

IG Corps 225th b-day

Where would the Army be without the Inspector General's Corps? The history of the corps dates back to 1778. - Page 5



Safety Day

Fort Huachuca soldiers and civilians took a pause for the cause to learn about safety. - Page B1

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Power outage slated

There will be a scheduled power outage today from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., which will affect all 355 homes in Pershing Plaza East and West.

This is from Hughes to Stedman and Stanley to Stedman.

It is recommended that residents limit the number of times they open their refrigerator or freezer, or not open the appliances at all during this outage in order to prevent spoilage of cooled items.

For more information, call Kevin Blackwell, 533-3404 or Bob Ramirez, 533-5698.

Memorial Day ceremony

Fort Huachuca will honor America's veterans in a Memorial Day ceremony May 26, at 11:30 a.m., at the post cemetery.

This year's ceremony is dedicated to Chief Warrant Officer Raymond J. Reed. Reed was nominated by his daughter, Karen Reed Crary, a resident of Sierra Vista.

Reed enlisted as a 17-year old private and served in Panama, Eniwetok Atoll, the Philippines, Korea and Germany, as well Fort Riley, Kans., Fort Meyer, Va., Fort Devens, Mass., and Fort Huachuca.

Col. Lawrence J. Portouw, garrison commander, is the speaker for the event.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. Due to limited parking at the cemetery, attendees are requested to park at Christy Avenue and use the shuttle bus or make the short walk to the event. Handicap parking is available at the cemetery.

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The Department of Defense announces a new provision for retired veterans with combat-related disabilities, injuries or sickness. Payments are tax-free and could range from \$105 up to \$2,100 or more each month. Page 9

Asian-Pacific Americans honored

The month of May is dedicated to honoring the contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans and their role in serving the nation. Page 5

Fort receives DoD environmental award



Photo by Angela Moncur

Sheridan Stone, left, wildlife biologist, Fort Huachuca Wildlife Section, helps a member of the Arizona Game & Fish Department tag a Gould's wild turkey as part of preserving and reintroducing the bird back to a portion of its historic habitat at Fort Huachuca. The effort helped the post win the award for Natural Resources Conservation from the Department of Defense.

BY TANJALINTON

MEDIA RELATIONS SPECIALIST

Garrison Commander, Col. Lawrence J. Portouw, was at the Pentagon with Tom Cochran, chief of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, yesterday to receive a 2002 Secretary of Defense Annual Environmental Award.

Fort Huachuca received the award in recognition of its natural resources conservation program.

"I am extremely proud of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division's achievements," Portouw said. "For more than 10 years, Fort Huachuca's environmental programs have set the standard for the Army and the Department of Defense."

Each year, the Secretary of Defense honors installations, teams and individuals for outstanding efforts by military and civilian personnel, at both domestic and overseas bases, who promote and make significant lasting contributions to DoD environmental programs.

Environmental awards are given for six categories: Natural Resources Conservation, Cultural Resources Management,

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Army bids farewell to White in ceremony

BY STAFF SGT. MARCIA TRIGGS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

A farewell ceremony marked the end of Thomas White's term as the 18th secretary of the Army Friday at Fort Myer, Va.

The Department of Defense announced April 25 that White submitted his resignation to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. The reason for White's sudden decision to step down was not given.

The White House announced May 7 that James Roche, who is currently the secretary of the Air Force, was nominated as White's replacement.

Roche now must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the 19th Secretary of the Army.

It was Spring 2001 when

White made his first speech as the secretary of the Army. In front of a group of senior non-commissioned officers, he first introduced the Army to his ideas of transformation and better business practices.

As a former Enron executive who specialized in getting companies to outsource services, one of White's goals was to get the Army out of non-war-related business.

"The last two years have been a period of enormous importance for our Army and the country. The Installation Management Agency, Network Enterprise Technology Command and the Army Contracting Agency are examples of improvements to our business practices," White said during an intimate ceremony that was hosted by Army Chief

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Holton garners highest award for peacetime

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

In the first box office smash of "Superman," Christopher Reeve flies faster than the speed of light around the Earth to reverse time and save Lois Lane from dying in an earthquake.

That is Hollywood. Master Sgt. Lyman Holton doesn't wear a red cape and blue tights, but if he could he would do the same thing to reverse time back to Oct. 11, 2002.

On that evening Holton was shot twice while trying to convince a fellow soldier, Sgt. Brian Janis, from killing himself and possibly injuring others, however he failed to prevent the soldier from dying.

Janis was fatally wounded from

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Master Sgt. Lyman Holton, Directorate of Public Safety, noncommissioned officer in charge, received on the Soldier's Medal by Brig. Gen. John Custer, Fort Huachuca acting commander, for his heroic actions on Oct. 11, 2002. Holton tried to save a fellow NCO from killing himself and was shot twice during the incident.

Mammoth tusk excavation complete

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS
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The excavation of a fossilized mammoth tusk would not have been successful without the cooperation and combined efforts of the fort and several agencies according to Dr. Charles Slaymaker, Fort Huachuca's Historic Properties manager.

Consulting with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer and tribes of Native People, the fossil was removed May 6 and is being processed for curation at the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona.

"It's been our policy at Fort Huachuca any action we do that might affect the tribes and cultural material, that we notify the tribes immediately," Slaymaker said.

Slaymaker mentioned representatives from the Ak Chin In-

dian Community, the Gila River Indian Community, and the Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona visited the site May 5 and consultation with the SHPO and the tribes was successfully concluded the same day.

The tribes were concerned, not so much about the cultural materials, but the possibility of finding human remains, Slaymaker said.

The mammoth tusk was discovered on April 17 by Larry Braden, Electronic Proving Ground/NEWTEC. A Task Order was prepared for the contractor, Engineering and Environmental Consultants, which enabled their subcontractor, Desert Archaeology, to perform a geomorphology study and excavation.

Geomorphologist, Dr. Fred Nials, examined the fossil and the land features May 1, and provided ENRD, SHPO, and the consult-

ing tribes with a draft report that stated the soil containing the fossil probably dated the find to between 50,000 and 100,000 years before the present.

"Based on his expertise, the dating indicated that the fossil was probably not in association with cultural materials since human occupation in the area probably does not predate 12,000 years before the present," Slaymaker said.

Slaymaker praised EPG for their contributions of making the excavation a success.

"Electronic Proving Ground bent over backwards by cordng off the area so we could do what we need to do with no time constraints," Slaymaker said. "So we were able to get the information, pictures and samples of what we needed. This entire process is a perfect example of multi-agencies working together."

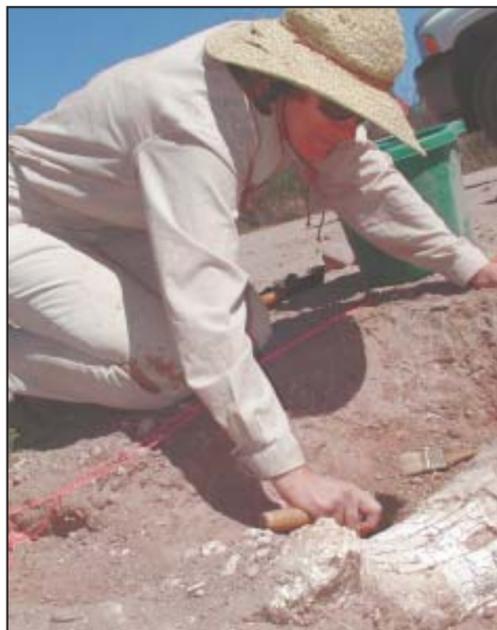


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Patricia Cook, research archaeologist, Desert Archaeology Inc., brushes dirt of the mammoth tusk fossil so she can measure the length prior to excavation.

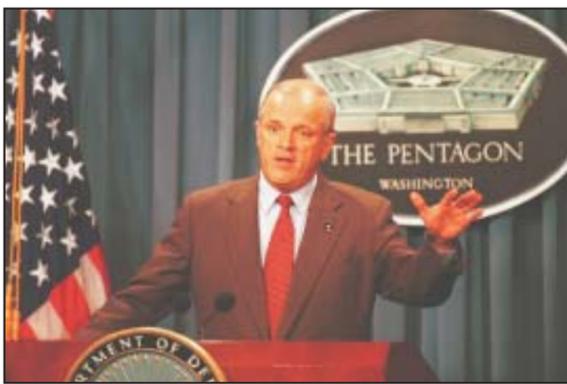
Farewell Message

Farewell Message to the Army Family

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your secretary these last two years; the absolute high point of my professional life. Our soldiers and civilian employees have distinguished themselves in peace and war befitting our heritage and reputation of service to the nation since before its founding. I could not be prouder of the outstanding contributions you have made to our nation's defense and the honorable manner in which you have shouldered the immense sacrifices required of you and your families.

The Army remains at War and transforming. We have significant challenges ahead. We will win the War on Terrorism as part of a Joint team regardless of duration and difficulty. Additionally, it is absolutely vital that we build on our successes and sustain our momentum to realize the vision of Army Transformation as part of the Joint Force.

America's Army turns 228 years old next



DoD photo by R. D. Ward

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White comments on the accomplishments of his Army team in leading the Defense Business Initiatives Council during an Oct. 15, 2002, Pentagon press briefing.

month. Our enduring commitment to our fellow citizens is to be ready to defend the United States and her allies when called. As I conclude my duty with you I am proud to report to the American people that their respect and admiration for their Army is well founded. God Bless you, the United States Army and the United States of America.

Tom White
18th Army Secretary

Kolbe lauds fort for environmental award

8TH DISTRICT ARIZONA NEWS RELEASE

Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) praised the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca for their natural resources conservation efforts recognized at an awards ceremony May 7 at the Pentagon. Kolbe was unable to attend the ceremony due to a prior scheduled hearing.

Fort Huachuca received the Natural Resources Conservation award, an award given since 1962, for outstanding work in the conservation of natural resources to support the military mission, protect national heritage, and promote quality of life. Fort Huachuca has twice before won the award, in 1979 and 1983.

"Fort Huachuca and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center are to be commended for their outstanding efforts to conserve water," said Kolbe. "They have set the standard for sensible water use and, together with the City of Sierra Vista, which was recognized last month by the Environmental Protection



Rep. Jim Kolbe

Agency with a Clean Water Partners awards, we will continue to be on the path of preserving the San Pedro River."

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CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) DENNIS R. NITSCHKE
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"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free..." Psalm 146:7

I missed a very important military date last month. (I thought it took place in May - I better think again!). April 9 is "Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day." (Not to be confused with Prisoners of War/Missing In Action Recognition on the third Friday of September).

Why do I mention it now? Because we owe a great debt of gratitude to our older comrades in arms - many who have died since WWII, Korea and Vietnam. We owe them a debt of gratitude because they forged a standard of excellence for us to follow and gave us valuable tools to live by as we serve (and support those who serve) in the military.

We are also blessed to have a group called the "American Ex-Prisoners of War" active in Arizona with a chapter right here in Sierra Vista. I've had the honor to work with these men, and women, who were POWs, both military and civilian, in Japan, Germany, Korea and Vietnam, and have a wealth of information for us all. I view all of them as heroes. Here is a short synopsis of some of them:

Robert Leavenworth served in the Army Air Corps as an engineer. He served on the top turret of a B-24 "Liberator." He was shot down over Budapest, the plane crashed when it couldn't make it over the Yugoslavia's mountains. He was part of the Black Hunger March (Jan - May '45), a 650-mile "trek" from Poland to Hamburg, Germany. He became an architect and is the current Commander of the Arizona State Ex-POW Chapter.

Norman Wiseman also served in the Army Air Corps as an engineer. He also served as a gunner on a B-24. He too was shot down and a prisoner in the same Stalag as Bob Leavenworth and was also part of the Black Hunger March. He took part in the Berlin Air Lift of '48-'49 and retired from the Air Force.

(A story of interest concerning Bob and Norman is that they didn't know each other in prison, but Norman saw Bob stealing cheese from a house as they escaped the march - the guards left May 2, 1945 because they knew the Allies were coming. They didn't come back into contact until they both moved to Hereford after careers in Colorado and Phoenix. It is indeed a small world).

Al Simpson served in the Army Artillery as the Korean War broke out. He spent years as a POW in North Korea. He is currently a volunteer for the Disabled American Veterans and ensures his fellow vets get proper medical care.

Marsha Clark was taken prisoner in the Philippines when she was 12 years old. Years later she, and her family, were liberated (hours before her father was to be shot by the guards) by the 44th Tank Company. Her freedom fighters included Native Americans from Arizona. She retired as a teacher.

Dick Cooksley was part of the Bataan Death March, begun on April 9, 1942, lasting six days and 90 miles. Over 70,000 started, only 54,000 lived through and many of those died in Japanese prison camps. He served in the Army Artillery. He is the incoming Commander of State Ex-POW and in his 80s.

These are just a small "sampling" of the wealth of history we have around us. There are others, other vets who we rub shoulders with in the commissary and at the doctor's office. It is right that we thank them for their service, for we could be there in the future.

We also thank the spouses of such men and women because they supported them through thick and thin and continue to be guiding lights for their loved ones today.

So, in a small way, "Thank you, Veterans, Ex-POWs, and fellow comrades-in-arms for the sacrifices given in the past which guide us to the future." I may have forgotten the correct date, but I can never forget you. My prayer is that we, those in the military today, continue to lead in a proud and great tradition - as you did before us.

Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke can be reached through e-mail Dennis.nitschke@netcom.army.mil.

See it in color on the web at www.army.mil/USAG/PAO/

Scout on the Street

What do you consider to be the most important factor in preparing for PLDC?



"Be physically and mentally prepared."

Spc. Richie Simpson,
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
United States Army
Garrison



"Know your material."

Spc. Richard Desimone,
D Company,
309th Military Intelligence
Battalion



"D and C, drill and ceremony."

Spc. Sean Hamilton,
D Company, 309th MI Bn.



"Land navigation."

Spc. Robert McCaulley,
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
111th Military Intelligence
Brigade



"Make sure you have all your gear."

Spc. Jerard Budnick,
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
111th MI Bde.



"Make sure you can pass the PT test."

Spc. Tim Qunell,
D Company, 309th MI Bn.

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UA administrator named Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

FIFTH U.S. ARMY PAO NEWS RELEASE

University of Arizona-South Associate Vice President and Dean, Randall H. Groth, was appointed as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

Lt. Gen. Freddy E. McFarren, Fifth U.S. Army commander, will confer on Groth Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army credentials on behalf of former Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White.

This prestigious appointment as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Arizona is a two-year term. In this capacity, Groth will serve as a local area advisor to the secretary of the Army and the Fifth U.S. Army commanding general on matters relating to the U.S. Army.

"These are important people to the United States Army. They are part of the sounding board for whoever the Army secretary may be; a person the secretary can reach out and talk to about issues and get a different perspective," McFarren said.

Groth also assumes the responsibility of interpreting the Army to communities within

the state and, in turn, interpreting these civilian communities to the Army, thus serving as liaison between the Army and the Arizona civilian communities.

Civilian aides are provided timely, pertinent information on subjects of general Army interest, especially subjects that have particular application in their states.

Individuals designated for this responsibility are accorded a unique protocol status equivalent to a two-and-a-half-star general.

Groth joins 31 other civilian aides serving in positions throughout the Fifth Army area of responsibility. He is currently the associate vice president and dean of the UA-South.

He is also a corporate owner of an Internet access provider, C212.com, and is the owner of Economic Technologies, L.L.C., a multiple real estate investment portfolio.

Groth is active in Sierra Vista civic organizations. He is a member of the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce, and was president of the Sierra Vista Economic Development Foundation Board of Directors from 1992-96.

The Greater Sierra Vista Area Chamber

awarded Groth "Citizen of the Year" in 1992.

Groth served as president of the Sierra Vista South Rotary Club in 1984, and also is a Cochise College governing board member, and an Arizona Folklore Preserve board of directors' member.

Groth is a current member of the military facilities commission of the governor's blue chip panel on military affairs, and also served in that capacity previously in 1995.

He served as the secretary of the Arizona First for Defense Corporation executive board in 1995. In 1994, he was a member of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.

Groth graduated from the Missouri State University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree. He received his masters of arts from the University of Northern Colorado in 1981, and a doctorate degree from the University of Arizona in 1990.

After graduation from MSU, Groth was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1975. He attended the signal officers' basic course and the radio systems officer course at Fort Gordon,



Randall H. Groth

Ga., prior to attending airborne school at Fort Benning, Ga.

Groth and his wife, Jan, have two children, Jonathan, 17, and Callie, 15.

Description of Fort Huachuca's environmental upgrade efforts

SCOUT REPORTS

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca improved natural resources management by establishing four ecosystem-based management plans, developing a comprehensive geographical information system with over 200 data layers, and implementing six cooperative agreements.

The installation addressed groundwater management concerns and decreased water use by 20 percent by increasing efforts in water conservation, recharge, and effluent reuse through innovative technology, conservation easements and a new water mitigation policy.

Fort Huachuca resolved Endangered Species Act litigation by developing a Programmatic Biological Opinion for 28 listed species and four critical habitat designations, and by establishing conservation measures to alleviate potential adverse affects to listed species and critical habitats with no net loss to training capability.

It also developed partnerships with over 25 federal, state, and local agencies to maximize alternative funding and staffing opportunities and resource sharing.

Through these efforts, Fort Huachuca was able to provide an additional \$2 million for natural resources management in the region.

Through the development of new programs and outdoor recreation opportunities such as a law enforcement program, a guest hunter program, a deer hunt for disabled hunters in Arizona, and several new hiking trails,

the fort improved quality of life for the military and civilian community.

The fort also expanded conservation education and community relations programs through participation in local, regional and national media events.

In fact, Fort Huachuca's Water Wise and Energy Smart Program promoted water, energy and natural resources conservation to nearly 25,000 individuals.



Above: A Lesser Long-nosed bat zeores in on some nectar from a cactus flower. The long-nosed bats have reached about 4,000 this year, up from around 1,500 a couple of years ago due to the fort's vigilant conservation measures. Left: A javelina strolls through the Fort Huachuca terrain in its natural habitat. This animal is one of many species located on the installation.



Courtesy photos

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Environmental Quality, Pollution Prevention, Environmental Excellence in Weapon System Acquisition and Environmental Restoration.

Reintroducing the Gould's wild turkey back to a portion of its historic habitat at Fort Huachuca helped that post win the award for Natural Resources Conservation.

The project also won the post the Secretary of the Army Environmental Award this year.

The bird is plentiful in nearby Mexico, but was hunted into extinction about 100 years ago in Arizona, said Cochran, a civil engineer on the fort.

The flock has grown to about 200 almost 20 years after it was reintroduced, Cochran said.

"The birds are now a breeding population for reintroduction elsewhere," said Portouw.

This year the post sent seven female and three male birds 75 miles away to a forest in the Galiuro Mountains, said Cochran.

The post also supports research into western box turtles, lesser long-nosed bats, and Mexican spotted owls.

"The long-nosed bats have reached about 4,000 this year up from around 1,500 a couple of years ago," noted Cochran.

The environmental programs for these categories support the U.S. military mission, protect our national heritage and promote quality of life.

In recent weeks Fort Huachuca has received a White House Closing the Circle Award for its water resources management process and system and recognition by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Champion of Green Government for reducing environmental pollution.

April water use is fort's lowest in 21-year period

BY TANJALINTON
MEDIA RELATIONS SPECIALIST

The water pumpage for April is 37,705,000 gallons or 116 acre-feet and is equivalent to 1.3 million gallons per day.

The April pumpage is 8.7 percent less than that pumped in April, 2002 (127 acre-feet) and is 47 percent less than the 21-year (1982-2002) April average (219 acre-feet). This April's pumpage is the lowest pumpage for April during the 21-year period.

Total water pumped year to date (January-April: 428 acre-feet) is 7.2 percent less than that pumped in 2002 (461 acre-feet).

April's water usage at the U.S. Forest Service Tanker Station on Libby Army Airfield was 38 gallons. Year-to-date water use is 39 gallons.

Treated effluent reuse for April was 45 acre-feet. This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings) to irrigate the golf course. No effluent was delivered to the Chaffee Parade Field and Prosser Village area in April.

Continued aggressive water leak repairs; water conservation conversions, such as, the installation of an additional 100 horizontal axis clothes washers in 2002.

In addition to the continued influence of the closures of the East Range Academic Center and the family housing demolition in the Smith/Davis, Arizona Street, Hall Circle, Bonnie Blink (approx. half of the family quarters rebuilt are now occupied) and Perishing Plaza (W1/3) housing areas and the Water Wise Program accounts for the lower water pumpage.

New income tax scams targets military servicemembers' families

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NEWS RELEASE

Although the federal tax filing season ended on April 15, the Internal Revenue Service continues to see new tax scams. Two new schemes target families of those serving in the Armed Forces and e-mail users. In both schemes, people represent themselves as being from the IRS.

The IRS has seen isolated instances of the scam that targets the families of those serving in the Armed Forces.

The IRS warns consumers to beware of any variation of a scenario in which a telephone caller posing as an IRS employee tells a family member that he is entitled to a \$4,000 refund because his relative is in the Armed Forces and then requests a credit card number to cover a \$42 fee for postage.

The scammer provides an actual IRS toll-free number as the call back number in order to make the call seem legitimate. However, the scammer then makes numerous unauthorized purchases with the victim's credit card number.

Genuine IRS employees who call taxpayers do not ask for credit card numbers or request fees for payment of a refund.

"Tax season may be over, but tax scams continue," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "These types of shame-

less schemes hold out the allure of easy money. The IRS warns taxpayers to be on the lookout for these schemes. And we urge taxpayers to remember that the IRS does not charge for refunds or solicit credit card information."

In another scheme, victims receive an e-mail that appears to be from the IRS. The e-mail contains links to a non-IRS Internet Web page that asks for personal and financial information.

Such information could be used to steal the respondent's identity and get access to sensitive financial data or accounts. Identity thieves can use someone's personal data to:

- Take over his or her financial accounts,
- Run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards,
- Apply for loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name, or
- File fraudulent tax returns.

The IRS does not request sensitive personal or financial data by e-mail. Both of these schemes are being reviewed by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, which is authorized to investigate the misuse of the IRS name, insignia, seals and symbols.

Taxpayers who are on the receiving end of one of these scams should contact TIGTA by calling the toll-free fraud re-

ferral hotline at 1-800-366-4484, faxing a complaint to 202-927-7018 or writing to the TIGTA Hotline, P.O. Box 589, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0589. TIGTA's Web site is located at www.ustreas.gov/tigta.

These are hardly the first scams involving impersonation of an IRS employee or misuse of the IRS name. In the past, scammers have impersonated IRS agents by going to taxpayers' houses to "collect taxes."

Genuine IRS special agents, field auditors, and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally try to contact the taxpayer before they visit.

In another scam, the scheme promoters sent out fictitious bank correspondence and phony IRS forms in an attempt to trick the recipients into disclosing their personal and banking data. The scheme promoters then used the information to impersonate the taxpayer and gain access to the taxpayer's finances.

Genuine IRS forms do not ask for sensitive personal and financial data except in very special circumstances. Additional information on tax scams may be found on the genuine IRS Web site, *IRS.gov*, by going to The Newsroom page and then clicking on the "Scams/Consumer Alerts" link under the Topics sidebar.

TRICARE enhances dental benefits for uniformed services retirees

TRICARE NEWS RELEASE

Under a new five-year dental contract between the Department of Defense and the Delta Dental Plan of California, dental benefits for uniformed services retirees and family members enrolled in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program have been enhanced.

As of May 1, the mandatory enrollment period is reduced from 24 to 12 months. The annual maximum benefit per enrollee and lifetime maximum benefit for orthodontic care was increased from \$1000 to \$1200.

After the mandatory enrollment period ends, eligible enrollees which include uniformed services retirees and their family members; Medal of Honor recipients and their family members; and survivors and family members of deceased retirees or active duty sponsors who served on active duty for more than 30

consecutive days, may continue their enrollment in the TRDP on a month-to-month basis.

During the mandatory 12-month enrollment period, TRDP enrollees are covered for basic restorative services, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery and dental emergencies.

After 12 months of continuous enrollment, TRDP enrollees are covered for cast crowns, cast restorations, full and partial dentures and orthodontics for adults and children.

As an incentive, sponsors and family members who enroll within 120 days of the sponsor's retirement from active duty receive an extra benefit.

They and their family members are covered by the enhanced dental services starting the day they enroll.

Sponsors and family members who wait and enroll after the 120 day period are not eligible for the enhanced dental services until they

complete the mandatory 12 months of continuous TRDP enrollment.

The TRDP is a voluntary dental program with enrollee-paid premiums deducted automatically each month from the sponsor's retired military pay. If retired military pay is not available, sponsors and family members can arrange with Delta Dental to pay the monthly premiums either by mail or an electronic funds transfer.

Under the TRDP, there is a \$50 deductible per enrollee, with a \$150 yearly deductible per family. Premiums vary depending on where enrollees live and the number of family members they choose to enroll.

During the enrollment period May 1, to April 30, 2004, enrollees pay approximately \$22 to \$37 a month for single coverage, \$42 to \$71 for two or \$71 to \$120 for a family of three or more.

Dental coverage is available throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U. S. Virgin Islands, America Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Enrollees may seek dental care from any licensed dentist or specialist within the TRDP coverage area.

To minimize out-of-pocket expenses, enrollees are encouraged to seek dental care from more than 67,000 participating dental providers.

A directory of participating Delta Dental providers is available online at www.ddpdelta.org.

Retirees and family members may also request a provider directory by calling the Delta Dental Customer Service number at (888) 838-8737. Additional information on the TRDP is available on the TRICARE Web site at: www.tricare.osd.mil/dental.

New combat-related provision headed to injured, disabled vets

SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE
AMERICAN FORCE PRESS SERVICE

A provision included in the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act will compensate an estimated 35,000 retired veterans for disabilities resulting from combat injuries, wounds and diseases.

For what DoD is calling combat-related special compensation, the payments are tax-free and could range from \$105 up to \$2,100 or more each month, said Navy Capt. Chris Kopang, DoD's director of military compensation.

The new provision also covers veterans whose disabilities resulted from actions such as live-fire training exercises, tactical exercises and airborne operations, he added.

"Combat related" includes if they were training for combat, if the disability was a result from an instrumentality of war, or a result of hazardous duty they were performing," he explained. "However, this does not only apply to injuries, but also to disease."

Kopang said the Defense Department, which is solely responsible for determining eligibility for compensation, expects the application form to be available by the end of May on the Defense Manpower Data Center Web site at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/>

. He said he expects to begin receiving applications from eligible veterans as early as June.

Veterans eligible for the special compensation must have completed at least 20 years of service and have a qualifying combat-related disability as determined by their military department. They must also be currently receiving 60 percent or higher disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, he pointed out.

Kopang said that veterans determined to be ineligible will have an appeal process through the secretary of defense.

Although not every disabled veteran will be eligible for this special compensation, Kopang said the measure is a relief for those who can qualify and who have had their retirement incomes reduced because of disability pay.

Current law prohibits payment of both disability and retired pay, often referred to as concurrent receipt.

"I know it's been frustrating for a lot of retirees who have given up their retired pay to get disability compensation and who say 'I'm only disabled because of service I provided to my country,'" Kopang said. "This is a good news story for them, because it reflects the fact that their service was valuable and they should be compensated accordingly," he added.

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of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

As a tag team White and Shinseki have both awarded countless soldiers for heroic acts and accomplishments, but this time White stood still while Shinseki pinned the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service Medal on him.

White received the highest award for civilian service in an auditorium filled with his family members, close friends, members of Congress and Pentagon personnel. In formation stood units from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (Old Guard), and the Army Band, "Pershing's Own," representing soldiers Armywide.

The soldier and his family is why White said he joined the Army team again after retiring as a brigadier general in 1990.

"We came back to the Army two years ago for only one reason, to give something back to the in-

stitution that changed my life and gave so much to me," White said.

The Residential Communities Initiative, which uses commercial contractors to improve family housing, was one accomplishment White listed. "By 2007 we will have contracts in place to provide over 72,000 new or refurbished homes to Army families stationed in the United States," he said.

"We are transforming concurrently with winning the global War on Terrorism. It ain't the 'shock and awe' of the operational plan that wins wars, it's all about having the best soldiers," White said, which was followed by thunderous applause from the audience.

When White came on board, the Army was in the process of transforming under the vision of Shinseki. But the chief told the audience members that White reinforced his efforts to bridge the operational gap between the rapidly deployable lighter forces and the later arriving heavier forces.

"He [White] fought to increase the Army's momentum in its advance toward the objective force and the future combat system, and he worked tirelessly with Congress to improve housing, pay, and education for soldiers and their family members," Shinseki said.

Two tours in Vietnam and the War on Terrorism are bookends to a career that spans over 36 years and makes White a veteran of three wars, Shinseki said at the end of his 15-minute tribute to White.

White graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1967 and joined the ranks of the Army's officer corps.

The former cavalry officer closed out his Army career holding his grandson, Thomas E. White IV, and watching the Army Band march away playing "The Army Goes Rolling Along."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Rautio

Former Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White (left) talks with Unmanned Aerial vehicle operator Spc. Frank Konarik (right), Company A, 104th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas last March. White resigned from his position as the Army's secretary April 25.

Military health care a top topic at DACOWITS' base visits

BY GERRY J. GILMORE

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

TRICARE, the U.S. military's health care system, is much improved, but some beneficiaries still have difficulty understanding and accessing the system.

That's one message the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services delivered May 8 to Charles S. Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, during two

days of committee business meetings.

The DACOWITS chairwoman, retired Marine Lt. Gen. Carol G. Mutter, noted during the meetings that the advisory committee had recently visited some stateside military installations, with overseas trips planned as well.

This year, Mutter pointed out, DACOWITS is focused to examine three areas: women's health care, particularly obstetrics-gynecology; military women's retention issues; and

military deployment issues.

Things were better than they used to be regarding TRICARE, DACOWITS members emphasized to Abell.

However, they added, there appeared to be communication problems among beneficiaries – chiefly involving junior enlisted families – and understanding the types of services the system offered and how to access them. Abell acknowledged that TRICARE "is an extremely complex health care system."

However, he emphasized, that the military's health care system, which is patterned after civilian-sector health maintenance organizations, "is the only nationwide managed care system that exists."

Therefore, Abell continued, TRICARE's sheer size and myriad rules makes it "tough to navigate" for many beneficiaries.

"Not only does it have all the rules that go with running a good managed care system," he pointed out, "it has all the rules of government attached to it as well."

This can make understanding TRICARE "tough," Abell remarked. However, he noted that customer-service improvements would likely be implemented since a new set of TRICARE contracts is being readied.

Increased emphasis would be put on "customer orientation" for the TRICARE system, he said. Abell also told committee members DoD wants "to optimize" business at its military hospitals and clinics.

"We want to bring in more (military health care) beneficiaries into our facilities," he said, noting, "It's frankly, cheaper – it's just good business."

Also, military health care professionals "need to do as much ... work as they can" in military facilities, he explained, "so that they are ready to go do that kind of work ... if they have to deploy to (places like) Iraq or Afghanistan."

DoD isn't standing still in improving quality of health

care for military beneficiaries and their families – to include obstetrics-gynecological patients, Dr. David Tornberg noted during a February interview with American Forces Press Service.

Obstetrics beneficiaries have asked for a variety of benefits and changes, Tornberg, deputy assistant secretary of defense (Health Affairs) for clinical and program policy, remarked. He noted DoD has listened to and is now acting upon those concerns.

"We've taken those to heart," he emphasized, "and incorporated them into an improved OB program."

He noted that prospective mothers have asked for better communications between patients and health care providers. To address this request, he explained, military officials are working to establish "a team approach" to the delivery process.

For example, Tornberg explained, mothers-to-be will see the same group of providers consistently over the course of a nine-month pregnancy.

This, he pointed out, should improve the comfort level of prospective mothers.

Also, the OB appointment-making process will be made more efficient, and patients' access to gynecological specialists will be improved, Tornberg said.

And Tornberg's boss, Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, told Pentagon reporters April 29 that DoD is transforming its military health care system to make it more efficient and responsive to the needs of beneficiaries.

"We looked at the thrust of why we do what we do and what we wanted to do to improve the system," Winkenwerder explained.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt

Not your everyday view

Col. Brian Hurley, 11th Signal Brigade commander, looks from the window of his vehicle at M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles while traveling to Baghdad International Airport on April 25.

Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Tribute to U.S. Army Asian/Pacific Medal of Honor recipients

Hiroshi H. Miyamura

Rank and organization: Corporal, U.S. Army, Company H, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

Place and date: Near Taejon-ni, Korea, 24 and 25 April 1951.

Entered service at: Gallup, N. Mex.

Birth: Gallup, N. Mex. G.O. No.: 85, Nov. 4, 1953.

Citation: Cpl. Miyamura, a member of Company H, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. On the night of April 24, Company H was occupying a defensive position when the enemy fanatically attacked threatening to overrun the position. Cpl. Miyamura, a machinegun squad leader, aware of the imminent danger to his men unhesitatingly jumped from his shelter wielding his bayonet in close hand-to-hand combat killing approximately 10 of the enemy. Returning to his position, he administered first aid to the wounded and directed their evacuation. As another savage assault hit the line, he manned his machinegun and delivered withering fire until his ammunition was expended.

He ordered the squad to withdraw while he

stayed behind to render the gun inoperative. He then bayoneted his way through infiltrated enemy soldiers to a second gun emplacement and assisted in its operation. When the intensity of the attack necessitated the withdrawal of the company Cpl. Miyamura ordered his men to fall back while he remained to cover their movement.

He killed more than 50 of the enemy before his ammunition was depleted and he was severely wounded. He maintained his magnificent stand despite his painful wounds, continuing to repel the attack until his position was overrun. When last seen he was fighting ferociously against an overwhelming number of enemy soldiers. Cpl. Miyamura's indomitable heroism and consummate devotion to duty reflect the utmost glory on himself and uphold the illustrious traditions on the military service.



Hiroshi H. Miyamura

Rodney J. T. Yano

Rank and organization: Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army, Air Cavalry Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Place and date: Near Bien Hao, Republic of Vietnam, Jan. 1, 1969.

Entered service at: Honolulu, Hawaii.

Born: Dec. 13, 1943, Kealahou, Hawaii. Citation: Sgt. 1st Class Yano distinguished himself while serving with the Air Cavalry Troop. Sgt. 1st Class Yano was performing the duties of crew chief aboard the troop's command-and-control helicopter during action against enemy forces entrenched in dense jungle. From an exposed position in the face of intense small arms and antiaircraft fire he delivered suppressive fire upon the enemy forces and marked their positions with smoke and white phosphorous grenades, thus enabling his troop commander to direct accurate and effective artillery fire against the hostile emplacements.

A grenade, exploding prematurely, covered him with burning phosphorous, and left him severely wounded. Flaming fragments within the helicopter caused supplies and ammunition to detonate. Dense white smoke filled the aircraft,

obscuring the pilot's vision and causing him to lose control. Although having the use of only 1 arm and being partially blinded by the initial explosion, Sgt. 1st Class Yano completely disregarded his welfare and began hurling blazing ammunition from the helicopter. In so doing he inflicted additional wounds upon himself, yet he persisted until the danger was past.

Sgt. 1st Class Yano's indomitable courage and profound concern for his comrades averted loss of life and additional injury to the rest of the crew. By his conspicuous gallantry at the cost of his life, in the highest traditions of the military service, Sgt. 1st Class Yano has reflected great credit on himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.



Rodney J. T. Yano

Army observes 225th anniversary of Inspector General Corps

BY MICHAEL NORRIS

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

An observance honoring the 225th anniversary of the Army Inspector General Office took place at the Pentagon May 5.

The observance was unique, because rather than recognizing the precise date the office was established, the anniversary fell on the date it's foremost proponent took charge.

The creation of the Army IG goes back to the American Revolution. According to an account by David A. Clary and Joseph W. A. Whitehorne, authors of "The Inspectors General of the United States Army, 1777-1903," the first evidence of an IG-like oversight system occurred with the French Army in the late 17th century, when inspectors were put in charge of that army's infantry and

cavalry units.

When the U.S. Continental Army was formed in 1775, it's rag-tag citizen-soldiers were undisciplined and disorganized. There were no set standards for training, appearance, drills or the organization and structure of units. Gen. George Washington was aware of the problem, and he watched from the sidelines as the Continental Congress sought solutions to the problem.

As Gen. Washington saw it, Clary and Whitehorne write, "The Inspector General would superintend the training of the entire Army in order to ensure troop proficiency and common tactics. He would be the commander's agent to ensure tactical efficiency and competency of the troops. The duties envisioned were those of a 'drill master general' or a 'muster-master general.'"

The office of Army inspector gen-

eral was finally created by Congress on Dec. 13, 1777 and first led by Maj. Gen. Thomas Conway, an Irish soldier of fortune who resigned shortly after his appointment because of his failure to get along with Gen. Washington and other Army leaders.

Founding father Benjamin Franklin met Baron Friederich Wilhelm Augustus von Steuben, a former Prussian captain who had fought with Frederic the Great, on his travels in France and thought he might be the man for the job. Von Steuben had also fought as a mercenary for the armies of France, Austria and Baden.

Franklin brought von Steuben to America and presented him to the Continental Congress. There he burnished the captain's resume, claiming von Steuben was a lieutenant colonel so he would seem more seasoned and exper-

rienced.

With Gen. Washington's backing, von Steuben was offered the opportunity to serve as inspector general on a trial basis. Although he spoke virtually no English at first, he impressed his superiors with his organizational ability and was officially appointed inspector general on May 5, 1778 and given the rank of major general.

Despite the duties of annotating deficiencies in the Continental Army, Clary and Whitehorne relate that von Steuben overcame officers' resentment through his character and charm. As a result, he became known as the "father of the inspector general system."

It was a pivotal time in our nation's



Photo by Spc. Bill Putnam

Lt. Gen. Paul T. Mikolashek, inspector general of the Army, talks about the links between Baron Von Steuben, the Army's first IG, and today's inspectorate.

history, says Lt. Col. Robert Campbell, the executive officer of the Inspectors General Operations Division, explaining how von Steuben proved himself at Valley Forge. "We could have had a king or queen governing us at that time."

(Editor's note: Michael Norris writes for the Pentagon newspaper at Fort Myer, Va.)

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military policemen on the scene, and so each day since then, Holton relays the incident over and over and over.

For his act of heroism, Holton received the Soldier's Medal from Brig. Gen. John Custer, Fort Huachuca acting commander, in a ceremony held Friday at Alvarado Hall.

"We all know what happened on the eleventh of October and it was a tragic event," Custer said. "The Soldier's Medal is the highest peacetime award given, but so often it's a sad event. Usually the award of a Soldier's Medal is sometimes lucky because the heroism of the individual saved the day, but sometimes its not."

The Soldier's Medal was established by Congress July 2, 1926, and is awarded to any person of the Armed Forces of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, distinguished himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy.

The performance must have involved personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life under conditions not involving conflict with an armed enemy. Awards will not be made solely on the basis of having saved a life.

Custer added the medal often revolves around a choice and a split-second decision and always a life or death situation.

"That split-second decision might in fact be the result of years and years of experience and dedication, as it was in this case," Custer said. "Or it might just be a result of knowing what's right. He made the choice to put his life on the line for a fellow soldier."

"It didn't turn out the way he hoped it had. That doesn't diminish in any shape or form his dedication, his valor, and his choice to make a difference at that moment. And that's what the Soldier's Medal is all about."

Recalling the tense moments of that night, Holton repeatedly expressed his desire to keep Janis from

hurting himself and also from entering the cantonment area brandishing his handgun.

"Being in his state of mind, if he considered taking his own life, then he wouldn't have a problem taking someone else's," Holton said. "Whether he would have intentionally shot at someone or an accidental shooting that could have hit an innocent bystander, I wanted to try to avoid all of that and remain one on one with him."

Making that split-second decision as Custer mentioned, Holton made the choice to come between Janis and the two MPs on the scene and tried to wrestle the gun away from him.

"I wanted to do that myself pri-

from the situation, Holton continued to plead with him to put down the weapon.

"I don't think there was anything I could have said, even now, to change the outcome," Holton said remorsefully, and yet he continues searching for the words and actions that would have prevented Janis from dying.

"If you look at it like taking several takes on the scene of a movie saying, 'If I would have said that or done this, would the end result be more positive,'" Holton said. "I wish I could run a whole bunch of them and see what would have happened, and then go back and use that one to save the day."

"Other than being stronger to

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Master Sgt. Lyman Holton, Soldier's Medal recipient

marily because I didn't want one of my MPs to get hurt," Holton said. "I would have rather gotten hurt, which I did, than one of them get hurt. It was simply a messed up situation."

In the Hollywood scripted version, a negotiator arrives on the scene and talks the subject out of hurting himself or others at the scene. However, Holton expressed it was evident that Janis would not be talked out of the situation.

He pleaded logically with Janis to drop his weapon and to turn himself into his fellow military police.

"I explained to him that no one wanted him to do this," Holton said. "I told him to think about his wife and his kids, his friends and every person here. Every person who is here is here because they care about you. And the last thing we want you to do is hurt yourself."

Insisting that Janis could recover

wrestle the weapon away from him, I don't know what I could have done differently."

Recommending Holton for the Soldier's Medal was Maj. Dan Ortega; director of Public Safety, who mentioned it wasn't as simple as filling out a Department of the Army Form 638 and sending it up the chain for approval.

Holton said he was extremely honored for being recommended for the Soldier's Medal.

"It's quite remarkable. I was really surprised and I didn't expect anything to tell you the truth. I was thinking along the lines that I was only doing my job and why would you reward me for doing my job."

However Ortega thinks differently. "I was physically there at the incident and I saw firsthand, not only Sergeant Holton, but the other two MPs there," Ortega said. "They all



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Master Sgt. Lyman Holton displays the Soldier's Medal he received Friday as a result of his actions on Oct. 11, 2002.

put their lives on the line. The act that Sergeant Holton did out there saved the lives of not only the soldiers that were out there, but also in the community."

Ortega added what Holton did was heroic and it met the criteria for the Soldier's Medal. Although it took several rewrites and statements from soldiers on the scene to push the award forward, Ortega said it was worth the effort.

Holton's actions also earned him The Retired Enlisted Association's award, which recognizes one enlisted member from each of the uniformed services for acts of heroism. The rec-

ognition is made to honor those individuals who have performed a particularly heroic act that resulted in the saving of a life or prevention of serious injury.

Although earning the medal and award are significant highlights of Holton's career, he wished everything had come out differently.

"I didn't see any other way to do it and now that it's over, I'm very regretful that Sergeant Janis died," Holton said in a soft tone. "When I first got shot, other than the fact I was surprised by the sensation of the bullets going through me, I was still thinking clearly about his welfare."

Community Updates

Public Notice

To any individual or place of business that may have a claim against or have possessions belonging to the estate of Pvt. Leland Wickerham may contact the Summary Court Marshall Officer at 533-7605.

459th Signal Battalion reunion

The 459th Signal Battalion, 1962-1971, is holding a reunion in Tucson June 17-20.

The reunion is open to all former battalion members and their families and will include a trip to Fort Huachuca our former battalion home station. For information call Howard Bartholf, Reunion Coordinator at (804)364-2603 or via e-mail at howardsp5@aol.com.

ACS support group

The next meeting of an Army Community Service support group for families with deployed soldiers, civilians and contractors will be held here from 6-8 p.m. May 29, at Army Community Service, Smith Street, Building 50010.

The group is designed to help anyone geographically separated from a loved one as a result of Army deployments, whether the deployed family member is in the military or not.

The support group will answer questions, offer assistance, and provide an opportunity for networking among those who have family members deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or other military missions.

ACS asks those who wish to participate in the event to register by May 27. To register, call the ACS office at 533-2330 or 533-5919.

Range Closures

Range closures through Wednesday are as follows:

Today - AA, AC, AD, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AW

Friday - AA, AC, AD, AK, AL, AV

Saturday - AB, AL, AM, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday - AL

Monday - AP, AU, AY

Tuesday - AN, AP, AU, AY

Wednesday - AM, AN, AP, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2

For more information on Range Closure call Range Control 533-7095.

Paving Repairs

Road repairs will be conducted throughout the installation due to Treated Effluent Phase II construction. The contractor has scheduled permanent repair of all of the road cuts. Traffic disruptions can be expected during this final construction phase. At each location, temporary material removal and restoration of the road bed and the paving is necessary.



Repair locations and scheduled dates are:

Today:

Rucker St. North of Winrow Ave.
Derum St. North of Winrow Ave.
Schmidt St. North of Winrow Ave.
Dorsey St. North of Winrow Ave.
Burns St. North of Winrow Ave.
Arizona St. North of Winrow Ave.
Davis Ave. North of Winrow Ave.
Lawton Rd. North of Winrow Ave.

Tuesday:

Luke St. North of Winrow Ave.
Madden St. North of Winrow Ave.
Winrow Ave. at Mizner Ave.
Mizner Ave. East of Mills Circle
Wright Ave. South of Mizner Ave.
Alley between Wright and Henry Circle
Henry Circle South of Mizner Ave.
Mizner Ave. at Greirson Ave.

Wednesday:

Hungerford Ave. at Greirson Ave.
Grierson Ave. between Hungerford & Boyd
Boyd Ave. at Grierson Ave.
Smith Ave. North of the Traffic Circle
Whitside Rd. North of Smith Ave.

May 22:

Vet. Clinic Parking Lot
Backer Rd. at Allstar equip. yard
Cushing St. between Tindal St. & Arizona St.

Immunization DTAP available

The pediatric clinic now has the immunization DTAP available. If your child is receiving daycare at the Child Daycare Center, he/she will need it to continue services. DTAP is now available at the RWBAHC after the nation experienced a shortage.

Call 533-9165 for more information and come to the pediatric clinic during regular immunization hours.

Subject board for deployed soldiers

The subject board was recently introduced at the Festival of the Southwest and is now located at the Murr Community Center.

The purpose of the board is to allow family members of military personnel, civilian employees or contractor personnel who are deployed to post a picture of their loved one on this board. For security purposes, no name of unit or assignment/organization is required. The board will be displayed during special events in the community such as the LONESTAR concert to pay tribute, show appreciation and remember these great Americans.

The board will continue to reside at Murr Community Center after each event. Upon redeployment, each person whose picture is posted on the board, will personally pull their picture off the board until all pictures are gone and all personnel have returned safely.

Pass along the word about this board to family members of deployed personnel from Fort Huachuca.

JITC flag raising ceremony

The Joint Interoperability Test Command will conduct a Prisoners of War/Missing In Action flag raising ceremony at 8 a.m., Friday, at the flagpole located at the main entrance of the JITC Headquarters (Building 57305) on Fort Huachuca.

Ron DeGonzague, acting commander of American Legion Post #52, will be the guest speaker. Several former POWs in attendance will be recognized for their sacrifices and honorable service to our great nation.

For more information call Master Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Fredericks at 538-4367 or Maj. Nancy Morse at 538-5032.

MOAA dinner planned

The Coronado Chapter, the Military Officers Association of America, will hold its monthly dinner meeting for members, spouses and guests at Fort Huachuca's Lakeside Activity Center on tonight at 7 p.m. Featured guest for the evening will be Dan Valle, director of Community Activities/MWR for the Fort Huachuca Garrison. For more information contact Chapter Secretary Chief Warrant Officer, ret, Joe Gill at 458-4099 or e-mail joegill@c2i2.com.

USAWOA luncheon

The United States Army Warrant Officer Association, Arizona Silver Chapter, will be conducting its Monthly Professional Development Luncheon Friday at the Boots and Saddles Room of La Hacienda at 11:30 a.m. USAWOA welcomes all active, guard, reserve or retired Army warrant officers, their spouses and guests. You do not have to be a current USAWOA member to attend.

For more information contact WO1 Wilmer Acevedo at 538-6842 or email waceved@msn.com.

Youths sought for state commission

The Governor's Youth Commission is currently accepting applications from high school students who will be sophomores or juniors during the 2003-2004 school year. The primary purpose of the Governor's Youth Commission is to advise the governor and the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families on issues affecting youth in Arizona.

Youth Commissioners must attend quarterly meetings, participate in committees, be

aware of and involved with community and youth organizations in his/her community and serve as a role model.

Applications must be postmarked by May 16 and faxed applications must be received by 5 p.m. tomorrow.

For more information regarding the Governor's Youth Commission or to request an application, call Jeff Ranby, in the Governor's Division for Community and Youth Development at (602) 542-3422.

OPM Scholarship Program

Parents may be interested in advising their aspiring college students of this new OPM program, "Scholarship For Service," that offers college funding in return for a period of employment by the student after graduation.

The program is funded through grants awarded by the National Science Foundation.

The program has been designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of federal information assurance professionals to better protect the government's critical information infrastructure. It provides scholarships that fully fund the typical costs that students pay for books, tuition, and room and board while attending an approved institution of higher learning.

Additionally, participants receive stipends of up to \$8,000 for undergraduates and \$12,000 for graduate students. While still in school, students funded for more than a year will also serve a paid internship at a federal agency.

The agency may offer students other paid employment while they are on scholarship if it does not interfere with their studies. Information on this program is available at www.sfs.opm.gov.

Turn Around Point helps soldiers

The Turn Around Point, sponsored by the Chaplain's Office, and operated by volunteers, is a place where you can get almost anything for nothing. All items in the Turn Around Point are donated and are free to customers on a first come, first serve basis. The Turn Around Point is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and is located in Building 52406, across from the Armed Forces Bank.

ACAP employer visit day

The Army Career and Alumni Program Career and Alumni Program will sponsor an Employer Visit Day May 22 starting at 9 a.m. in the ACAP Center, Building 22420. Representatives from local and national employers will be present to accept resumes and discuss job opportunities. The public and separating soldiers are welcome to attend. For additional information or a list of employers call 533-5764/7051.

Farmer's Market each Saturday

The seasonal Bisbee Farmers Market is open each Saturday through October, 8 a.m. to noon.

The farmers market offers fresh local produce including peaches, pistachios, apple cider, honey, pickles and jams, a wide variety of hand crafts from aprons, visors, hand-blown glass beads, to bird houses and feeders, bath products, soaps and lotions.

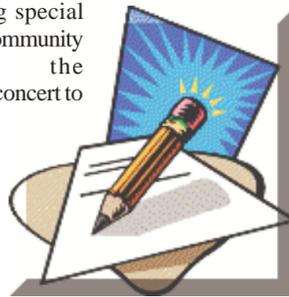
Included at the market is roasted coffee beans, and ground mesquite pod meal. There is a booth where knives and scissors can be professionally sharpened.

The Bisbee Farmers market is located in the Warren section of Bisbee in the Vista Park across from the ball park. Take the Bisbee Rd. exit from the traffic circle and follow it to the end.

Carr House open to visitors

Carr House Visitor Information Center is now open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through mid-October. Carr House is located 2 1/4 miles up Carr Canyon Road off Highway 92 in Hereford.

Guided bird walks are offered at Carr House at 8 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month through October. For information, visit Carr House on weekends or contact Rosemary Snapp at 378-9351.



Office move set for Garrison HQ

On May 29 and 30, the Garrison commander and his staff will temporarily relocate from Building 41402, Rodney Hall, to the second floor of Building 41412. Building 41412 is located in old post on the corner of Hungerford and Rhea Avenue.

This temporary relocation is to allow for necessary renovations in Building 41402. All phone and fax numbers for staff members will remain the same.

The office will be closed for all non-essential action on May 29 and 30. Full operation will resume in June.

For more information call Suzette Krusemark, cell 507-6789 or pager at 803-4444.

1st Annual Men's Ministry Program

Kino Protestant/ Gospel Service's present the 1st Annual's Men's Ministry Program June 8 at 9:20 a.m. Pastor Henry E. Rubin of Christian Deliverance Center is the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served immediately after at the Murr Community Center. For more information call 533-8774, 538-1251 or 439-9202.

Project Graduation

The Alpha Mu Zeta and Alpha Beta Zeta Chapters of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Cochise College are participating in Project Graduation...Feed a Body, Feed a Mind, an initiative designed to help alleviate hunger and illiteracy in our community.

Graduating students and their guests are asked to bring nonperishable food items or books to the college graduation ceremony to be held Friday, at 5 p.m. Donation drop-off sites will be positioned at the following locations: Sierra Vista and Douglas Campuses of Cochise College. Look for donation boxes and poster for Project Graduation. After the graduation ceremony, the books and canned goods will be given to community based organizations of Sierra Vista and Douglas.

For more information, call Mary Kim at 249-6600.

Burn permits suspended

Effective Saturday, the Sierra Vista Fire Department will no longer authorize open burning within the Sierra Vista City limits and will not issue burn permits.

Fire chief Bruce Thompson said, "Due to the typically dry conditions we normally face at this time of year and because of the few fires we have already experienced that indicate the potential severity of the coming brush fire season, we have little choice but to take this action."

The Fire Department will continue to monitor weather conditions, but it is expected that the suspension will continue until the area gets significant rainfall, which is anticipated in midsummer.

The Fire Department regrets any inconvenience this action causes, but suspending open burning until weather conditions are more favorable is necessary for public safety. The Fire Department also urges everyone in the Sierra Vista area to respect the fire potential by being extremely cautious with materials or activities (such as cigarette smoking) that might lead to an accidental fire.

Traffic alert schedule

Motorists should continue to be on the alert for traffic disruptions while contractors install preemption devices. The devices are going in at all City intersection. They will be activated by the sound of a siren and will automatically change the signal light to green for approaching emergency vehicles, such as City police and fire vehicles, ambulances, and border patrol vehicles. Construction, requiring some closed lanes, will be taking place at the following intersections on the dates indicated. Motorists are urged to use caution and obey all traffic control devices and directions:

Today:

Highway 92 and Foothills
Highway 92 and Calle Mercancia

Monday:

Highway 92 and Saint Andrews
Highway 92 and Buffalo Soldiers Trail

Tuesday:

Buffalo Soldier Trail and Saint Andrews
Buffalo Soldiers Trail and Avenida Co-chise

Wednesday:

Highway 92 and Canyon de Flores

