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### CFC update

As of Oct. 9 the people of Fort Huachuca have donated \$32,604 to the CFC. The goal for this year is \$355,000 and the campaign ends on Nov. 7. Contact your unit coordinator in order to make your donation.

### ACS offers classes

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

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

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

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

### Thrift savings plan

The current Thrift Savings Plan Open Season began Wednesday and ends Dec. 31.

During the open season, you may begin contributing to TSP or change the amount of your TSP contribution by logging on to <https://www.abc.army.mil>.

Do not submit a TSP-1 Form to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center office. It cannot process these forms. To make Interfund changes, use the [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) Website.

For more information, call Eva Dixon at 533-5735 or Kelly Garland at 533-5273, Monday thru Friday, between 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. or stop by CPAC, Building 22320.

### Canopy installation

Canopy installation at the Main and East Gates has been delayed. Installation has been rescheduled for Monday through Oct. 24 from 2 to 9 p.m. daily. Traffic entering and exiting the installation will be altered.

### Correction

The brief in last week's paper stating that the Garrison commander's office would reopen on Oct. 29 was incorrect. Following their move the office will reopen on Oct. 27.

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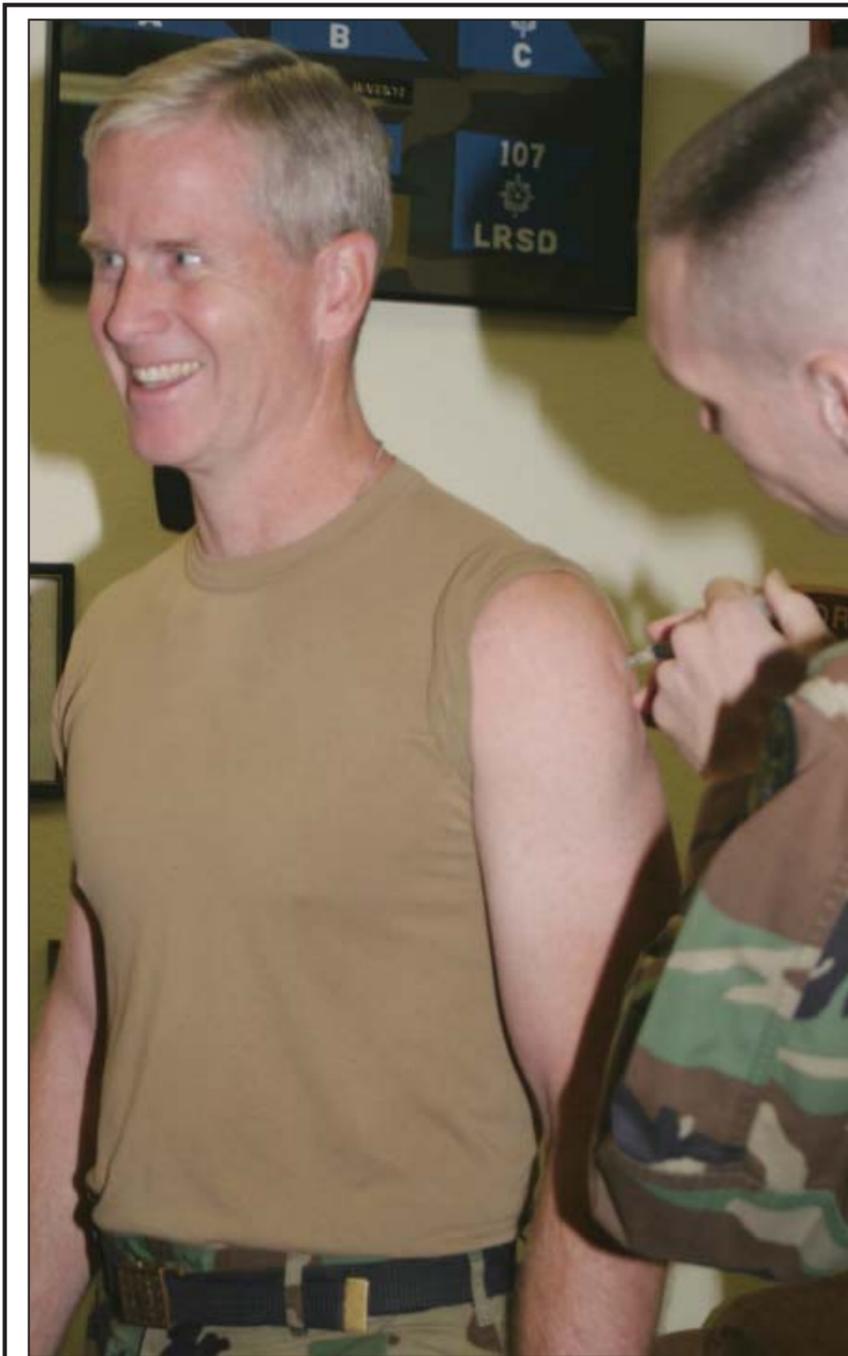


Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

## It will only hurt for a minute

*It's flu shot season and Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks, post commanding general, is the first up to bat. Sgt. Jeffrey Daniel Tinsman, U.S. Army Medical Center, does the honors.*

# Gen. Marks levels on MI of tomorrow

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

In the wake of the annual Senior Intelligence Leaders Conference, which was held here last month, was the Association of the United States Army gathering Oct. 7, in Washington, D.C. These two meetings have left the Army with a lot to prepare for and changes to anticipate.

Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Peter Schoomaker is focused on revamping the Army for the challenges of wars of the future. His 15 point plan of action was unveiled at the AUSA conference. It covers everything from increased support from the Army for soldiers to being sure that every force is always prepared to fight. The new CSA wants proposed changes beginning in November, according to Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks, commanding general, United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. The CSA will be receiving "back of the envelope" answers, as Marks called them. The answers indicate what needs to be done and the details are worked out later.

Marks linked some of Schoomaker's points to the military intelligence branch.

One point pertains to combat training centers and battle command training programs. "We have always been deeply embedded in how we train and what we train to at our combat training centers," said Marks. Another point in the plan is the network of communication on the battlefield. "Intelligence truly depends on a robust and very capable network in order for intelligence to move and for us to continue to work intelligence," Marks said. "So we are very much a part of that network."

A sixteenth point, actionable intelligence, has been added to the Army reformation plans, said Marks. "Actionable intelligence speaks directly to the fact that intelligence must support the commander on the ground."

Military intelligence is a vital part of any war. From logistics to locations to linguists, MI soldiers are responsible for getting leaders the information they need.

Soldiers on the ground in Iraq have given valuable feedback to assist in improving MI tactics and equipment. Marks, who recently returned from Iraq, coined the phrase and concept of "fighting ISR". "Fighting IRS" replaces an older MI doctrine concerning intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

"When I talk about 'fighting ISR' I'm talking about getting

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# Thunderbird Brigade board boasts best Quarterly competition tests troops throughout theater

BY SPC. M. WILLIAM PETERSEN  
11TH SIGNAL BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers and noncommissioned officers of the 11th Signal Brigade traveled from locations throughout the Operation Iraqi Freedom area of operations - some from as far as Baghdad and beyond - to match their soldiering skills Sept. 29.

The 11th Sig. Bde. Soldier and NCO of the Quarter board convened at Camp Doha, Kuwait, to select the finest NCO and Soldier within the brigade.

The board winners were: NCO of the Quarter: Sgt. Karen-Nicole Knapper, network operations noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Sig. Bde.

Soldier of the Quarter: Spc Katie Delosreyes, training, graphic illustrator and radio specialist, HHC, 40th Signal Battalion.

Knapper, who was recently promoted to sergeant in a ceremony with the Network Enterprise Technology Command's

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald J. Desjardins, the Signal Regiment's Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Terry, and 11th Signal Brigade's Command Sgt. Maj. Oliver Forbes pinning on her new rank, said circumstances made her preparation more difficult than normal. Despite her position within the brigade's headquarters staff, she had a relatively short time to prepare.

"Unfortunately I was told about it less than two weeks prior, so it required a great deal of preparation because we (Network Operations staff members) work 12-hour shifts," said Knapper.

She had an edge, however. As NCOIC of her shop, she was responsible for training and preparing her Soldiers to appear before Soldier of the Month and promotion boards. Of the four troops she sponsored, all three Soldiers won their Soldier of the Month boards and the Soldier appearing for promotion scored 149 out of a possible 150 on his board.

"In helping square Soldiers away, it was important to me that I know that military knowledge

as well," she said. "I wanted to 'continue the streak' as far as our soldiering is concerned."

The Soldier of the Quarter found similar time constraints to overcome in her preparation.

"I had to re-arrange my schedule to add a little more study time; I found that individual study was the most effective for me," said Delosreyes. "I believe that the best way to prepare for a board is to have someone ask you the questions as if you are in the board, that way you know exactly how to word each answer."

All the preparation involved paid off for the Soldiers when they encountered the toughest competition the 11th Sig. Bde. Thunderbirds had to offer. In the end, the winners of the board were decided by point differences of three or less.

"The competition was pretty tough. It was definitely the hardest board I've ever been to, and the competing Soldiers were phenomenal," said Knapper. "At this level, they're really expecting you to bring it. I had a responsibility as an NCO at brigade-level to do well and show that we do have squared-away NCOs at

this level."

In facing the challenges of the board appearance, Delosreyes found that her deployment experience had built both her confidence and knowledge enough to become Soldier of the Quarter.

"I know my competition at the board was very tough, we all did great at PT and I know that everyone studied and worked for it just as much as I had," said Delosreyes. "This deployment has definitely helped my soldiering skills. I have learned a lot about tactical environments and how important team work is in accomplishing a mission."

From the other side of the table, Command Sgt. Maj. Oliver Forbes, 11th Sig. Bde. command sergeant major, got to see his Soldiers at their best. Forbes acted as president of the board.

"It was a good, stiff competition," said Forbes. "All the soldiers were extremely knowledgeable and put in a lot of preparation for this board. What I liked about this board was that it showed that we, as a brigade, are going in the right direction. There is mentoring going on and a lot of

pride in this brigade."

One aspect of the board that was uncommon for such an event was organized physical training on the morning of the board. Forbes gathered the competitors, their sponsors, members of the command group and board members to join him in a little motivational PT. The competitors found the exercise more demanding than they first anticipated. After a serious upper-body workout - including more than 100 overhead arm-claps, flutter kicks and other PT favorites - Forbes took his troops for a run. "I thought the run would be an easy, motivating run," Knapper said after the four-mile run. "I saw parts of Camp Doha that I didn't know existed."

The command sergeant major's goals for the session were met, though. Both board winners found themselves motivated, but at the same time too tired to be excessively nervous.

"When people spend those last minutes before the board cramming, they don't perform as well," said Forbes, who initiated

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## TeamTalk



BY MAJ. GEN. "SPIDER"  
AND MARTY MARKS

The Army Family Action Plan – an ongoing process of identifying critical issues affecting our Army family here at Fort Huachuca and then working to resolve them – is, as I've said before, a chance to act locally and affect throughout the Army. This is something vitally important to Marty and me, and we want to make sure you know that the great ideas you all have brought up through this program are being examined and, where possible, implemented.

Just last week, Col. Larry Portouw, our garrison commander, chaired a steering committee meeting to review progress on all the active local AFAP issues and recommendations you brought up in the 2002 and 2003 AFAP conferences. Issues raised by members of this community involve a wide variety of areas and have resulted in improvements in programs such as child and youth services, housing maintenance, in and out processing, family readiness groups, safety, schools, and teen activities.

My staff has been busy working these issues to see how we can resolve any concerns and make this truly a community of excellence. Your needs and concerns are a priority for us, and AFAP is one way we can all work together to see that the programs here on Fort Huachuca are truly meeting the needs of the community. Remem-

ber, it's a continuous process, and your input is vital. As we continue to make progress on our past AFAP issues, we are in the final preparations for our upcoming AFAP conference scheduled for March 9-11, 2004, here at Fort Huachuca's Main Post Chapel.

I had the privilege recently of attending a recognition ceremony for some of our great "cost warriors." These Fort Huachuca employees demonstrated their dedication to cost savings within their organization by "thinking outside the box." They came up with some very innovative ways to save money. The cost savings – regardless of whether they are large or small – all help us do a better job for this community by enabling scarce budget dollars to go farther and do more for all of us right here on Fort Huachuca. We truly appreciate what these folks have done and continue to do for us. They are demonstrating just what excellent stewards of our funds they are. Keep up the good work!

Tomorrow is the quarterly volunteer recognition ceremony, where we honor all our soldiers who earned their volunteer service medal and our civilian volunteers who have given at least 100 hours of their time to helping out this community. What great Americans! Often working behind the scenes, it's these people who make Fort Huachuca's programs available to all of us. Be sure to let our volunteers know how much you appreciate their efforts. And, if you'd like to get involved as a volunteer, give our installation volunteer coordinator, Kim Bridges, a call at 533-4823.

Halloween is right around the corner. Be sure and watch for more information in an upcoming Scout about trick or treating hours and rules, as well as details about other on-post celebrations of the season. Remember – safety is non-negotiable!

Keep up the great work you all are doing. It's evident in the super programs and activities we have here on post that we have an extraordinary team of soldiers, partner organizations, family members, employees, contractors, and retirees all working together to make Fort Huachuca truly an assignment of choice and a community of excellence. Thanks!



BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ.)  
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ACTING COMMAND  
CHAPLAIN, NETCOM

"You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody." - 2 Corinthians 3:2

I enjoy quite a few things in life and one of them is reading. Every day I read the local newspaper (editorial page, obituaries, comics and the front page are tops with me), People Magazine (what will ever happen between Ben and J Lo?), the Bible and books. Usually I read leadership, how-to books and biographies, but sometimes novels. My wife ALWAYS reads novels - every night - and sometimes they seem so intriguing that I borrow them and check them out.

I just finished Lightning by Dean Koontz. What a story! I'm not going to ruin it for you, but if you read it, you get this idea that you are getting the story down and then BANG! You are not even close! Good twists, etc. throughout the book. My son is reading Watership Down by Richard Adams

for a Sociology class. Adams wrote the story for his daughters as a bedtime story and it became a best seller in the '70s.

In the afterword of Koontz's book, he speaks about how publishers think readers want a standard novel - an easy plot, a good looking girl, a great hero and somewhere there has to be a dog (and God help us, the dog better not die!). If a writer falls away from the standard, then the book just won't sell. Well, Lightning is far from the standard and Koontz made big bucks with it.

Books excite. Books give way to dreams. Books set a standard for living. Books define who we are. Paul, in his second letter to the church in Corinth said that some people need a letter (small book?) of recommendation to show by whose authority the person comes to the city. Yet, Paul says that the people themselves are such a letter (book?) of authority - written on the hearts of friends and known by everyone who met them.

You are such a book. From the moment you get up from your bed until you return at night, you meet with people and situations that define you for yourself - and more so - define you for the people around you. If you have children or a spouse, you write a new chapter in your life every day as you cope with and face the daily grind and care for family. If you have friends and coworkers, each day brings about issues and crisis that need to be dealt with and may

or may not add to the relationship. As you and I live, we continue to turn the pages of our lives and hopefully the people around us find it good reading.

But what if the writing on the pages of your life just don't make any sense? Well, again from Lightning, take a step back and rewrite the past so that the future is better. In spiritual circles we call that "repentance," forgiveness" and "grace."

Repentance is that ability to say, "I'm sorry" and mean it deep down in our soul. Forgiveness is the ability to accept repentance - sometimes from ourselves for "dumb stuff" we do - sometimes from others. Grace is that gift which gives us another chance to do the right thing. All of it is ingrained in each of us. I believe that ingraining is from God who created us to want to do what is best for ourselves and those we love and care about.

So, enjoy your life book. If the story gets confusing, take a step back, repent, forgive, and accept the grace that gives each of us the opportunity to have a "redo" or "do over" so that we get life right for us. In getting life right for ourselves, most likely others will be able to enjoy the company of "your book" and have a good read.

Remember, life excites, life is full of dreams, life sets the standard for - living. May each of us grow to be best sellers!

## Commentary

# Army's culture of underage drinking changed for the better

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD  
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If it's one cliché I hate more than any other when I read Army newspapers it's the one referring to "This isn't your father's Army." I swore I'd never

use it in any article I'd ever write, but now I can join the masses of journalists who have typed it.

However, my reason can be expounded because the Army that I joined back in the late 1980s isn't the Army I once knew. One major, and I add good, reason is the Army's philosophy on

under-aged drinking.

I clearly remember reporting to Germany as a 19-year-old and being informally in processed in to the unit by drinking the most lethal beer I've ever had – Pirmanator. I later affectionately called it Terminator because if you drank more than three, you were ter-

minated to the floor in the latrine.

The Army's culture of training hard and partying hard took on a meaning like no other. Partying hard meant drinking suicidal amounts of alcohol and living to tell about it the next day or getting vivid details from the friends who helped remove you from the porcelain

bowl in the latrine.

I also remember an Army commander proclaiming to the entire country that his unit had the most "physically fit alcoholics" in the Army. Believe me, you don't become a physically fit

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## Scout on the Street

### Who's the most influential Hispanic in America?



"Father Pino, a religious figure who came to Tucson in the 1800s."

Neisen Black,  
groundskeeper, Army  
Lodging



"(Actor) Edward James Olmos, because of his education of children."

Susan Bradley,  
human resources  
assistant, Transition  
Center



"Caesar Chavez."

Sgt. Jorge Carrisalez,  
Company E, 305th Military  
Intelligence Battalion



"Mariano Rivera, of the New York Yankees. He's a good role model for children and a superb athlete."

Aubrey Conn, human  
resource specialist, Civilian  
Personnel Advisory Center



"Caesar Chavez."  
Connie Dodson, military  
pay technician, Defense  
Finance and Accounting  
Service



"Caesar Chavez, because he did a lot for migrant farm workers, and Dos Pasos, a Mexican writer."

Ele Hines-Pabon  
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# A garden for dad: Post family grows a surprise for father stationed in Iraq

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SCOUT STAFF

When Sgt. 1st Class Robert Craig gets home from Iraq, his family will have a surprise for him: homegrown corn on the cob.

His 15-year-old daughter Annette is growing a small victory garden of sorts, which also includes cantaloupe.

It's her way of honoring her dad, who is thousands of miles away. Craig's family, which includes wife Jarnia and son Robert Jr., 17, also keep the front yard of their Hannah Street home immaculate.

So immaculate, in fact, that it was named Yard of the Month for September.

"I (felt as if) I had won a million dollars," said Jarnia, laughing.

Annette added, "She even came and got me out of school."

The Craigs received a \$25 gift certificate for the Post Exchange and commander's coins.

"We're pretty much saving them for Robert (Sgt. Craig)," Jarnia said.

Looking at the yard, it's easy to understand why it received the honor. It has a perfectly manicured green lawn, golden bunches of flowers and nicely arranged Halloween décor. It was Craig who did most of the work on the home's front yard, when he was home.

The idea for a special garden bloomed in March, when Annette tried to grow strawberries for her dad. At first, Jarnia thought they were flowers. The strawberries didn't make it, but Annette was undeterred.

She decided to grow a few stalks of corn, her father's favor-

ite vegetable, in August. "It was an experiment, and it actually grew," Annette said.

"I didn't think I'd have to attend to it so much."

She said that growing the corn, which could be ready for harvest next month, has helped her learn more about responsibility, and left her with a feeling of accomplishment.

As she looked down at the corn, Annette said, "When I come out here, I think about what he's doing in Iraq, and what he'll say when he gets back."

Craig doesn't know about the garden, but "I think he's going to be impressed," said Jarnia, who added that no matter what kind of day Annette is having, she goes out and waters the corn.

Jarnia also said that Craig might give his daughter a good-natured lecture, as he had previously told her that gardens weren't allowed on government quarters.

The Craig's spotless, cozy living room could easily double for a nursery, as it is teeming with houseplants. The Craig family has 74, at last count, according to Jarnia. "It takes the family 15 minutes to water all of them."

In the middle of their living room is a small table featuring a recently-taken picture of Craig in Iraq. He looks strong and proud.

The family first moved to Fort Huachuca 10 years ago. They've also lived on Fort Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and on two posts in Germany.

"We keep going from here and coming back," said Jarnia, who works as a chef at LakeSide Activity Centre.

When Craig had to leave for Iraq earlier this year, "I think we

all cried," Jarnia said. "We know he'd going to do his job, so we've just got to do the right things here."

That means completing the list of chores Craig gave them while he was gone — like keeping the yard in tip-top shape — and for the children, maintaining good grades at Buena High School.

Craig, who is with the 504th Signal Battalion, was deployed to Iraq seven months ago. The man is no stranger to dangerous places: he also served in Afghanistan last year and in Somalia during the early 1990s.

The family is hopeful that he will return home in about two weeks.

In the meantime, he calls or e-mails the family every day.

"When we talk on the phone, I don't ask him anything about (his missions) what he's doing, and he doesn't provide us with any information," Jarnia said. "He just lets us know that he is safe."

"I do know that he's at Camp Victory now," she added.

Craig also keeps the post office very busy.

"We just got these boxes from him," said Jarnia, gesturing at the packages nearby, "but we can't open them until he gets back."

To keep those family bonds tight, Jarnia and the youngsters take family pictures every Sunday, and send the snaps to Iraq.

While their father doesn't talk about what he does in Iraq, he did say that he would love to work as a civilian there someday.

"I just miss him," said Robert Jr., who added that his dad would clean up his kids' rooms, if they didn't get a chance to do it themselves, and fix them lunches.

Craig's wife said she misses shining her husband's boots, taking his uniforms to the cleaners and "looking forward to him coming home (every day)."

It can be emotionally difficult for the family to watch television news shows, and hear about another soldier losing his or her life in Iraq and wonder if Craig is OK.

Add that to the daily duties of work, school and home duties, and life can be challenging for the Craig family.

And Jarnia, recently diagnosed with hypertension, must now be extra mindful of her

health.

She credits her coworkers for their "overwhelming" support. "They call me on my days off and see how I'm doing," she said. "We have some really tough moments, but they always ask how the kids are doing."

Annette said sometimes, she and other schoolmates with parents overseas will talk about their respective situations.

As a father, Craig is "helpful, an all-around guy," said Robert Jr. "He tries to show us the light."

For example, Craig won't

accept his children earning Bs in school, Jarnia said. In fact, they have to send a scanned copy of their progress reports.

A father's discipline definitely shows in both of his polite and modest children: Annette is active in Reading Is Fundamental, is a senator for her third period class and also will join the Buena High soccer team this year.

Robert Jr. is bound for Alabama A and M University next year and works not one, but two jobs, at the LakeSide and the Youth Center.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Jarnia and Annette Craig are two parts of a four-part team who won the Yard of the Month for September. Annette planted a 'victory garden' featuring her father's favorite produce. Sgt. 1st Class Robert Craig is deployed in Iraq.

## Alcohol, auto combo injured one per minute in 2002

BY KEN BOWLES  
PREVENTION COORDINATOR, ASAP

In July, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration issued the final research report of alcohol-related traffic fatalities for 2002.

The NHTSA report contained both good news and bad news. The good news was that fatalities for 2002 were lower than estimated, but the bad news in the report was that 17,419 people lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes during that year. More than 500,000 people, almost one every minute was seriously injured.

If estimates are correct, the total number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities for 2003, will be higher than last year, and will represent the fourth straight year that fatalities and injuries have increased. In

1999, even though overall traffic fatalities were higher than the previous year, aggressive prevention efforts had succeeded in reducing the alcohol related traffic deaths to 16,572, the lowest in more than two decades.

On paper these are just numbers, but each one is a human being with hopes and dreams for the future. None of them knew, when they got up and got dressed that morning, this would be the last day of their lives.

They leave behind moms and dads, a husband or wife, sons and daughters, a brother, sister or other relatives who will mourn their death for the rest of their lives. They will live with anger because of the senseless and brutal way their loved ones died. This comes too close to many here at Fort Huachuca, who have

lost someone near and dear in an alcohol related crash. If NHTSA estimates are correct, three out of 10 of us will be involved in an alcohol related vehicular crash in some way, during our lifetimes.

On the other side, no one who goes out to enjoy a few drinks, and then gets behind the wheel to drive home, ever planned to become a murderer or to cripple someone else. The possibility that they might end the day in the morgue themselves or be crippled for the rest of their lives was not part of their plan.

Sadly, the numbers of deaths and injuries in alcohol related vehicular crashes prove otherwise. Drunk driving is the nation's most frequently committed violent crime, killing someone every 30 minutes, according to NHTSA. It also

makes the public highways the most dangerous places in the world.

Eighty percent of alcohol related fatalities were caused by beer drinkers. The age groups fit most of the post population.

In 2001, 33 percent were between 21-24, and 28 percent were 25-34. Of the remainder, a few were underage, and the rest were 35-44.

From 1980-99, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, NHTSA and others have successfully campaigned for stricter laws, and provided public education that year after year reduced the number of alcohol fatalities. Since the year 2000, a loss of direction, support and lack of commitment have resulted in a reversal of this trend and fatalities are again on the rise. Even though a Gallup

poll shows that 97 percent of our general driving population sees drinking and driving as a threat to their personal safety, there is no demand to do anything about it.

Strict laws, good enforcement, and support of the courts can make a difference. But, it must be us, the men and women of America who voice a resounding NO to drunk driving. We must take whatever actions we can to get the drunk drivers off the road.

Safety is not a behavior, but a state of mind that says, "I will never even consider driving after drinking, nor will I even consider riding with a drunk driver. If I do plan to drink, I will arrange beforehand for safe transportation home. I will do whatever it takes to keep others from driving after drinking."



### Spraying away

Gabriel Hernandez of the Fort Huachuca fire department performs an annual flow check on one of the fire hydrants on Christy. The fire department will be checking all the hydrants on the post.

Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

# IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

## Memoirs of a furry, four-legged soldier

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

Early wake up calls, physical training, late nights; all to protect the American people...ah the life of a soldier. And the chow tastes like dog food! Oh wait, it is. That's probably because I'm a dog; a war dog.

War dog is nickname given to military working dogs. We do everything from mine detection to perimeter security. Our history of service dates back to the Roman Empire. The Romans would capture wild dogs and force them to fight one another. The most vicious dogs were trained by the Roman armies and set upon their enemies.

During the Revolution, the Civil War, and the Spanish American War, dogs were used as scouts and messengers. The military finally decided to put our acute senses and extreme loyalty to use and trained us for security purposes.

The United States War Dog Association says that we saved over 10,000 lives in Vietnam. That's definitely a feather in our hats; that's if dogs wore hats.

Although we're true blue American soldiers, we even have rank, none of us are from America. At least not anymore. In the early days, war dogs were family pets volunteered for service. Currently, me and my comrades are bought from breeders in Europe at about 12-36 months old and we cost about \$11,000 after training.

We then headed to basic training at the Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,

Texas. Just because we didn't have drill sergeants at our basic training, didn't mean we didn't have it tough.

We had hours of instruction on scent detection and obedience, using a "repetition and reward" system. Sure, we got a tasty treat or a cool new chew toy, but how many chew toys does one really need? I think we deserved a little more of an incentive to work our furry little butts off five days-a-week.

My favorite part of basic was the aggression training. Our handlers would encourage us to get excited and angry while some guy was running past us and antagonizing us.

Trust me, we got our revenge during the bite and attack portion of training.

When training's over, we got to our units and got paired up with our handlers—dog's best friend. We have to get certified working together as a team before we can get actual working assignments.

Military working dogs are dual trained in

tection and patrol. Detection is of either explosives or narcotics. Although it's a little dangerous for my taste, detec-

tion is the perfect job for canines. Researchers discovered that our noses can pick up scents as small as 500 parts per trillion. If it's nice outside, I can detect a scent from up to 250 yards away.

Our handlers also rely on our superior hearing. Once I cock my ear to listen closer to something, my handler is on alert.

Trainers at Lackland want us to some day be trained for chemical and biological agent detection. Thank goodness I'm retiring!

During my time in the field I met dogs from all different jobs. Some of them were scout dogs with infantry units. Scout dogs go out in front of their units looking for trip wires, ambushes and snipers.

Others were in tracker teams. They would follow blood and other odor trails to find missing personnel and even

the enemy. And, there are sentry teams, who are used for post, base and other perimeter security.

In the United States, most military working dogs are used for security purposes. At Fort Huachuca, we work a lot

with suspicious package inspections and area security, like looking for breaches in the security forces around the perimeter of the post. Being so close to the border, I've also been involved in drug and illegal immigrant intervention on the border of Mexico.

I work with five other dogs, with one new buddy on the way, at Fort Huachuca. Once we reach a duty station we stay there permanently, unless that post happens to close.

As my cohorts prep for certification, the handlers and the other MPs give pop quizzes and pre-tests while we're guarding the Main Gate. They go through the routine of a full check of incoming vehicles with us. Then the MPs hide one of the training tools, a towel with the scent of cocaine, somewhere on the vehicle. During the recheck, we're supposed to stop and sit down at the spot where we detect a narcotic. The towel is found, everyone cheers and it feels nice to know we do our job right.

When I retire in a few years, I will return to Lackland to be a trainer's aid. Then I will be retrained to be a normal house dog and put up for adoption. Until 2000, retired military work dogs were euthanized, but I'll have a chance to live out my life with either my handler or a family who is prepared to take on the challenges of a dog with a past like mine.

In honor of all my hard working fellow war dogs, there are two memorial statues of a soldier and his dog. One is at March Air Force Base, Riverside, Calif. and the other is at Sacrifice Field, Fort Benning, Ga.

As technology increases, we are still more advanced than any equipment soldiers could possess. We don't need batteries, we rarely falter and, if needed, we will fight and die for our fellow soldiers. We are devoted, focused and lethal. We are war dogs.



Photos by Pfc. Joy Pariente

Pfc. Kyle Slania and Rocky remain vigilant at the Main Gate.

## Rocky delivers K-9 punch to drug runners at East Gate

BY SPC. MATTHEW E. CHLOSTA  
SCOUT STAFF

A Military Police dog discovered drugs during a random vehicle search at the East Gate, Oct. 7.

The vehicle was impounded by the Criminal Investigation Division.

At approximately 7 p.m., Oct. 7 a pickup truck with Mexican license plates attempted to access the installation through the East Gate.

Pfc. Kyle Slania, dog handler, 18th MP Detachment and his military working dog, Rocky, were doing random narcotics, weapons and bomb detection at the East Gate.

The black truck was one of the first vehicles to be inspected, said Slania. Rocky scanned the truck, the wheel wells, and underneath the bed.

Rocky alerted on the gas tank, added Slania.

After the initial alert, Slania did a second sweep of the truck with Rocky.

This time, Rocky climbed under the truck to get at the gas tank, according to Slania.

The operator of the vehicle was detained and the Border Patrol was contacted, according to the daily situation report.

Border Patrol verified that the individual legally entered the country at 5:30 p.m., said the SITREP. They further advised

that he had entered at approximately the same time the previous day.

The Border Patrol sent out a flexible cable camera. The gas tank was searched, and appeared to have some type of container inside, said Slania.

CID took over the case, and took custody of the vehicle and the driver.

On Oct. 8 CID confirmed that 78.2 pounds of marijuana was found in the gas tank of the vehicle detained at the East Gate Oct. 7 by the K-9 narcotics alert.

According to CID, the gas tank

had a container on the inside of it that was sealed with silicon in the middle of the tank.

Maj. Daniel Ortega, director of public safety, recommended Slania for an Impact Army Achievement Medal.

Slania was awarded the AAM on Oct. 8, at 3 p.m. by Col. Lawrence Portouw, garrison commander.

"I was pleased that Rocky responded, because it showed that all the training we put forth in the K-9 section has paid off," said Slania.



Rocky searches a vehicle for dangerous materials at the Main Gate.

# Hammers, nails oh my

## Past, present, future projects revitalize post

SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA  
SCOUT STAFF

Canopies will be installed over the inbound lanes of traffic at the Main and East gates Oct. 20-24 from 2-9 p.m.

The canopy installation is one of several ongoing construction projects designed to enhance safety and quality of life at Fort Huachuca.

"Our main focus is life and health safety type projects," said Troy Morris, chief, engineering plans and services division, directorate of installation support. "Those are the things we try to get done as quick as possible."

The way construction projects are prioritized on post is through the Risk Assessment Code evaluation used by the Installation Safety Office.

According to Bruce Heran, installation safety officer, if a building or area on post has a hazardous condition, they investigate it. After the investigation, the Safety Office then translates it into a priority level for the engineers.

Each project is given a RAC code from one-five (RAC 1-immediate action required, RAC5-may accept risk with proper documentation and continue operation), based on the importance and immediacy of the needed action, said Heran.

"We give priority to violations of the safety code in a facility, preventive health or indoor air quality issues," said Heran. "RAC 1 is the most serious code we can put on

it. Need to do it immediately. Take care of it as quick as possible."

Then, other projects might get bumped down the priority list, added Heran.

"We've added consistency by using the RAC assessment system," said Heran. "It does work very well. If you have limited resources, it helps you prioritize."

Another ongoing project is housing replacement at Pershing Plaza, said Morris. "We demolished 80 old houses and we're building 65 new houses for enlisted soldiers."

We started construction September, 2002 and we are anticipating completion by December 17, added Morris.

Several other projects on post are under contract or already being worked on including: installing air conditioning for the Military Intelligence library (completion by March, 2004); Clothing and Sales Store renovation (started September, completion by December); Virginia Hall Dining Facility put back online by January, 2004; put in lights and pave the tennis courts between Barnes Field House and Greely Hall (completion by March 2004); and road restriping (should be completed by the end of the year).

One last ongoing construction project on post is the building of several new playgrounds and the replacement of old playground equipment, completion of all playgrounds anticipated by December.

All of the playgrounds will have handicap accessible features.

A few of these unique features are: items at waist level, wheelchair accessibility and colored pyramid canopy shading of the playground equipment.

"It will promote a lot of activity among the kids, allow them to enjoy the outdoors more," said Kevin

Blackwell, post architect. "Most of the playgrounds should be completed by the end of the year."

Some of the future projects on post include:

Building new permanent restrooms at the post cemetery, said Morris. Construction starting this fall, will take 90-120 days to complete.

Miles Manor housing replacement project will demolish approximately 222 houses and build 220 new homes, said Morris. The project should be awarded by the end of April, 2004, with projected completion in a year.

Infrastructure on post for unmanned aerial vehicle training is also being increased. Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe, announced in September a \$6.9 million contract for construction of a four-building UAV complex.

The project across from Black Tower will include areas for simulator training, flight operations, maintenance operations and a maintenance facility.

Some of the most recent completed projects on post are:

We paved and resurfaced roads in Nickles, Carlson housing areas, on Derum, Arizona Streets and Mott Circle, said Morris.

During the recently finished Bonnie Blink housing project, we demolished 70 old structures and built 110 new ones, said Morris. The construction began in October 2001 and was completed in June.

Another major project completed recently was the Treated Effluent Phase II, according to Tom Campbell, staff mechanical engineer, DIS. "The project placed pipes underground throughout the fort, to take 'reclaimed' water and reuse it for irrigation on Brown and Chaffee Parade Fields and the ballparks on post."

"We spent \$12.7 million over the fiscal year 03, on construction projects and improvements to the post," said Morris.



Photo by Spc. Matthew Chlosta

Miguel Ochoa, concrete laborer, Mimbela Construction puts the finishing touches on the new playground in between the almost completed housing at the Pershing Plaza construction site. The enlisted Soldiers' housing will be available before the end of the year.

### MARKS, from Page 1

our hearts, our minds and our physical beings completely embedded in what it means to establish and ensure that the intelligence architecture and the intelligence team are working together and that requires an aggressive warrior spirit," explained Marks.

Under the "fighting ISR" doctrine, the MI mission is going to undergo some changes. "There will be a change in mindset," said Marks. "How you think about our business...the application of intelligence to a situation. How you think about it is as important a task as what you do about it. The intellectual must always precede the physical."

"It will really assist us in the way we think about war fighting," he added. "We have to think about what it means to be an intelligence war unit. To assist commanders on the ground, to be aggressive, to be confident, to assist them with the application of force to such a point that we can destroy the enemy."

As the need for human intelligence in war has increased, so has the demand for trained MI soldiers. Most of the Army's human intel-



ligence soldiers have been pulled from Reserve units. "Human intelligence is a requirement," said Marks. "That's a given."

"We need to make sure we have the right balance of our skill centers in the service, Marks said. "We have to have the right number of human intelligence; we have to have the right num-

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Maj. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, Fort Huachuca commanding general

ber of infantry, the right number of signaleers." "There is a very large demand for human intelligence to assist intelligence teams to provide information in intelligence to paint the right picture for the commander."

An overhaul is planned for the manning of active duty MI units. "If it's a requirement to

increase tactical intelligence or tactical HUMINT teams on the ground, there either has to be an aggregate increase in the size of the force or we have to have a bill payer some place," Marks explained. According to Marks, the military either needs to recruit new soldiers to expand the force, or shuffle their assets to fill the Army's needs.

The HUMINT team composition itself will change also. Instead of being mostly comprised of interrogators and analysts, a new, more encompassing team is proposed. The team will now consist of one interrogator, a civilian analyst, a contract linguist and a driver, who does not have to be MI affiliated. The new structure will allow for greater distribution of interrogators and analysts.

Due to all these changes, it's an "absolutely exciting time to be at Fort Huachuca," said Marks. "My number one priority every morning is to ensure that we have the right soldiers that are leaving this great institution and that the leaders within this great institution have a constant pulse of what the requirements are out in the field."

## Animals welcome, humans stay home

BY JOAN VASEY  
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MEDIA RELATIONS

All canyons on post are off limits during the hours of darkness from sunrise to sunset.

The exceptions are law enforcement, firefighters, and other safety personnel.

"This restriction is necessary for per-

sonal safety", stated Col. Lawrence Portouw, garrison commander.

"Bears and big cats such as mountain lions and bobcats are out and active at night. We don't want people and pets to have an unpleasant encounter," he added.

Portouw reminds people to leave all wild animals alone, especially the bigger ones.

"If it's bigger than your kneecap, don't mess with it," he emphasized.



### DRINKING, from Page 2

alcoholic overnight - a soldier is groomed to be one when his leadership is right there encouraging it.

Today many of our soldiers entering the Army are not different from young teens leaving their homes going to college for the first time. According to a study by Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse in February, results indicated 20 percent of all alcohol consumed in America is by underage drinkers.

Those results revealed alcohol is the leading drug abused by U.S. teens, 78

percent of high school students have tried alcohol, and 30 percent of them admit to binge drinking at least once a month.

If those aren't eye-opening statistics for leaders, then I don't know what is. Lord knows how those numbers translate to underage drinkers in the Army. Fortunately our leadership realized a few years ago that a trained soldier with a weapon in his hands is just as dangerous as an under-aged soldier with too many drinks in his system.

As leaders we need to be aware our

soldiers entering the Army under the legal drinking age might have once battled a bout with alcoholism prior to putting on a uniform. We need to promote a culture where partying hard doesn't mean drinking until we're blind and comatose.

Yes, this isn't the Army I once knew. Before, leaders reacted too late in the case of underage drinking. Now we're working hard to prevent it from ruining the career of a good soldier and destroying an investment we've trained to perform the Army's mission.

### BOARD, from Page 1

the pre-board PT as battalion command sergeant major in Germany with 17th Signal Battalion. "That morning, they weren't going to get that time to cram. They came to that board without their RPMs too high, and they all performed well."

The board winners will represent the Thunderbirds at functions and special events alongside Forbes. They will also be eligible to compete for Soldier and NCO of the Year for brigade-level. But

for Forbes, there is more to the competition than challenging Thunderbirds to excel for a single board. For him, he is looking beyond the competitions, toward the future of the Army.

"As senior NCOs, we have to prepare the Soldiers to pick up the torch when we leave. This prepares them for that role," said Forbes. "I want to produce the best Soldiers I can. I want to find my replacement in the eyes of these Soldiers."

# Community Updates

## Range closures

Today – AC, AD, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Friday – AC, AD, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Saturday – AC, AD, AK, AM, AR, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AK, AM, AQ, AR, AU, AW, AY

Monday – AC, AD, AM, AP, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Tuesday – AP, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday – T1, T1A, T2

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

## Workshop offered

A one-day workshop entitled “Improved Parent & School Decision Making” will be held on Oct. 24 at the Murr Center for the parents and teachers of students who receive special education services.

The workshop is provided through a grant received by the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools. The training will be provided by Adriana Martinez of Specialized Training of Military Parents to help parents become more involved in the IEP and/or 504 process which will build collaboration within the school community.

The workshop will cover the components of IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act as well as introduce parents to the organizations available within the community. Child care will be available without charge to parents with preschool age children.

For more information, call Patricia Marsh at 452-0122 or 459-8399, or e-mail: [marshp@fthuachuca.k12.az.us](mailto:marshp@fthuachuca.k12.az.us).

## BOSS positions available

Do you think you have the leadership abilities to improve the Fort Huachuca Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers? The BOSS Program is looking for highly motivated single soldiers to make the program more active, visible and productive. The positions that are available are president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. All positions are for a one-year term. The President will represent Fort Huachuca at the annual BOSS Conference to be held in September 2004 at Shades of Green in Orlando, Fla.

The BOSS program is built on three pillars, well being, recreation and leisure, and community service projects. If you think you have dynamic leadership abilities and can make a difference and support the three pillars of BOSS, e-mail the installa-



“Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers”

tion BOSS advisor with your name, unit, e-mail address, and a short paragraph on how your leadership abilities can improve the Fort Huachuca BOSS program. Send nominations to [christopher.deasy@hua.army.mil](mailto:christopher.deasy@hua.army.mil).

## Warrant Officer Statement

The United States Army is looking for highly motivated soldiers to fill its Warrant Officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service (AFS) are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or DSN 536-0484, 536-0458, 536-0488, 536-0478, 539-1860 or 536-0271.

## Recruit the Recruiter Statement

United States Army Recruiting is seeking highly motivated and dedicated NCOs to assist in providing to the strength of America’s Army. Take the challenge and learn how you can become a member of the recruiting team. For more details, visit our Web site: [www.usarec.army.mil/recruiter](http://www.usarec.army.mil/recruiter) or DSN 536-0215, 539-0465, 539-0210 or 536-0457.

## New members wanted

The FHCSC, a non-profit organization that provides money for scholarships and community support is looking for new members. Call Wendy Breen at 378-1763 for membership information or sign up at an FHCSC event. The annual FHCSC Holiday Bazaar is at Buena High School on Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. Food and craft vendors are still being accepted. Call April Arnold at 458-1073 for details. The annual Fort Huachuca Holiday Home Tour is taking place on Dec. 7. In addition to seeing Fort Huachuca’s historic homes, this year’s tour will also include new post housing in Cavalry Park, live entertainment, food and beverages.

## Spanish test at ed center

A Spanish college-level examination program test is being offered at the Education Center. Active duty military is eligible to test for free. Family members may take the test for \$56.

The recommended credit hours are between six and 12; Cochise College grants 15 semester hour credits for the test, which involves audio and reading (all multiple-choice questions). For more information and reservations, call 533-2390, 533-5690 or 533-1701.

## Officers’ course

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

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including:

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

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

## Government charge card changes

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



## Evening Avionics Classes in Sierra Vista

AVT 224 - Autopilot and flight controls

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

AVT 112 - Electronic devices and circuits

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

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

## Insurance questions answered

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

## EORC class

The US Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Military Equal Opportunity Office is offering an EORC, Oct. 27 - Nov. 7. Classes will be held at the Military Equal Opportunity Office Building 22328. Graduates will receive certificates of training.

# Environmental news

## Thanks to the Army, thirsty animals get a drink

BY JOAN VASEY  
MEDIA RELATIONS SPECIALIST

For the benefit of wildlife on the east range, now there’s water where once there was none, thanks to the U.S. Army and the Directorate of Installation Support, Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

Last year, Jim Smith, an avid hunter and outdoorsman, realized that drought conditions on Fort Huachuca were a major stressor on the fort’s wildlife population. He brought the need for wildlife water tanks to his former boss, Col. Eugene J. Komo, director and commander, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate. Komo also recognized the need for sources of water in the drier rangeland areas, along with the need to help the non-human residents of the fort in an area where the IEWTD does most of its testing, also disruptive to wildlife.

To be a good partner with the environment, Komo, in his position of director, provided the Fort Huachuca Environmental and Natural Resources Division \$9,000 to purchase a water catchment system for installation in a waterless area where it would be most beneficial to wildlife.

The system was ordered. After months of waiting, it finally arrived and was installed last month on the west range in grassland habitat.

“The drinker will attract mule deer, pronghorn antelope, quail and javelina, which will be the pri-

mary beneficiaries among the game species,” said Sheridan Stone, wildlife biologist with the ENRD, DIS.

“The drinker will enhance wildlife from the hunter perspective,” according to Stone.

“Of course, many other species will benefit, too,” he added.

“Having a water source nearby will make the area more attractive to wildlife as a permanent home,” he said.

The drinker project was not a simple process. First, studies were made to determine where gaps existed in wildlife water sources in grassland habitat. The next task was to determine which of the suitable locations was located near access roads but away from bivouac sites, airfields, training areas and other drinkers. The site had to be open, level, but within a gently sloped area where water could be captured naturally.

“We looked at sites where terrain and topography worked effectively,” explained John Roberts, natural resource management specialist working with ENRD.

“We could not locate the drinker in just any location. It needed to be installed in an area where it could capture runoff during rainfall.”

The project was too labor intensive for volunteers and was contracted out to NewTech, an electronic proving ground support division contractor. It took two men and heavy equipment an entire week to complete the project.

First, The ground along a gentle slope had to be leveled off, and a berm had to be installed at the downhill end of the slope. Then, a 40 millimeter-thick plastic sheet, 22 feet wide and 100 feet long was installed to capture water in what resembles a giant but shallow pool. The interior of the pool was gently sloped to allow the water to collect in one end, the end near a 1,200-gallon heavy plastic storage tank and drinker. There, water would be fed by gravity through a 2 inch pipe with an attached, sediment collection filter. The filter lets clean water enter the pipe, but keeps dirt out.

An open wildlife drinker built into one side of the storage tank allows animals, birds, insects and others to get a drink on a dry day. On purpose, the interior of the drinker is gently sloped to the edge to provide an escape route and to prevent drowning of baby birds and small animals. In addition, a safety net installed on one wall allows small animals an effective foothold to access the water or leave the tank safely.

A specially chosen area had to be dug out, the tank/drinker installed, and the area back-filled in order to hold the apparatus in place.

Should several inches of rainfall occur during an extremely heavy rain, water would overflow the drinker and travel down a spillway to an overflow pond located downhill from the drinker, according to Stone. In the event that pond fills up, it would continue gently down the natural slope of the shallow hillside where the drinker is installed. Digging the pond and spillway was the third component of the project.

In time, seeds naturally imbedded in the soil moved during the drinker installation project will sprout. These will naturalize the area and prevent erosion, Stone said.

There are two other benefits of this project. Since the water is captured and fed by gravity, no source of energy is needed for operation. And, the project is very low maintenance, Stone said.

After a recent rainfall, a visit to the drinker showed that the water catchment project is working. Kim Bartlein, forestry technician, measured the depth of the wa-

ter in the drinker with his shovel.

“There’s 10 inches here!” he exclaimed.

When the water in the drinker goes below a pre-set level, water will feed from the storage tank into the drinker. With luck, enough natural rainfall will be caught in the catchment apron to keep the storage tank full. Otherwise, water may need to be occasionally hauled in.

Now, thanks to the help of man, animals, in a typically dry area of Fort Huachuca, have another watering hole. In the future, hunters may discover a new “secret” favorite hunting location.

## Water pumpage

The water pumpage for September is 45,242,000 gallons or 139 acre-feet, which is equivalent to 1.5 million gallons per day, according to figures released by the Directorate of Installation Support. Water pumpage is 4.3 percent more than the 133 acre-feet pumped in September 2002. However, September pumpage is 35 percent less than the 21-year (1982-2002) September average of 214 acre-feet.

The increase in water pumpage in September is due to the same factors addressed in July and August. The family housing demolition/construction project in Perishing Plaza and continued water usage to establish sod-turf areas associated with the family housing projects in Bonnie Blink and Cavalry Park required additional water pumpage. A portion of the increase is also due to fire hydrant testing conducted annually from September to April.

From January through September, 1,214 acre-feet were pumped here, an increase of 0.5 percent over the 1,214 acre feet pumped during the same time frame in 2002.

No water was pumped at the USDA Forest Service-operated air tanker base at Libby Army Airfield during September. The tanker base was not needed to support wildfire suppression activity, its normal mission.

Treated effluent reuse for September was 34.3 acre-feet. This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer, representing both water and energy savings. This water was used to irrigate the golf course, Chaffee parade field, and Prosser Village.



Photo by Joan Vasey

Kim Bartlein checks wildlife water storage tank

# Command Information Survey

The Public Affairs Office wants to know how well you are able to get timely, up-to-date information on events and activities affecting the fort's community. Your assistance is requested to help us with getting the word out on a routine basis by completing the survey below and returning it to the USAG Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 21115, ATZS-PA, no later than Oct. 27.

Directions: Unless otherwise instructed, circle the response that best describes your views.

1. Please select the answer that best describes your status.

- a. Service member b. Family member c. Civilian or contract employee d. Retiree

2. If you (or your spouse) are a service member, please help us further identify the demographics of people being surveyed by selecting your pay grade.

- a. 04 to 06, or CW4 to CW5 b. 01-03 c. WO1 to CW3 d. E7 to E9 e. E5 to E6 f. E1 to E4 g. Other

3. Please select the answer that best describes your (or your spouse's) organization/employment status on Fort Huachuca.

- a. Student b. Instructor/cadre c. Tenant activity d. Other (post support, directorate, etc.) e. Not applicable

In the past six months, have you used the following sources to obtain information about Fort Huachuca:

4. Chain of command, directors, leaders?

- a. Yes b. No c. Some

5. Sierra Vista area radio stations?

- a. Yes b. No c. Some d. Cannot get local radio stations where I live

6. Local (off-post) newspapers?

- a. Yes b. No c. Some

7. Fort Huachuca Commanders Access Channel (CAC), Cox cable 97?

- a. Yes b. No c. Some d. Cannot get the Commander's Access Channel where I live

8. Did you watch the last live town hall meeting (August 27, 2003) on the Commander's Access Channel?

- a. Don't get the CAC, so didn't watch b. Do get the CAC, and watched the town hall meeting.  
c. Do get the CAC, but didn't watch the town hall, because

9. The Fort Huachuca Scout?

- a. Yes b. No c. Some

10. Fort Huachuca website (huachuca-www.army.mil)?

- a. Yes b. No c. Some

11. From Family Readiness Groups?

- a. Yes b. No c. Some

12. From other sources. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Yes b. No c. Some

13. In the past six months, do you think you have been adequately informed of: force protection measures, post happenings, events affecting Fort Huachuca, etc.?

- a. Yes b. No c. Some

14. Please provide any additional comments you may have about how information is disseminated on Fort Huachuca.

RETURN TO:  
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