305th MI Bn., navigates the controls of a Shadow 200 UAV.

Below, Spc. John Sheptor, Company E, 305th MI Bn., performs an airspeed test before a UAV launch.



A Shadow 200 UAV in flight shortly after take off from Black Tower.

# Schoomaker's vision: More brigades; smaller but lethal

**BYSGT. 1ST CLASS MARCIA TRIGGS**

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In his first media roundtable, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker turned the Army's goal of a lighter, more agile force up a notch.

Divisions with more brigades — smaller units with almost twice the lethality as the current brigades — is the concept Schoomaker outlined during his discussion with nine reporters Tuesday. Schoomaker also discussed a list of 15 areas where he wants to see improvements made during his tenure.

On the second day of the annual Association of the United States Army gathering in Washington, D.C., Schoomaker laid out his plans for reorganizing the Army. Although he plans to continue much of the transformation initiated by his predecessor, retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Schoomaker said he won't be using the terms "legacy, interim and objective" to describe the force.

More Army funding should also go toward the equipment that is already in the hands of soldiers instead of future combat systems, Schoomaker said.

"We were looking to the future," Schoomaker said. "But now the focus is on the present. We have got to make sure that we are doing the right thing by our Soldiers. I don't think we should put Soldiers in harm's way without doing the very best we can to equip them."

Shinseki's vision was an important one, said Schoomaker, who explained that the former chief is a good friend. But Shinseki didn't know when he started his vision, the degree that the Army would be engaged in the War on Terrorism, Schoomaker added.

The 3rd Infantry Division, which recently returned from Iraq, is experienced in dealing with the enemy, Schoomaker said. That's why he charged the division commander at Fort Stewart, Ga., to be the first to develop his new "brigade units of action." Schoomaker said he asked the 3rd Inf. Div. to tell him what brigades need in order to be more capable within their own footprint. In other words, how can they be more effective against the enemy without more troops.

"I want to know if he can turn his three brigades into five maneuver brigades, and if I provide the right equipment, could they be one and a half more lethal than before," Schoomaker said. "This is just a question, but I believe with the right enablers it can be done."

One way to make it happen is to get back to the Soldier concept, Schoomaker said. Soldiers must learn how to perform ground functions — jobs of infantry and military police. Every unit should be able to conduct its own force protection, he said.

When the 101st Airborne Division returns from Iraq to Fort Campbell, Ky., its commander will get the same task as the 3rd Inf. Div., Schoomaker said.

The two divisions will be able to get assistance from Training and Doctrine Command and Forces Command, Schoomaker said. But their reorganization will be local efforts, not something that the whole Army will be looking into at this time, he added.

The two division commanders won't be the only two working for change in the Army, though. Task forces across the Army are looking to improve areas that need immediate focus, Schoomaker said. Over the last couple of months senior leadership has mandated surveys to find out the Army's

strengths and areas of weakness.

The analysis provided 15 areas that are being addressed. At the top of the list is the Soldier. Schoomaker said that to show how important Soldiers are, the letter "s" in Soldier will always be capitalized in military correspondence, and he encouraged news media and others to do the same.

"Army business is a human endeavor," Schoomaker said. "It's not just run on technology. We need to invest in the Soldier."

One way to look out for the soldier, his unit and family is unit manning, Schoomaker said. Korea constantly has soldiers coming in and going out. If units rotated there together their families could have stability, Schoomaker said.

"Unit manning leads to unit cohesion and studies have said it leads to combat effectiveness and reduced casualties," Schoomaker said. "We don't know what unit manning will look like in the end, but we do know what desired characteristics we want to see — stability and unit cohesion."

Commanders and Soldiers who train together and deploy together, will return together, he said. Schoomaker has directed that units targeted to rotate to Iraq and Afghanistan will not change commanders. Commanders will not change duty stations and leave their troops behind.

Such cases have happened in theater, Schoomaker said.

The 15 focus areas outlined by Schoomaker are:

The Soldier — The Army has to invest in the Soldier.

The Bench — The Army must build a bench of leaders who think strategically and innovatively at all levels of war.

Army Aviation — This investment needs to get close attention to make sure that the future doc-



Photo by Aaron Westbrook

**Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker outlines his vision to 2,500 AUSA members Tuesday at the Eisenhower luncheon.**

trine goes hand-in-hand with joint air-ground operation.

Leader Development and Education — Training and education is not the same. Soldiers train for a controlled environment, but they are educated so they can operate in ambiguous situations.

Combat Training Centers/Battle Command Training Program — They must be more relevant and exploit opportunities to improve abilities to incorporate joint partners to a greater extent.

Current to Future Force — The current force has to be able to fight today. The future force can't be fought, it doesn't exist. The Army has to be ready to go to war with what it has.

The Network — The network that is needed is one where communication can be done from anywhere among different organizations on the battlefield.

Modularity — A degree of flexibility that would give smaller units more power.

Joint Expeditionary Mindset — The Army does not fight alone.

Active Component/Reserve Component Balance — There are capabilities that the Army needs im-

mediately but only the reserve components can provide. So there is a lot of cross-training going on now. Also the reserve components are being structured so that they are more useful to the states and governors in terms of Homeland Security.

Unit Manning — They're looking for concepts that will provide greater stability.

Installations as Flagships — Installations must be resourced to project power, support tough realistic training and provide for Soldiers, families and civilians.

Resource Processes — The Army has processes from how it feeds people to how it equips people. Many of those processes need to be upgraded and brought into more modern standards.

Strategic Communications — More communication can take place with the media, each other and improve the lines of communication.

Authorities, Responsibilities and Accountability — Sometimes people are given the responsibility for something, but they haven't been given the resources to be successful. So how can they be held accountable?

## Nominations for TRADOC EO Adviser of the Year sought

Nominations for Training and Doctrine Command's Equal Opportunity Adviser of the Year are due to the command's Equal Opportunity Office by Oct. 24.

TRADOC's EOA of the Year will be eligible for the Army's EOA of the Year, which will be announced at the Army-wide EOA training conference Dec. 8-12.

Units and activities may submit only one nomination to TRADOC. The nomination must be endorsed by a general officer in the EOA's chain of command.

According to an Army message, the Army's nomination criteria for the EOA of the Year award are that the nominee:

- \* Has displayed outstanding leadership qualities required of a noncommissioned officer that distinguishes him or her as a leader. His or her actions have made significant contributions to the human relations and equal opportunity programs, directly impacting readiness of the organization and the Army;

- \* Has distinguished himself or herself by making visible and significant contributions to his or her organization and the local civilian community in human resources and military service, resulting in positive relationships; and

- \* Has supported the full integration and promotion of minorities and women within the Army, his or her community and the armed services as a whole.

Also, according to the Army message, the nominee should have demonstrated his or her support in advancing fairness, equality, dignity and respect for

the soldiers, family members and civilians of his or her command by fostering an innovative and harmonious environment between the military and civilian community; assisting the command in overcoming discrimination and eliminating barriers that hinder equal opportunity; promoting the tenets of civil/human rights, equal opportunity human relations and public service programs within the federal government; and creating training opportunities that supported and contributed to the advancement of people's understanding and valuing diversity.

The nomination packet must include a double-spaced narrative, no more than two pages long, that outlines "diversity specific" and "equal opportunity related" accomplishments and contributions during the previous 12 months. The packet must also include a double-spaced biography of the nominee, no more than one page long, and a current (within 180 days) photograph of him or her. The photograph can be in color or black-and-white, but he or she must be in Class A uniform.

Also, besides the general officer's endorsement, the nomination packet must also include an endorsement by the command sergeant major who is at the lowest level of the nominee's NCO support channel or chain of command but at brigade level or higher. For example, a battalion EOA's packet must contain an endorsement from the brigade command sergeant major the battalion is part of.

Mail nomination packets to ATBO-BPE, Room 301C, Bldg. 5, North Gate Road, Fort Monroe, Va. 23651-5435.

For more information, call (757) 788-5227 or 788-5076 (DSN 680).

## New 'black book' outlines future force op concept

**First distribution to be at Association of the United States Army conference**

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Deputy Chief of Staff for Doctrine, Concepts and Strategy recently released its new "Black Book" that outlines the Army's Future Force operational concept.

The printed booklet's first widespread distribution will be at the Association of the United States Army's conference Oct. 6-8 at the Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C. The booklet will also be available in electronic form after the conference — including a Portable Document Format version available on TRADOC's Website.

Entitled "The Army Future Force: Decisive 21st Century Landpower," the

Black Book (latest in a series published by Headquarters TRADOC) summarizes the Future Force concept and "is written primarily to inform militarily-literate readers who are external to the Army," said Brig. Gen. David A. Fastabend, TRADOC's chief of concepts, development and experimentation. "But the pamphlet is also releasable within Army organizations and commands."

"As the commanding general's introduction states, the Black Book is intended as a primer, with particular emphasis on providing a vivid picture of how the Future Force will conduct land operations in the future within the rapidly evolving Joint framework," Fastabend said. "It is also useful as a one-voice reference for discussions throughout the Army regarding the Future Force."

"The ideas presented (in the Black Book) have emerged as a result of years of research, wargaming, ex-

perimentation and operational lessons-learned by the Army, our sister services and the Joint community," Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, TRADOC's commander, wrote in the Black Book's introduction. "At each stage of Future Force development, the Army has worked hard to ensure compatibility with emerging Joint concepts and the strategic mandates that are driving Joint transformation."

"Consistent with those mandates, the Army is actively seeking ways and means to incorporate Future Force qualities and capabilities identified through this process into current force structures as rapidly as possible," Byrnes said.

The booklet describes Future Force operational themes and principles and solicits feedback. "We welcome comments and collaboration from all readers," Byrnes said.

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signs that are already in compliance with State sign codes would change the way Fort Huachuca controls traffic from the rest of the State as far as school zone signs. Many drivers get confused when we modify traffic patterns or signs in the local community. The second option of placing a separate "resume speed" sign very likely would encourage drivers to be less cautious - and this is not the ideal solution in a school zone.

Hope this gives you a better perspective. Once again, thank you for posing the question and your concern over the safety of the community.

**Maj. Dan R. Ortega**  
Director of Public Safety

Editor's note: Please submit your Commander's Hotline questions to 533-BOSS or by e-mail to COMMANDERS-HOTLINE@hua.army.mil



## Be safe on two wheels

# Community Updates

## Classes offered

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month, and Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will be offering several classes on domestic violence prevention throughout the month.

These classes will be open to the community on a reservation-only basis. They will be held at the ACS conference room, Building 50010.

Several briefings are scheduled so that enough opportunities will be available to those interested. Classes will be offered as follows: Oct. 15, 2 - 4 p.m.; Oct. 20, 6 - 8 p.m. and Oct. 30, 2 - 4 p.m.

For further information or reservations, call ACS at 533-2330.

## "Interview Like You Mean It"

The Cochise College Career Services Center welcomes students and members of the general public to participate in the nationwide broadcast "Learn to Interview Like You Mean It." The one-hour broadcast features nationally recognized speaker Donald Asher along with representatives from Microsoft and Ernst & Young. Topics to be covered include common interview methods, making small talk, the importance of non-verbal behaviors, preparing to talk about oneself, defining a job objective, providing evidence of accomplishments, telling interviewers about yourself, discussing your weaknesses, effective employer research tactics, how to ask effective questions, and how to set yourself apart from the competition.

The broadcast is free to participants; however, due to limited seating, reservations should be made by calling (520) 515-5461.

## FHCSC looking for new members

The FHCSC, a non-profit organization that provides money for scholarships and community support is looking for new members. Call Wendy Breen at 378-1763 for membership information or sign up at an FHCSC event. The October program will be "Crystal Bingo." This is a members only event on Oct. 15. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m., dinner is at 7:15 pm, and bingo is at 8 p.m. Dinner will be a "Taste of Italy." Members call Sandy Frantz at 458-5988 for your reservation.

The annual FHCSC Holiday Bazaar is at Buena High School on Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. Food and craft vendors are still being accepted. Call April Arnold at 458-1073 for details.

The annual Fort Huachuca Holiday Home tour is taking place on Dec. 7. In addition to seeing Fort Huachuca's historic homes, this year's tour will also include new post housing in Cavalry Park, live entertainment, food and beverages.

# School news

## Myer School

Desiree Madarang's fifth graders are studying whole and decimal numbers. They have named place values, rounded, added and subtracted with both. Parents may check out [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) for some math games that the students have tried, too, for practicing these skills.

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The students in Keith Snyder's fifth grade class have begun studying and identifying cells and their components. They are viewing cells with microscopes, and they will be making their own slides to view in the near future. In math, students are solving and creating algebraic expressions and equations. The class went on a field trip to the recent Cochise County Fair in Douglas. Everybody learned or experienced something new during the trip, and they would like to thank the chaperones as well. Without their generosity, the field trip would not have been as successful.

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Magellan Running Club News: Top fourth-grade girl: Yosephina Febus of Jan Camps' room with 64 points. Top fourth-grade boy: Bryce Jacoby from John Christiansen's room with 88 points. Top fourth-grade class was Jan Camps' with 148.5 miles. Top fifth grade girl: Angel Green from Desiree Madarang's room with 72 points. Top fifth-grade boy: Zachary Molotte from Audrey Mapoles' room with 61 points. Top fifth-grade class was Val Quarto's room with 157.5 miles. Last week the students moved 1,008 miles and the total for the year is 2,628 miles.

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Jennifer Rodabough's kindergarten class has begun to study plants, and is planting its own garden. The children are bringing in their own seeds for their garden, which includes vegetables, flower seeds and bulbs. They are also conducting experiments to see if they can grow plants without water or soil.

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Kim Tomlin would like to thank all of her fifth grade students' parents for coming to the

parent teacher conferences. They also want to congratulate Chad Davis for being Student of the Month. The class recently finished map, globes and graphs and now they have started using their new social studies textbook. In science they finished learning about the different body systems. Now they are studying how disease affects their body. Their class went on a field trip to the county fair.

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Val Quarto's fifth grade class is moving to an thematic unit of "Sea Life." This means that all of their lessons, math, writing, language, spelling and so forth, will all deal with something pertaining to "Sea Life."

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The Myer School Panther Band will have a concert at Myer School on Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the school gym.

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"Mr. T" the physical education instructor is having the Myer School Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. on Friday. This is for parents and staff to come and show the students how "fit" they are as grown-ups.

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Bonnie Austin's and Theresa Sottolare's preschoolers made apple pie as one of the many activities in their unit on apples. Other activities include matching different colored apples, counting apples, lacing apples, and describing the size, shape, taste and feel of apples.

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The Magellan Running Club statistics are in: Top fourth-grade girl is Vanessa Werve in Jan Camps' room with 38 points. Top fourth-grade boys are Brandon Dean from Kathy Bergman's room, Peter Ruiz from Lynn Tompkins room, Bryce Jacoby and Evan Austin from Jan Camps' room, all with 38 points. Top fourth-grade class was Jan Camps' room, with 119 miles. Top fifth-grade girls were Shelby Towne from Regina Chesleigh's room and Angel Green from Desiree Madarang's room

## Range Closures

Today - AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Friday - AK, AM, AN, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Saturday - AM, AN, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday - AM, AN

Monday - AM, AN

Tuesday - AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Wednesday - AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, T1, T1A, T2, T3

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

## Government charge card changes

Effective Sept. 1, military travelers who use their government charge card (Bank of America Visa) for TDY expenses are required to check the split disbursement box in block one of the Travel Voucher (DD 1351-2) form. The amount annotated for split disbursement should equal the amount charged to the card. If your orders state that you are a government card holder and you do not use split disbursement, your voucher may be returned or the travel office may add the lodging receipts, rental car charges and any air fare claimed and send the proceeds directly to the charge card company as a split disbursement.

## Avionics Classes in Sierra Vista

AVT 224 - Autopilot and flight controls

5 - 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

AVT 112 - Electronic devices and circuits

5 - 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

Register with Cochise College by Oct. 14. For more information, call 249-1973



## Warrant officers needed

The United States Army is looking for highly motivated soldiers to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 48 specialties. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or DSN 536-0484, 536-0458, 536-0488, 536-0478

## Officers' course

Majors still have an opportunity to enroll in the required officer professional development course on post. Both phases I and III of the command and general staff officers course will start in October and meet one weekend each month.

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the

correspondence version, including:

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

Space for this class is limited. Anyone interested in enrolling may contact Bill Purciello at [purciello@hua.army.mil](mailto:purciello@hua.army.mil) or 533-6514 or 803-1129.

## Insurance questions answered

A representative for the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be available to answer questions on health insurance benefits from noon-2 p.m., Oct. 23 in the Jackrabbit Room at the Murr Community Center, Fort Huachuca. Those with questions may call Eva Dixon at CPAC, 533-5735 or Kelly Garland at CPAC, 533-5273.

## Orthopaedic service at WBAMC

The orthopaedic service at William Beaumont Army Medical Center would like to remind all healthcare providers within the Tricare Central Region of the availability of Children's orthopaedics at WBAMC. We have two fellowship trained pediatric orthopaedic surgeons who are eager and able to care for pediatric beneficiaries who require orthopaedic care.

Dr. Jeffrey Burnette and Dr. Michael Shaun Machen can manage children with problems such as clubfoot, DDH, scoliosis, perthes, SCFE, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, limb length discrepancy, angular and rotational deformities of the limbs, osteogenesis imperfecta and flat-foot. We are available to answer questions from providers. This is best accomplished via e-mail using Outlook. Consult to us should be entered on CHCS. Type in orthopedics, and the choose orthopedics child. For military treatment facilities without access to our CHCS, handwritten consults may be written to us and then faxed to the WBAMC Referral Management Office, at 915-569-2757.

## WBU winter registration to begin

Wayland Baptist University will begin its winter term registration on Oct. 13 at the Rascon Learning Center and at its downtown campus at 1840 Paseo San Luis.

Registration lasts three weeks, with classes beginning the week of Nov. 3. WBU provides daytime, evening and online classes. Wayland offers degrees in business management, communication systems technology, management, intelligence operations, criminal justice and many others. Call 459-6111 for a free evaluation.



## Johnston School

To celebrate Hispanic American Month, Misty Escarcega's second grade class has been learning about the country and people of Mexico. They have been learning Spanish, beginning with the alphabet and numbers as well as common phrases used in this area.

The second graders recently learned about piñatas and their origination and even made piñatas to display in the classroom.

The first-grade classes at Col. Johnson Elementary have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage month. By reading and hearing about celebrations, customs, families and history of Hispanic countries. All classes have tasted many Mexican foods including, beans, tortillas, tres leche cake and horchata as well as a variety of other snacks. The highlight of the study was a wonderful dance presentation by the Douglas High School Folklorico dancers. The children enjoyed the wonderful costumes, dancing and music.

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The third grade has started the new school year with many after school enrichment opportunities. The Drama Club, sponsored by Ginger Volkman and Tiffany Simms, is added this year in preparation for the performance of a Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol." Carl Coss's weekly third-grade choir members will join hands with the actors to incorporate thematic music into the play. This performance will be the evening of Nov. 20 at the beginning of the up-coming Johnston Elementary School Children's English Literature Festival.



with 38 points. Top fifth-grade boy was Dominic Wickizer from Regina Chesleigh's room with 38 points. Top fifth-grade class was Regina Chesleigh's room with 116 miles. Last week the students ran 808 miles with a total of 1,620 so far this year.

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After being introduced to the alphabet, Allison Spencer's class studied each letter in depth, working to master writing of and the sound for each letter. They have wrapped up their weather unit and are beginning a unit called "All About Me." Included in this unit will be lessons concerning the five senses and nutrition.

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Cora Pagalilauan's kindergarten class recently had Wetti the Water Drop come to their class for a visit. The students talked about water resources and how to take care and use the resources properly. In language arts, the students are identifying rhyming words, clapping to rhythm, writing and identifying letters in their names, identifying beginning sounds of words and identifying first words in simple sentences. In math, the class is having fun sorting out objects of different shapes and colors and grouping them.

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Kathy Haakenson's kindergarten students are practicing printing the letters of the alphabet, and printing their names. It is an important motor skill to hold the pencil and crayons correctly. The students are also learning geometric shapes, numbers and colors, as well as computer skills.

## Smith Middle School

Smith Middle School eighth-grade students have excelled on state AIMS test.

Each spring, students in grades three, five and eight take the state test, Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards.

The results from last year's test are in, and Smith Middle School eighth graders far surpassed most other middle schools in Arizona, particularly in mathematics. Smith's eighth graders attained the highest average score in the state.

# Hispanics boast illustrious military history

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From when a young America was fighting for its freedom from the British, to the current missions of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Hispanic soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have responded to the call of duty and fought for this country.

"The Army has become a testing ground for many

Latinos to prove their loyalty and devotion to America," stated Earl Ofari Hutchinson of Alternet.com. "Many immigrants have fled countries that practice state terror, they readily accept Bush's pronouncement that toppling Saddam Hussein fulfills America's mission to establish freedom and democracy in the Third World."

Hispanics participated in the battles of the Revolution-

ary War, the War of 1812, the show-down at the Alamo and the Mexican-American War. During the Civil War, the renowned "extraordinary horsemanship" of the native Hispanic Californians led to the development of four companies used to guard supply trains, fight Confederate raiders and defeat the Confederate invasion of New Mexico.

More than 10,000 Hispanics served during the Civil War, including women like Loretta Janeta Velasquez, who masqueraded as a man to fight for the Confederate forces.

In World War I, approximately 200,000 Hispanics served in the military. One Hispanic, David Barkley, won a Medal of Honor posthumously. More than 500,000 Hispanics fought in World War II, including the Arizona National Guard's 158th Infantry Regiment. The 158th contained large numbers of Mexican and Native Americans and were touted by Gen. Douglas

MacArthur as "one of the greatest fighting combat teams ever deployed for battle." Of the 440 Medals of Honor awarded during WWII, 12 were to Hispanic servicemembers.

Approximately 148,000 Hispanics, including 20,000 Puerto Ricans, served in Vietnam including nine Medal of Honor recipients. Command Sgt. Maj. Luis F. Febus, command sergeant major of the 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, has a vivid memory of two of his neighbors from Coamo, Puerto Rico, coming back to their neighborhood in coffins from Vietnam.

Comprised entirely of Puerto Rican soldiers, the 65th Infantry Regiment garnered numerous accolades during its tenure in Vietnam. The unit was awarded nine Distinguished Service Crosses, 250 Silver Stars and 500 Bronze Stars for valor during three years of fighting. Gen. William W. Harris, commander of the 65th, wrote:

"No ethnic group has greater pride in itself and its heritage than the Puerto Rican people. Nor have I encountered any that can be more dedicated a zealous in support of the democratic principles for which the United States stands. Many Puerto Ricans have fought to the death to uphold them."

The unit also received a Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations and the Gold Bravery Medal of Greece.

In Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, more than 20,000 Hispanic servicemembers were sent to the Persian Gulf. Of the infantry, artillery crews and other specialists deployed for peacekeeping missions in Bosnia, one-third were Hispanic.

Other significant achievements include the Navy's first four-star Hispanic admiral, Adm. Horacio Rivero in 1964 and

the Army's first four-star Hispanic general, Gen. Richard E. Cavazos in 1982. In 1998, West Point Graduate Louis Caldera, held the highest office in America as the Secretary of the Army.

The contributions and sacrifices of Hispanics in the military are being recognized all over the world including in the fight against terrorism Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. According to Febus, Hispanics, and other ethnic groups, are playing a vital role in making the military a raceless environment where everyone adjusts to each other despite race, religion or color.

In his article, Hispanics-Challenging the Future, Army Chaplain (Capt.) Carlos C. Huerta of 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery, stated that "Hispanics have always met the challenge of serving the nation with great fervor. In every war, in every battle, on every battlefield, Hispanics have put their lives on the line to protect freedom."



Courtesy photo

The Honorable Louis Caldera, former Secretary of the Army, addresses a group during his tenure.

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