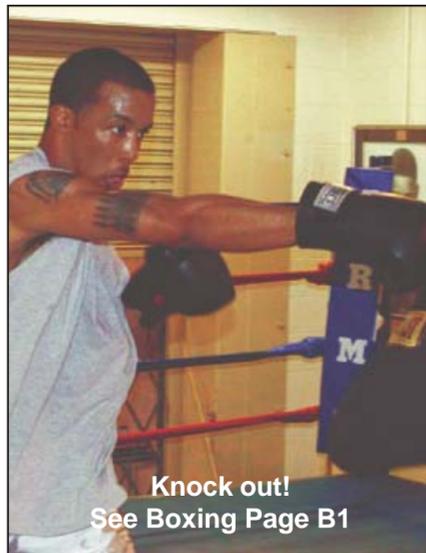


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Commissary holiday closure

The Commissary will be closed Sunday - Monday in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Awards ceremony

Brig. Gen. John M. Custer, acting commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca is hosting the first awards dinner banquet to recognize the following: civilian of the year, sailor of the year, Marine of the year, airman and Air Force noncommissioned officer of the year, drill sergeant of the year, instructor of the year and soldier and NCO of the year. This is the first year that these individual awards have been combined into one event.

The dinner will be held Jan. 31 at the La Hacienda. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dress is casual and tickets are \$18 per person. For tickets, units or representatives, call Sgt. 1st Class Lisa White, U.S. Army Garrison at 533-6385 or the Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Protocol Office at 533-1218/1231.

Tax Center opening

The Fort Huachuca Tax Center will be open to help all military identification card holders with their 2002 tax returns Tuesday. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - noon on selected Saturdays. The Tax Center is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall, Building 22324 on Christy Ave.

MOAA dinner

The Coronado chapter of the Military Officers of America is having its monthly dinner meeting today at 7 p.m. at the Lakeside Activity Centre. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. John Custer. For more information, call 458-4099.

IEW Maintenance closure

IEW Maintenance, including key and lock repair, will be closed all day today due to training and a unit change of command. Emergency work requests should be submitted through the garrison staff duty office or by paging Master Sgt. David Tyler at 452-2896.

Roadwork on Hatfield

There will be traffic interruptions on Hatfield, from Hunt to Cibique, during the hours of 6:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. through Friday. Be alert for lane restrictions, rerouting of traffic and construction crews. Drive safely.

Blood drive

The Fort Huachuca community blood drive takes place Jan. 23 at Nicholson Hall in Room 115 from noon - 8 p.m. Please donate if you can.

DOIM routine maintenance

The Directorate of Information Management will be performing routine maintenance on all Exchange Servers (including SIPRNET) and the ATZS server farm beginning at 7 a.m. on Sunday. Estimated downtime is approximately four hours for NIPRNET Exchange, two hours for SIPRNET Exchange. Electronic mail service will not be available during this time; connectivity to the server farm may be intermittent



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

MLK commemoration

Students from the Shiloh Christian Center sing "Who am I?" during the post celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Wednesday at the Main Post Chapel. See story page 3.

Smallpox vaccination mandatory

By Kevin Larson
FORSCOM News Service

With the threat of smallpox being used as a bio-weapon against our military forces, the commander-in-chief, President George W. Bush, in December ordered all Department of Defense military personnel to line up and get a smallpox vaccination.

Forces Command soldiers might start lining up as early as mid-January for their mandatory shots, according to the FORSCOM surgeon. Just like the anthrax vaccine, smallpox will be mandatory because of force health protection issues.

"Everybody reads the papers, everybody watches CNN," Col. Phil Stikes, FORSCOM preventive medicine officer, said. "It's pretty

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Post housing receives honorable mention

By Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart
News Editor

Fort Huachuca was named "Best Post Housing and Facilities," in the second annual *Army Times* "Best Post" competition.

"We were elated and overjoyed," said Grace White, chief of family housing. "When I found out we won, I congratulated the employees because they are at the crux of this," White said.

"We were absolutely tickled. There are a lot of people who put a lot of effort into the housing program. This is a reflection of everyone such as the agents who put a lot of time into their individual areas, and the engineer technicians who work on the long range planning program," White said. She went on to praise the All Star contractors who take care of all of the housing work orders and make needed repairs.

Fort Lewis, Wash., was selected as the overall best post and Fort Huachuca received an honorable mention for best housing and facilities.

Fort Huachuca has 203 living quarters for officers, 151 for senior noncommissioned officers and 1,298 housing units for junior NCOs. "The bulk of our assets, 80 percent are for the junior enlisted soldiers, the folks who can least afford to live off post," White said.

"The fact that Fort Huachuca was selected because the soldiers did the voting as opposed to us evaluating ourselves against other housing divisions speaks well of all of the employees of the housing division," said Sylvia Pete, Housing Division chief.

"It's not just the house you put them in to, it's also about the service you provide,"



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt

Fort Huachuca was recognized by the readers of the *Army Times* as having the "Best Post Housing and Facilities."

Pete said. "To not know there was a competition and to be judged by the soldiers is extremely gratifying," Pete said.

"Now is the time that soldiers are seeing the fruit of planning and programming that took place five years ago," White said.

Due to the implementation of the Army's housing privatization program called Residential Communities Initiative, White said there are no longer a lot of posts competing for Army construction dollars. "That helped us to get some of the dwindling construction dollars still available," White said.

"There isn't a single day that's the same in the housing office. There is always vari-

ety; there are always opportunities for us to improve and to get better," White said.

"Everybody in here works hard at it because all or our staff is either prior military, or a family member of a service person, or a reservist and can empathize with the soldier and his family moving across country with their children and the dog. They've been there and done that," White said, referring to undergoing permanent change of station moves.

The "Best Post" selections were made based on the recommendation of *Army Times* readers and can be accessed by visiting www.Armytimes.com/bestpost.

Community vigilance can prevent rabies

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

Two dead gray foxes were found on Fort Huachuca last week that later tested positive for rabies.

Though the foxes were found in remote locations, community members are still asked to remain alert of rabid animals on post.

In order to safeguard you, your family members, and your pets the environmental division as well as the post Veterinary Clinic suggest certain guidelines.

"With the fort's proximity to wildlife, there is a chance an animal could come in contact with residents," said Sheridan Stone, wildlife biologist, Directorate of Installation

Support. He stressed that though this chance is minimal, residents must beware.

"Fort Huachuca is an excellent habitat, rich in diverse wildlife. With the fort's stewardship of the environment over the last century, we've maintained this diversity and value the fact that we work, live and play among the wildlife.

Because the wildlife is amongst us we must protect ourselves," he said. Prevention measures include education, quick response, and vaccination of pets.

Stone said any animal not acting wild, which is to include approaching residential areas or residents and not showing fear, should be kept away from and reported immediately.

"While hiking, it's not normal for wild

animals to come up to you," said Capt. Dale Beebe, a post veterinarian.

"If this happens don't reach down and pet them or feed them." If animals are found dead for no apparent reason, caution should be taken when near.

"Stabilize the situation and prevent exposure," suggests Stone.

Though these ill animals should be kept clear from, Stone suggests keeping an eye on them until officials are called to remove them from the environment.

Dead animals should be reported immediately for pick up to avoid other animals feeding on it and becoming ill as well, he said. If necessary, write down exact location

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Man of peace has words for a time of chaos

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

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Soldiers serving our country right now don't have to look around to notice these are turbulent times. With each passing hour the winds of war appear to draw nearer and there is a lot of uncertainty in the future.

Yet through the words of a man devoted to peace and love for his fellow man, soldiers can look at the upcoming holiday devoted to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to reflect on where we will stand when our nation comes calling.

It's easy to be a soldier when we're at peace. After all, we only care about how many points we need to get promoted, what class are we going to enroll in next semester and how I'm going to do on my next physical fitness test?

We tend to get selfish and think about ourselves which is only human nature – after all we're at peace. It's easy not to worry about surviving in a foreign land when we come home to our cozy confines each day.

This is that moment of peace and convenience that King speaks of and that can be a soldier's downfall because it can lead to complacency. Every now and then we need a test to see where our courage and character lies in times of challenge and controversy.

Throughout the Civil Rights movement King was right in the center of chaos as he was often arrested, beaten, misused and abused. Whether he was spit on, kicked, or slapped he turned the other cheek and pressed on. What better example to follow?

MLK ceremony reaches, teaches all people

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

If a blind person who never heard of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sat in on Wednesday's holiday commemorative service at the Main Post Chapel, he wouldn't know what color this renaissance man was, he'd only know the mark he left on the future.

Children of all races and colors riddled the audience and brought light to King's vision of the American Dream.

"I challenge each of you to help make his dream a reality," encouraged Col. James Slavin, commander, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade. He suggests "taking a day on, not a day off," Monday for the MLK holiday.

Because King's motivation in life was helping others and striving to empower the oppressed, people are asked to use his holiday to help build a better community through volunteering, eliminating racial discrimination and reconciling with others.

The ceremony, rightly dubbed, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day on Not a Day Off," brought music, song, and the opportunity for change to its audience.

Speakers included Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jerome Myles, who reminded the audience that King was simply a man who tried to love.

The singing of "Precious Lord," by Terri Bryant, followed Myles.

Eighth-grade students from Smith Middle School peppered the audience only to rise at various times to let one of King's famous quotes be heard.



That same fiber of courage he displayed is the example soldiers need to reflect on as we prepare for more possible conflict. Our physical and mental courage will be tested. This is where we find our ultimate measure that King speaks of.

For soldiers on the battlefield in Afghanistan, in the desert of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, their time of challenge is now. For the soldiers waiting for the phone call in the midnight hour to deploy, their time of challenge is drawing closer.

For those of us who enjoy our daily "comfort and convenience," let's not forget time waits for no one. King's words should be our wake up call to be ever ready and vigilant to show our true grit as soldiers.

More than ever, our nation needs to know where we stand in our time of challenge and controversy. Let's live up to the legacy of King's words and not let our nation down.

"From beginning to end the ceremony was amazing. It was so well put together. Everything flowed," said Frank E. Bothwell, an audience member.

The Shiloh Christian Center presented "Who Am I," a presentation of people of the world and how King wanted to achieve a community lovingly open to all races.

Irma Furlow sang one of King's favorite songs, "If I Could Help Somebody," before Chaplain (Col.) Juan Loya, guest speaker, made his remarks on the holiday.

Loya emphasized American people not keep King static, as simply someone who did well in the past and a holiday to



Frank E. Bothwell (center) bows his head in prayer prior to the ceremony in the Main Chapel to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

look forward to in the future.

He questioned what has happened to King's dream in our society and within our selves.

Loya explained statistical gaps between blacks and whites are wider than ever and explained with reason of individual complacency to not make a better place.

Loya quoted King as saying the future of America "be judged by the content of their character, not by the color of

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Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke
NETCOM, Deputy Command Chaplain

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven..."
-Ecclesiastes 3:1ff

Well, friends and neighbors, the New Year is well underway. 2003 is almost to the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day already!

Our family New Year's celebrations have always been fairly quiet affairs – this year the kids all watched movies into the new year and my wife, two friends, and I played an exciting game of "Military Monopoly" – I lost (and my friend bought Fort Huachuca before I could!) Another New Year's tradition is making resolutions. I don't know about you, but my "resolve" to keep them lasts about a week, then I try again, fail, try, fail and then after a few weeks give up.

I did some research on the "making of resolutions" and found that somewhere in the neighborhood of 63 percent of "resolvers" stay with the resolution for two months with only 40 percent sticking with the goal the whole year. Seventeen percent of those needed up to six attempts at getting to the desired goal. The funny part of this ABC News survey was the end – the writer said "these numbers may not be accurate because people tend to lie about results!"

So, I did some more research and found this advice: "Make only one or two resolutions, make realistic goals, and if you fail, check barriers which keep you from success." I thought that was pretty good advice.

However, I found still other comments in a "personal development" article and the writer wrote that "rather than make resolutions, how about committing to changes and actions?" She said "how about":

- More time in your personal life
- Less stress and more fun
- Greater business and career success
- Balance between work and home
- Altering your management or leadership style

Some of these look like "business" actions, but I believe life, both personal and business, are linked as we go to and from our homes and work. Professional and personal are linked. I also believe that if we work on the five "bullets" above, we will benefit ourselves as well as everyone around us because each of these depend on "action" rather than "wishing."

The writer of Ecclesiastes had it right (so right that the Byrds sang about it in the '60s) that "to everything there is a season." 2003 is your season, your time to make your life, and the lives around you, better. Your time to live life fully.

If you have questions on how to do that, or are finding it difficult to "execute" the actions you want to, please give your chaplain (or me) a call. We have the resources to help you out of your rut – and into the right season for you. Happy New Year.

Vows exchanged across the ocean

By Spc. Bobby Miller
19th Public Affairs Detachment

Spc. Ryan Boisture, 385th Signal Company, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and Susie Berry, Sierra Vista, Ariz., planned on getting married in December, but when Ryan's unit deployed, it looked like the marriage was going to be put on hold until Ryan arrived back home.

He arrived at Camp Doha, Kuwait, two months ago, while she was left behind in Arizona.

However, the couple did not let 7,000 miles stop them from getting married.

With the help of technology, the couple was joined in holy matrimony, before God and the Army, during a video teleconference, Dec. 30.

"I am just glad to be getting married," said Ryan, 22, from Fredonia, Ky., before the wedding. "I do not care how we do it, I just want to get married."

According to Sgt. Robert Nantz, 385th Signal Company, this was the first-ever video teleconference wedding.

The couple laughed and joked with each other before the ceremony began, while watching through the televisions set-up in their separate VTC rooms.

The ceremony began at 8:15 p.m. in Kuwait and 10:15 a.m. in Arizona, with the Reverend Shawn Buchanan officiating.

Susie, a 20-year-old Cochise College student, said that there were a lot of emotions surrounding the wedding.

"Right before the wedding, I was overwhelmed with feelings," Susie said. "I was happy I could see Ryan, and hear him, but I was sad that I could not touch him. I have never felt regret and still have not. I feel that Ryan is my soul mate and that we are going to have a wonderful life together."

Ryan waited patiently in the Army Central Command-Kuwait Headquarters building

on a couch opposite his fiancée, Susie, who was on the television screen in the VTC room at Fort Huachuca with her mother for the wedding.

The VTC allowed them to see each other via a television monitor and camera, and hear each other through a microphone and speaker. Susie said that seeing Ryan was upsetting and joyful at the same time.

"When I first saw Ryan I stared to cry. I miss him so much and it was so good to see him," she said. "I wanted to jump through the screen and hug him. As the wedding went on I was crying because I was so happy that I was blessed with such a wonderful man. I'm so happy that I going to get to spend the rest of my life with him."

The VTC has about a five second delay, but it had no effect on the wedding. Tears were shed and Susie said it was tough not being physically with him.

"Well it was somewhat sad, not the kind of wedding I had dreamed of," she added. "It was better than the phone so it was ok."

"It was great to see Ryan, but I could not hug or kiss my groom. Other than not being able to touch him, it was great. We made history and that is something we can tell our children one day."

According to Susie, the wedding preparations took a little more than a month because the time it took mailing the marriage paperwork back and forth from Arizona to Kuwait.

"I am not sure what Ryan had to do on that side, but his unit did a great job in getting it on a roll," Susie said.

Ryan said that he was glad to be able to get married here.

"I am still excited," he said. "We had planned on (getting married) anyway, but I was sent over here. But we were not going to let that stop us."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Now wife of Spc. Ryan Boisture, Susie Berry, stands in front of a camera screen showing her husband. They were married via video thanks to today's technology.

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Jenni Swisegood grooms a 4-month-old Cocker Spaniel, named Vinny, introducing him to his first haircut. Swisegood volunteers her time and talent to dogs at the post Veterinary Clinic, as well as grooms pets at home on the weekend.

Volunteer 'cuts down' dog population at clinic

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

With a snip here and a scrub there Jenni Swisegood makes good dogs good looking.

The post Veterinary Clinic boasts Swisegood as a miracle maker when it comes to getting pets a home on Fort Huachuca.

"Sometimes dogs are so matted. Without any grooming they just look terrible. You can't even see their face half the time," Swisegood said. "After I groom them, most dogs are adopted the next day."

Swisegood is currently taking maternity leave as a veterinary technician from the post Veterinary Clinic. Still, even though she has two children to care for at home, she volunteers her time to help give strays a home of their own.

"I hate to see dogs just sitting there neglected. I figure if there is anything I can do to help them get a good home and not come back than I'll do it. Grooming them has worked," she said.

Swisegood said the clinic calls her when needed.

"Having nicely groomed dogs available for adoption definitely helps," said Capt. Nicole Chevalier, Fort Huachuca Veterinary Services Branch chief. She explained that potential owners are much more likely to buy a pet that looks and smells nice, rather than one that has not been kept.

Swisegood started working with animals in 1994 when she worked as a veterinary technician in a hospital in Colorado. She said she wanted more hands on projects with dogs, so began learning to groom in 1996.

Swisegood trained under a groomer for six months who specialized in Schnauzers. Later she spread her wings to all dogs, and even a couple cats, while working as a pet-grooming manager of a pet store in Colorado.



Now, Swisegood has worked at the Veterinary Clinic for two years and said she enjoys the time she gets with animals.

"I think, no matter what, I'll always be grooming either on the side or full time. I just enjoy it," she said.

Swisegood uses what she calls "the groomer's bible" to help guide her hands correctly on all types of breeds, but also allows room for personal flare.

"Each groomer has their own technique. Of course I can go straight by the book, but I can also accommodate special requests from owners," she said.

Swisegood recently received a permit to groom dogs out of her home. Now she takes advantage of the weekends by grooming local pets in the community.

Groomings can include everything from a bath, nail cutting, ear cleaning, sanitary, and a haircut, depending on what is needed. Small dogs can cost up to \$25, while larger dogs can cost up to \$35.

"I prefer to do it out of my home because I think it makes it a more pleasant experience for the dog. I can take my time in a more quiet atmosphere," she said.

Swisegood welcomes puppies as well as adults. "I'm patient with puppies that are new to grooming as well as with older dogs who have never experienced grooming," she said.

She even has three dogs of her own, a German Shepard mix, a Labrador, and a Cocker Spaniel.

For more information, call Swisegood at 417-1682.



Left, Vinny before a grooming and at top, Vinny after. Swisegood said she has patience and understanding for pets new to the grooming experience.

Commissary helps Guard, Reserve members keep resolution to save

Defense Commissary Agency release

FORT LEE, Va. – Guard and Reserve members are urged to take advantage of their "24 days to save" by adding Commissary shopping to their list of New Year's resolutions. A family of four shopping regularly in the commissary can save more than \$2,400 in 2003 suggest officials at the Defense Commissary Agency. Guard and Reserve members and their immediate families are entitled to 24 commissary shopping days, but to take advantage they need valid military ID cards and a current Commissary Privilege Card.

Activated Guard and Reserve personnel and their family members can enjoy unlimited shopping in the commissary by showing their ID card and active duty orders. During active duty periods, they do not need the CPC to shop.

The Commissary Privilege Card (DD Form 2529) is issued annually in December to Guard and Reserve members by their units. The card contains blocks to record dates of the 24 authorized shopping days during the calendar year. Commissary personnel date and initial a block on the card for each day. Personnel who have not received a CPC for their "24 in 2003" should contact their unit immediately. Neither commissaries nor DeCA are responsible for issuing CPCs.

"Gray area" Reserve component personnel - those who have retired from the Guard or Reserve but who are not yet 60 - also need the CPC in order to take advantage of their 24 annual commissary shopping days. Commissary Privilege Cards for "gray area" personnel are mailed annually from locations where their military personnel records are retained. For more on the CPC and Guard and Reserve shopping eligibility check the information page at www.commissaries.com/guard_reserve.htm.

A "fact sheet" on commissary savings for Guard and Reserve is located under "What's New" at www.commissaries.com.

Soldiers donate books to Forgach House

Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Scout News Editor

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Family Readiness group donated 260 books to the Forgach House, Dec. 20.

The Forgach House provides lodging for women who are victims of domestic violence or who are homeless with children. It also offers individual, group and marriage counseling, child therapy, parenting classes, transportation to needed social services, training for volunteers, and transitional shelter (three months or longer) for qualified residents.

Tonianne Goebel, director of the Forgach House, said "It's absolutely wonderful to have so many books for the children."

Peggy Sin, FRG member, said the books, which were either new or in good condition, were collected at the unit's Christmas party and are for children of all ages. "We collected books for babies and for teenagers. We got a lot of positive feedback from the soldiers," Sin said. This was the FRG's first community service project. The idea to have a book drive originated only a month before the Christmas party and a reminder was sent out a week prior.

"I think the soldiers of HHC and the FRG members definitely have their hearts in the right place," Sin said.

For more information visit www.ccs-soaz.org/forgach.htm, or call (520)-458-9096 if you are a woman in need of shelter 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Photo by Capt. Steve Sin

Books were welcomed to the Forgach house for good use.

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if leaving the area.

"If it is necessary to remove the animal from the area for safety reasons a shovel, gloves and plastic bags should be used to avoid exposure. This helps reduce an already low risk of infection even lower," Sheridan said.

This diligence in reporting will help prevent further infection, as well as help the fort to track the animals infected.

"What to do to continue community health, reduce rabies infection and help in overall understanding is a simple message: Grown-ups must remember to teach children what they know," Stone said.

Some messages to give children include staying away from unfamiliar animals and don't let them approach you, let adults know where dead animals might be at, and alert any strange behavior animals might have.

Though residents are asked to be alert, there is no reason for alarm, according to Stone.

"There is no specific area to worry about," Sheridan said. "There is no reason not to go outside or go hiking because there is no one place to be careless in. All that is needed is for residents to pay attention and keep a level of awareness."

All pet owners are asked to keep vaccinations up-to-date, according to Beebe.

"It's best to vaccinate any warm blooded animal, this includes dogs, cats, ferrets and horses. Any warm blooded animal could be

Protect yourself

To protect you and your family from possible rabies infection:

- Immediately report dead animals to authorities for pick up
- Stay away from animals not acting "wild."
- Report strange behavior of wild animals to authorities and keep location of animal to help remove from area.
- Inform children to report any strange behavior
- Stay away from any unusual animals
- Keep all pets properly vaccinated for the rabies virus.

infected," Beebe said.

Arizona law states rabies vaccinations be given every three years.

While animals are outdoors, owners should know where their pet is at all times. This includes while hiking off leash.

"It's always a good idea that animals remain at least within ear shot, if not on a leash" Beebe said.

To report dead or ill animals to officials 24 hours a day, call the Military Police at 533-3000.

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obvious why we need it. We think potential enemies might have it."

More detailed implementation details will be worked out in the coming weeks.

Soldiers already deployed around the world in support of current operations will also be vaccinated, Stikes said.

"We're prepared to ship vaccine wherever, whenever," he said.

A limited number of DoD civilians who have been designated emergency essential will be asked to get a smallpox vaccination.

If you've been vaccinated before, though, and think you're good to go, you're not.

Those who have been vaccinated for smallpox in the past will need to get a new shot. The vaccination provides protection for three to five years, according to Stikes.

"Protection wanes over the years," he said.

The vaccine contains a live virus, but it is not smallpox. Instead, the vaccine is made from another pox virus, one closely related to smallpox.

But because the vaccine is made from a live, actively growing virus, there are certain key points to remember, Stikes said.

"Key points to remember after being vaccinated are don't touch the spot where the needle was stuck and don't let other people touch it," he said. "If the vaccination spot

does get touched, wash your hands right away."

Touching the vaccination site can cause the vaccine to not take or spread the pox used in the vaccine to other areas of the body, according to Stikes. That can cause serious problems, especially near eyes or other moist areas of the body.

The vaccination site will be bandaged following the shot but the bandage can be taken off when the bleeding stops, Stikes said. Disposing the bandage is easy. Just put it in a plastic bag with some bleach and throw it away.

When in close contact with others, though, it is best to keep a bandage over the vaccination site, Stikes said. It's also okay to do PT after being vaccinated, just make sure you bring your own towels for showering. That towel and any other clothes that touch the vaccination site will then have to be washed in hot water with soap and bleach.

People with compromised immune systems, who have had eczema or atopic dermatitis, have other skin conditions that have not yet cleared up and who are pregnant or breastfeeding should not get the smallpox vaccination, Stikes said. Also, if you live with anyone who meets those conditions you should not get vaccinated.

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Community Updates

Troops to Teachers briefing

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

Troops to Teachers is a program that helps eligible military personnel to transition to a new career as K-12 public school teachers in "high-need" schools.

If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certification, finding a teaching position, and funding, please come to a Troops to Teachers briefing at the Education Center, Building 52104, Jan. 30. Pat Puhlman, Education Technician, 533-2255/3010 is the point of contact for Education Center.

Basic Skills Education Program

The Education Center will sponsor a Basic Skills Education Program Class which will begin Feb. 24 through Mar. 7. Class hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily with emphasis placed on English and Math skills.

A pre-TABE test will be administered at 7:15 a.m., the first day of class Feb. 24. A Post-TABE and GT Predictor will be given on Mar. 6 and the ASVAB Test will be administered Mar. 7.

This is a free class and open to adult spouses. Raise your GT score and increase your re-enlistment possibilities, prepare yourself for college, or refresh your basic skills. For more information call Bob Campbell at 533-5690 or e-mail him at robert.campbell@hua.army.mil.

German Army brief

The German LNO, Lt. Col. Schaefer, will be giving an Officer's Professional Development 3-4 p.m., Feb. 21 in the Lake View Room of the Lakeside. He will be discussing the Germany Army, its setup, transformation, and future.

Contact Capt. Tincher at 533-8989 for more information.

Special Olympics basketball

Special Olympics basketball season is here. Practices are held at the Huachuca Mountain Elementary School Gym on St. Andrews Street, off of Buffalo Soldier Road.

Practice times are 6:30-8:30 p.m. The City Parks and Recs services will not be able to pick up and deliver our athletes so it is placed upon the parents/guardians to bring the players.

Any questions call Ray Roberts at 459-2553, Pat Sartain 459-4975, or Tom Whipp at 378-1927.

Special Olympics track and field

Special Olympics track and field practices are at the Barnes Field House and adjacent track.

Practice times are 10a.m.-12p.m. Medical forms will be required before any participation in scheduled track practices.

Any questions call Tom Whipp at 378-1927.

160th SOAR (Airborne) recruiting

The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) is looking for soldiers who possess a strong desire to work on a highly dedicated team of professionals.

This is the nation's premier special operations aviation unit. The authority to actively recruit across the Army comes directly from the Chief of Staff of the Army.

Attend one of the scheduled briefings in your area for more information. Permanent party briefings on Fort Huachuca will be held Jan. 21 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Fitch Auditorium in Alvarado Hall. The WOBC and CCC briefing is on Jan. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at Fitch Auditorium in Alvarado Hall.

Family members are welcome. For more information call Sgt. 1st Class Randall Howard at (270) 798-9819, DSN 635-9819 or email HowardR@soar.army.mil or recruiting officer CW4, AV Ricky V. Starr at DSN 635-9819/5689.

Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University and The University Alliance will hold a meeting Tuesday at the Fort Huachuca Education Center to discuss their online classes.

Higher education in the Military faces reality of unrelenting dramatic changes on a daily basis. Saint Leo University, has made it their mission to take the attributes of traditional classroom education, and combine them with today's cutting edge technology.

Via the internet, they provide military service members around the world with the opportunity to advance their education and better their lives, without traveling to a traditional campus, and receive the same degree as our campus based students. Saint Leo is accredited and is a member of SOC and also an eArmyU participating school.

Some of the program benefits include: no classroom attendance, no mandatory log in times (learn at your convenience) and no proctored exams.

Contact Dennis Sherrod at 533-2393 or Sgt. Freddie Barbosa at 1-888-622-7344, ext. 4186 for more information or e-mail him at freddie.barbosa@universityalliance.com.

Sierra Vista class covers water-wise landscapes

Cochise College's Center for Professional Development has scheduled a non-credit class designed to help people create environmentally friendly landscaping around their homes. "Water Wise Landscapes" will be taught by Cado Daily, water conservation educator from the University of Arizona. Cooperative Extension Water Wise Program.

The first part of the class will be from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 23 on the Sierra Vista campus. The class will continue on Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Landscape design and plant types will be covered in this class. The registration fee for the seven-hour class is \$5.

To reserve a space in "Water Wise Landscapes" call the Center for Professional Development at 515-5492 by Monday. Don't wait, as space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

CG Town Hall on CAC

A Town Hall meeting hosted by the Commanding General is scheduled to air live on

the on the Commander's Access Channel, Feb. 18, 6-7 p.m.

Brig. Gen. John Custer will host the event for the first time.

Spring, Summer 2003 Exchange catalog available Tuesday

The Spring & Summer 2003 Exchange Catalog will be available at military exchanges worldwide on Tuesday. This catalog offers hundreds of pages of merchandise and is one of the benefits of military service.

This all-services catalog is valid through July 23 and anyone with exchange privileges can use it.



Active duty military members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as military retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen, Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas, exchange employees and their family members are authorized to shop.

Free electronic in-store ordering is available at AAFES exchanges and selected Marine Corps exchanges worldwide. Orders can also be placed by mail, fax or phone. To place orders toll free from the United States or Puerto Rico just call 1-800-527-2345. For your convenience, the catalog center is open around-the-clock, seven days a week, and complimentary international access calling is available from several countries. You can also shop your Exchange Catalog on the Internet at aafes.com, usmc-mccs.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com.

Available at your local exchange, the Spring & Summer 2003 Exchange Catalog is a bargain for only \$5. It includes a coupon for \$10 off your first purchase of \$50 or more, and shipping is free on everything you order.

Earnings generated by your purchases in your Exchange, Exchange Catalog and Exchange Online Store are returned to you in the form of funding for your favorite MWR facilities and programs. So be sure to shop your Exchange first.

DAV transportation volunteers

The Disabled American Veterans need volunteer drivers to transport Cochise County veterans to their appointments at the VA Medical Center in Tucson. If you're interested in volunteering, call 458-5776 or visit us at the Main Gate house 10-1.

Range closures today through Jan. 23

Today— AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Friday— AU, T2

Saturday— T1, T2

Sunday— T1, T2

Monday— AU, T2

Tuesday— AM, AU, T2

Wednesday— AM, AN, AU, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Jan. 23 — T1, T1A, T2, T3

For more information on range closure contact range control 533-7095.

Soldiers Radio

Listen to Soldiers Radio on the Commander's Access Channel. You can also listen on the web at www.army.mil/soldiersradiolive.mov.

Library now open all week

The Main Library will now be open seven days a week. The library will be open Monday-Thursday from 10:30am-7:30 p.m. and Friday-Sunday from 10:30am-6:30pm. For more information, call 533-3041 or 538-4101.

AFAP volunteers

The Army Family Action Plan Conference Planning Committee is looking for volunteers. They are needed to be a part of the planning committee and subcommittee and assistance during the conference. AFAP is also looking for volunteers experienced in facilitating and issue development. For more info, call 533-3686.

MVGC open to the public

The Mountain View Golf Course, located on Fort Huachuca, is a high desert 18 hole championship course and is open to the public. Services include a putting green, driving range, golf shop, three par practice hole, and clubhouse. For more information, call 533-7088.

Commanders Hotline

Commanders Hotline - Get a formal response to your issues or concerns in just 10 working days with the Commanders Hotline. Call 533-BOSS (533-2677) or e-mail commanders-hotline@hua.army.mil.

SOAR Briefings

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AFTB Level II

Come and find out what Army Family Team Building is all about. AFTB is having Level II training on Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 4-6 at the Murr Rec Center. Attend these free seminars and receive your certification. For more information, call 533-3686.

ID card section closure

The ID Card Section will be closed Jan. 27-29 to upgrade and train for the new Common Access Card. The ID Card Section will reopen on Jan. 30 and will only issue CACs by appointment. Please contact your CAC point of contact for further details. We will continue to issue ID cards for retirees and dependents on a walk-in basis.

Questions can be directed to Murphy London at 533-3725 or Renea Edwards at 533-1608.

Pets of the Week



My name is Baxter. I am a gray, female, domestic short hair tabby. I am an ideal lap cat, and enjoy being petted. I am current on my feline leukemia test. I do need a spay, microchip, deworming, and vaccination. My adoption fee is \$42.00



My name is O'Ryan. I am a gray, female, domestic short hair tabby. I do need a good home, I love people. Please call the vet clinic and see me today!



My name is QT. I am spayed, female black lab mix. I had a family before so I love kids, and am good with other dogs. Plus I am housebroken and have a current heartworm test. All I need is to be microchipped, dewormed and vaccinations. I would make a great pet for only \$32.



My name is Scarlotte. I am a fun loving brown and tan, 2 year old, spayed female, shepard mix. I am great with kids and am housebroken. I am current on my heartworm test, microchip, and current vaccines. All I need is my is a dewormer and a good home. My adoption fee is only \$22.

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

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their skin.”

“Martin Luther King’s dream is a wake up call to the American people,” Loya said. “King challenged acceptance of his dream and we need to make it part of our daily reality.”

Loya said he was astonished to learn some 30 years after King’s assassination that we are in fact moving backward instead of forward.

“There are no other two races with such defined gaps. We’re moving toward segregation. We are as much at risk of becoming a nation in a nation more now than ever,” he said.

Loya said King is such a prominent figure that who is not only related to past, but is strongly related to the future.

“Martin Luther King is part of the American psyche. We cannot forget him. We cannot just X him out of our lives,” Loya said.

He suggests the American people stop just hearing the dream and instead turning it into an action.

“Do something for others. This is a call



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Staff Sgt. Eddie Nubine plays “Lift Every Voice and Sing” on his saxophone while the audience sings.

for action, not inaction,” he said.

The audience ended the ceremony by singing “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” while Staff Sgt. Eddie Nubine, 36th Army Band member, played the saxophone.

After the ceremony guests were invited for refreshments, fresh fruit, snacks, and cake.

DoD to recognize Korea vets with medal

By *Tesia Williams*
Army News Service

A new defense medal will eventually be issued to military members who served in the Republic of Korea, or adjacent waters, after July 28, 1954.

The new Korea Defense Service Medal was authorized by the Fiscal Year 2003 Defense Authorization Act.

The U.S. Korea Defense Service Medal should not be confused with the foreign service Republic of Korea War Service Medal that was authorized for U.S. military personnel who served in Korea between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953, officials said.

The new medal will be for those who served in Korea after the war, up to an undetermined ending date, said officials from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Given the volume of anticipated recipients, officials said the time it will take to award the KDSM is difficult to estimate. They said it will take time to identify, notify and award the medal to eligible former service members.

Some of the actions that must be completed are: designing the medal, obtaining necessary funding, developing policy for issuance and wear and processing to include verification of service and then award of the medal.

The first three actions should be completed in approximately four to six months, officials said. However, based on previous experiences when creating service medals the entire process can take up to a year, officials added.

(Editor’s note: Tesia Williams is a member of the U.S. Army Personnel Command public affairs team.)

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cluded soldiers would have to roll up their sleeves and take the shot.

“In the event of a smallpox outbreak, their vaccination status would be reevaluated,” Stikes said.

For soldiers who do not meet the exclusion criteria, refusal is not an option. If soldiers refuse the vaccination, the first step will be to educate them on the risks of smallpox, Stikes said. Since this is a force health protection issue, continued refusal will most likely be considered failure to follow a lawful order.

Side effects for the smallpox vaccine are usually mild, according to Stikes. They include sore arm, fever, headache, body ache and fatigue and peak after eight to 12 days following vaccination.

If soldiers have any concerns or experience any discomfort or side effects beyond those normally expected with the smallpox vaccination, then they should seek medical advice, Stikes said.

“It’s better to be safe than sorry,” he said.

You can tell if your vaccination was successful if you see a red, itchy bump form at the vaccination site.

“In the first week, the bump becomes a pus-filled blister,” Stikes said. “Then, in the second week, a scab forms. The scab falls off in week three and leaves a small scar.”

Although rare, there are some serious side effects possible from the vaccine, Stikes said. Out of one million people, 1,000 will have serious but not life-threatening reactions, 14 to 52 people will have serious skin reactions or brain inflammation, and one or two people may die.

“If it’s one in a million for the general population, it will be one in a million for us,” he said. “We’re a subset of the population.”

A thorough and careful screening process, though, will be in place to ensure those at increased risk will not receive the

vaccination, Stikes said. The process is still being refined at this time and streamlining it is also in the works.

And as for the potency of the vaccine to be used, storage duration has had no ill effects, Stikes said.

“It’s been freeze-dried,” he said. “The vaccine has been tested for potency. Smallpox vaccine lasts a really long time.”

The last time the vaccine was used to protect against naturally occurring smallpox was 1977 in Somalia. After that outbreak, the wild, naturally-occurring strains of smallpox were eradicated.

Wild or man-made, smallpox disease symptoms are the same. Smallpox symptoms begin with high fever, head and body aches and possibly vomiting, according to Stikes. A bumpy rash follows. The bumps crust, scab, and fall off after a few weeks, leaving scars.

Following exposure to smallpox, the risk of death is high. Thirty percent of infected people die. For some survivors, there is the risk of blindness.

“It’s a bad disease,” Stikes said. “Don’t get it.”

Smallpox is commonly spread by face-to-face contact with an infected person, especially one who is coughing. The virus travels in the cough’s droplets of moisture.

Smallpox Fast Facts

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·Don’t touch the site of the smallpox vaccination. If you do, wash your hands.

·The smallpox vaccination is safe, with low incidence of serious side effects or death. Normal side effects include fever, chills, body and headache and soreness at the vaccination site.

·Getting the smallpox vaccine is mandatory for all soldiers unless medically exempt.

·Soldiers who are medically exempt from getting the smallpox vaccination are still deployable.