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Morale calls

Family members of deployed soldiers have a new way to keep in touch with loved ones. Deployed soldiers and civilians can call back to Fort Huachuca via DSN at the following telephone numbers: 821-7111 and 879-7111. The other Morale Calls telephone numbers are 879-0111/1110. For more information, call Chris Lyons III at 538-5966 or e-mail at lyonsc@hua.army.mil.

Memorial Day ceremony

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

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

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

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

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

AER extended

The Army Emergency Relief fund campaign has been extended through May 30. Donations are still being accepted through that date.

Farewell and welcome ceremony

The National Guard farewell and welcome ceremony will be held at Chaffee Field June 6 at 7 a.m.

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Photos by Beth Harlan and Neil Drumheller

Tammy Cochran was the lead act at the 2003 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour performance Saturday night at Libby Army Airfield. She warmed up the audience of more than 4,000 prior to headliners, Lonestar, taking the stage.

Country music stars entertain thousands

BY NELL DRUMHELLER
SCOUT STAFF

As twilight settled on the tarmac of Libby Army Airfield Saturday night hootin', hollerin' and the ear shattering shrillness of hundreds of anxious music lovers displaying their whistling talents filled the air.

They were gathered to be a "little bit country" for a couple of hours as Country

Music Association 2001 Vocal Group of the Year, Lonestar, with special guest Tammy Cochran dazzled the audience with established hits and new songs alike.

The performances were part of the 2003 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour.

More than 4,000 fans spread their blankets, plunked down their folding chairs and became immersed in the music that be-

gan at 8 p.m. and continued until past 11 p.m.

Cochran, who garnered international recognition in 2001 when her song, "Angels in Waiting" hit the charts attributed her style and success to the women of country music who came before her. Cochran specifically recognized the First Lady of Country Music, Tammy Wynette. Cochran performed

Wynette's 1967 hit "Your Good Girl's Gonna Go Bad." Following her performance Cochran met with fans and signed autographs. She also spent a few minutes with Spc. Jeff Lacap for a quick interview now airing on the Commander's Access Channel, Cox cable channel 97.

"It is such an honor for, not only myself, but also for the band, to be able to per-

form for the people who serve our country and keep us safe. And we've done several other ones and as entertainers it's the only way we could possibly give back to everyone and say 'Thank You.' So it's an honor," she said.

She added, "The crowd was just amazing. They were

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New office helps set DoD intelligence priorities

BY JIM GARAMONE
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Looking to the future and setting the defense priorities for the intelligence community will be the focus of the new Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence in the Pentagon.

Steve Cambone is the undersecretary in charge of the office. The office is part of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's move to transform the department.

Rumsfeld said during a press conference Tuesday that the office will "help pull together these (intelligence) agencies in the department so that they can interact with the Central Intelligence Agency and the other intelligence entities in the United States government in a more professional and coordinated way."

He used contingency plans as an example. In working on a plan, you figure in one warning time. But what would be the benefits if the United States had twice the warning time? "That's the kind of a question that Dr. Cambone's office could then work with the intelligence community and make judgments," Rumsfeld said.

Is it possible to double the warning time? How much would it cost if it is? Is the benefit worth the cost?

"We need to organize ourselves with an eye to improving the flow of information... from those who collect and analyze it to those who employ it in the military and civilian worlds within the department," a senior defense official said in discussing the new office.

The official said the office will have about 100 people divided into four directorates.

Army lifts OIF 'stop movement'

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
RELEASE

With the victory in Iraq, the Army is lifting its "stop movement" order issued earlier this year so that soldiers will soon be able to report to their next assignment.

The "stop loss" measures — keeping soldiers in certain job specialties and in selected units from leaving active duty — is also expected to be incrementally lifted in the near future.

Between December and February, the Army executed an active-component unit stop move and stop loss to stabilize forces preparing for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Army Personnel Command officials said.

With the cessation of OIF major combat opera-

tions, they said the Army is lifting "stop move" to again distribute soldiers across the force, to satisfy readiness and professional development needs.

Allowing soldiers to change duty stations will support the readiness of forces in Korea, Army Transformation, the Stryker Brigade Combat Teams, the Longbow Apache helicopter units and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles program, officials said. They said this will also allow soldiers to move to drill sergeant and other instructor positions, become recruiters, and serve in joint assignments.

For most soldiers redeploying home from Iraq and other OIF countries, PERSCOM's goal is to provide a 90-day stabilization period before changing assignments, personnel officials said. But they said sol-

diers may voluntarily waive the 90-day stabilization period, if they want.

PERSCOM will continue to phase deferments and adjust report dates as necessary to support ongoing OIF operations, officials said.

"Stop-move" for officers will be lifted in phases, officials said. In February, PERSCOM deferred all officers in OIF units with report dates of March 1 to May 31.

Officers with old report dates in June and July will now have a new report date of Aug. 31. PERSCOM will make a determination later this summer on whether to defer the move of officers with original report

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Commentary

Accidents don't have to happen on Memorial Day

Memorial Day is the special day when we honor those citizens who have died for our nation.

Throughout our history, military and civilian communities have responded to enormous challenges with great courage.

Recently, we have faced a war in Iraq, the continuing war against terrorism, and other international situations with a strong resolve and steady determination. Unfortunately, we have suffered numerous personal sacrifices to ensure our Nation's freedom and share it with others less fortunate.

Preventable accidents are equally tragic. They damage property, cause painful injuries and claim lives. Often these incidents are the unexpected result of everyday activities. Annual accidental deaths in the Army community are staggering. While we cannot eliminate all hazards, we must not take unnecessary risks. The first step to prevention is to identify and assess risks we face, and then take corrective measures. Small changes in awareness and attitude can make the difference between life and death.

Motor vehicle accidents are the single largest cause of accidental injuries and deaths in the Army. Experts cite fatigue, excessive speed, inattention, and substance abuse, especially alcohol, as primary contributing factors. We increase these risks during the official travel peak season.

Sports and recreational activities cause nearly as many injuries as motor vehicles. A failure to recognize hazards, inadequate training, substance abuse, and poor altitude and climate acclimatization are some of the leading causes for accidents. Dangers that can have potentially fatal consequences like lightning, flooded desert washes, caves, mineshafts, water, poisonous plants and animals attract our interest, but they often fail to trigger an appropriate level of awareness.

Adopt a mindset that accidents must be prevented and you will avoid becoming a holiday statistic. When traveling, plan your trip well.

JOHN M. CUSTER
Brigadier General, USA,
Acting Commander

Tribute

And death stood by his side

The soldier stood and looked around
His tears he did not hide.
His friends and enemy lay everywhere
And death stood by his side.

The battle had lasted for days on end
And the war raged far and wide.
But all his world was only here
And death stood by his side.

His youth had been as others was
Playing hours of seek and hide.
Not knowing in those early years
That death walked by his side.

He donned this uniform of his
And trained with strength and pride
He gave it all he had to give

And death trained by his side.

His dreams were not unlike your own
His future to decide
A life, a love and children too.
But death dreamed by his side.

But futures change or disappear
When ideals of man collide
And man must fight for what is right
And death fights by his side.

And now the soldier standing there
Looked slowly down by his side
For there lay the body that had been his
And death stood by his side.

Dennis A. Wyrosdick
Retired Air Force



CHAPLAIN (MAJ) DENNIS R. NITSCHKE
DEPUTY COMMAND CHAPLAIN, NETCOM

This Monday we celebrate Memorial Day. Historically, Memorial Day is May 30, but for reasons of a 3-day holiday, it now falls on the last Monday of May. More and more it is a time of rest, summer sports and barbecues. Many people believe we are not honoring our fallen military as we should. Below is an excerpt from a letter:

"Not long ago I heard a young man ask why people still kept up Memorial Day, and it set me thinking of the answer. Not the answer that you and I should give to each other - not the expression of those feelings that, so long as you live, will make this day sacred to memories of love and grief and heroic youth - but an answer which should command the assent of those who do not share our memories. So to the indifferent inquirer who asks why Memorial Day is still kept up we may answer, it celebrates and solemnly reaffirms from year to year a national act of enthusiasm and faith. It embodies in the most impressive form our belief that to act with enthusiasm and faith is the condition of acting greatly. To fight out a war, you must believe something and want something with all your might. More than that, you must be willing to commit yourself to a course, perhaps a long and hard one, without being able to foresee exactly where you will come out. But grief is not the end of all. I seem to hear the funeral march become a paean. I see beyond the forest the moving banners of a hidden column. Our dead brothers still live for us, and bid us think of life, not death—of life to which in their youth they lent the passion and joy of the spring. As I listen, the great chorus of life and joy begins again, and amid the awful orchestra of seen and unseen powers and destinies of good and evil our trumpets sound once more a note of daring, hope, and will." - This was part of a speech by Oliver Wendell Holmes on May 30, 1884.

Memorial Day is not only for our fallen military, but also a day to remember - and thank - those survivors of past wars who are still among us. We remember - and honor - them in order to remember for ourselves that peace is not easily won - or maintained - and that it is our "daring, hope, and will" that continue to keep us free. Memorial Day calls us to come together - for a moment - to rededicate ourselves to the task of keeping our nation free.

So, we can have our barbecues and time on the lake or other relaxation. But I ask you to make it a practice - if you do not already - to do something "outside yourself" and honor the day. How can you and I do that?

- By visiting a cemetery and placing flags and/or flowers on graves of our fallen.
- By attending a post or city Memorial Day service.
- By visiting memorial sites.
- By flying the U.S. flag half-staff until noon on Memorial Day.
- By flying the POW/MIA flag as well.
- By taking part in the "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3 p.m. (local time) on Memorial Day. Take one minute to be quiet, reflect on, pray for and give thanks to the men and women who died in order that we may continue to be a free nation. This year, add a prayer for those deployed and for the families of those who died in "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

By pledging to help the widows and orphans of our dead and to assist our disabled veterans.

Memorial Day is not "just another holiday." It is a day set aside for people to honor those who served throughout our country's history in order that we would be free today. A show of honor today models for our military and youth now what is important for them tomorrow. Have a deserved break over the weekend - and in some way, give thanks to those who sacrificed so much in order that we are free to enjoy it.

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Scout on the Street

What do you think is the most important contribution of Asian Pacific people in the Armed Forces?



"Bringing their culture over to us."
Michell Bailey,
Civilian



"They made me feel at home when I was in Korea. A family took me in for the holidays."
Spc. Jason Smith,
USAIC



"Supporting our troops."
Elisa Rubin,
Civilian



"The fact that they have joined our military and supported us even in hard times with their countries."
Sgt. Kristen Covieo,
Headquarters Company
111th



"Help to diversify the military."
Spc. Mike Walter,
HHC 111th



"Bring diversity to such a large organization."
Pfc. Nathaniel Jinst,
HHC 111th

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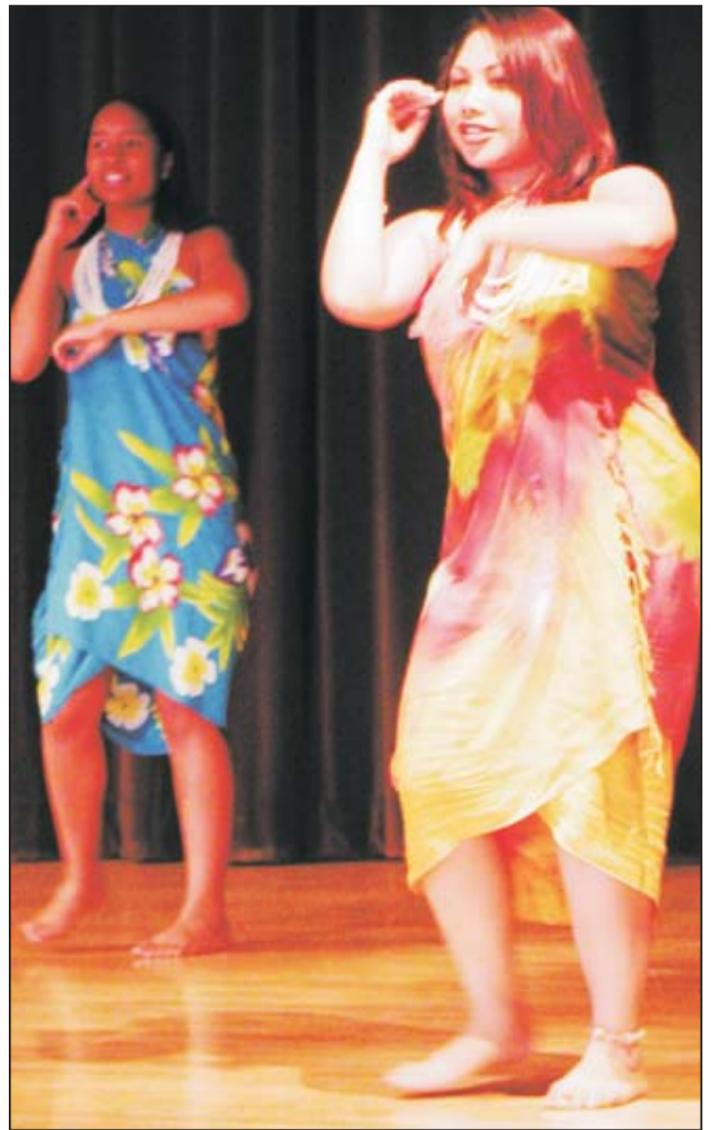
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Fort Huachuca salutes the Asian Pacific American Heritage



Top photo: Salute Hussini 2 (right), and her mother Maria Hussini bring the audience to their feet with a high energy dance. Right photo: Nicolette Reyes of Guam and a fellow dancer perform a native dance for the eager crowd.



Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

BY ELIZABETH HARLAN
SCOUT STAFF

On May 14 Fort Huachuca celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at the Murr Community Center with a colorful ceremony.

May is recognized as National Asian Pacific Heritage Month by the US government. The Equal Employment Opportunity office of Fort Huachuca puts together the event every year. The EEO office has a special emphasis program for groups such as this.

This year's theme for the month is "Salute to Liberty". There was a wide array of presentations: The American Okinowan Karate Academy demonstrated self-defense tactics. Matalasi Polynesian Dancers entertained the crowd with a few native dances. The performers were eager to share their native culture with the audience.

The dancers came from many different places such as Guam and Samoa. With the help of others a chief warrant officer preformed the final act and gave the closing remarks.

Chief Warrant Officer Amataga Tiafala of the 504th signal battalion has been involved with this celebration for the past three years. "Salute to Liberty tells everyone in the states that is the land of liberty where people can fulfill their dreams" explains Tiafala.

"Asian Pacific Heritage helps people of different races come together to accomplish a common goal," says Tiafala. "It also gives people that are not of Asian Pacific descent an appreciation and an awaking to our culture." Tiafala has been in the military for almost 18 years; upon retiring he plans to return to his native island of Samoa.

Tiafala who has three boys says "My children are being brought up in a different environment; it is hard for them to

get a grasp of our culture. This gives them a boost of confidence that where ever they go they have something to be identified with."

Following the ceremony the audience members were treated to food sampling and cultural displays from many Asian and Pacific Islands. Food was provided by restaurants in the Sierra Vista area.

The celebration mentioned a few notable Asian and Pacific Islanders such as Vera Wang, Fashion Designer, Jerry Yang, Co Founder of Yahoo, and Kristi Yamaguchi, Olympic Ice Skater.

Open season for TSP going on now, beneficial retirement plan for civilians and military

BY ERIC CRAMER
THE FORT HUACHUCA SCOUT

From the end of May through the end of July is "open window" season for civilian employees and those in the military who contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan.

Kevin Bowler, civilian payroll customer service representative for Fort Huachuca, said the TSP is a flexible retirement savings plan that benefits its participants.

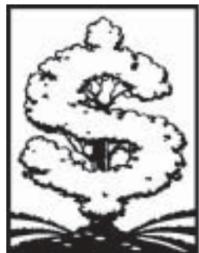
Those benefits, however, come with responsibilities.

"The civilian employees and military personnel are responsible for their accounts," Bowler said. "They need to be aware of their account fluctuations, and move their money from one account to another to make the most money for themselves."

Bowler said the TSP is divided into five funds, giving the employee/investor the option of investing in safer government securities, or in stock funds that carry risk, but also the opportunity for higher yields.

The TSP funds are:

- Government Securities Investment (G) Fund, invested in short term, non-marketable U.S. Treasury securities specially issued to the TSP, guaranteeing a 3 to 6 percent return on investment, with no market or credit risk.



- Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund, The F Fund is invested in the Barclays U.S. Debt Index Fund, a commingled bond index fund which holds a representative sample of the bonds in the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate index, which tracks the national bond market. Although less subject to fluctuation than stocks, this bond may fluctuate based on various factors in the bond market.

- Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund, It is invested in the Barclays Equity Index Fund, a commingled stock index fund that tracks the Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500) stock index. A commingled fund is a fund in which the assets of many plans are combined and invested together.

- Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund, The Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund is the TSP's medium and small company stock fund. The objective of the S Fund is to track the returns of the Wilshire 4500 stock index, which includes those U.S. stocks that are not included in the S&P 500 index.

- International Stock Index Investment (I) fund is the TSP's international stock index fund. The objective of the I Fund is to track the returns of the Morgan Stanley Capital International EAFE (Europe, Australasia, Far East) stock index, an index that tracks the overall performance of the major companies and industries in the European, Australian, and Asian stock markets. The I Fund is invested in the Barclays EAFE Index Fund, which holds stocks of all of the companies represented in the EAFE index, and which uses a passive investment strategy of replicating the performance of the index. A small portion of the Barclays EAFE

Index Fund is invested indirectly in futures contracts to provide liquidity.

Bowler said TSP participants can move their investments from one fund to another to improve their earnings. "They can move their money from one account to another on a monthly basis," Bowler said. "Last week, I moved out of the C (stock index) fund entirely, and put everything I had there into the G fund. Yesterday, the market fell 100 points, but my money wasn't in the market. It was just a gut feeling I had."

He recommends making the change on the TSP Web site, and then requesting a facsimile hard copy of the change form. "That way if for some reason the change isn't made, you can bring the paper copy to me and I can see to it the change is made," Bowler said.

He said that during the open season through the end of July, or from the end of December through the end of January, those investing in the TSP can also change the amount of their contributions.

"The way to do that is to go to the Army Benefit Center Web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil> – and make the change there," Bowler said. He said the Civilian Personnel Operation Center will only make changes for people transferring and for newly hired employees.

The government matches a contribution of up to 5 percent, but TSP participants can invest up to 13 percent of their individual salaries. Bowler said one big change coming later this year or in 2004 will allow individuals to contribute an additional \$2,000 in their TSP funds, over and above even a maximum contribution.

Bowler said the contribution is tax-deferred, meaning the contributor will pay less in income tax, in addition to increasing the level of their investment toward retirement.

"It acts like an individual retirement account," he said.

He said many people aren't aware of some options the TSP offers.

"For example, you can take a loan out of your TSP, and when you pay it back, the interest goes back into your own TSP account. I borrowed from mine to make a house down-payment, and the 6.75 percent interest I'm paying on that loan is going back into my own account," he said.

Bowler said there are also large advantages for military personnel now that they can contribute to the TSP.

"For those who are planning to retire from the military, when they get out they'll have their retirement annuity, plus whatever they've saved and invested in the TSP. That additional money can be put into an IRA, paid in a lump sum, or paid out monthly in addition to their military retirement," he said.

He said putting money in the plan can also benefit military personnel who don't plan to remain in the military. "When they get out, they can also receive the money as an IRA or in a lump sum. That means if they want to go to college, in addition to whatever money the government provides them, they'll have their savings – their own college money right there," Bowler said.

For more information about the TSP, visit the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov.

Soldier's Lawyer

What is Professional Gear, and how will it affect my government move?

Every few years, we find ourselves faced with another set of Permanent Changing Station orders. Normally, these orders limit the total weight of household goods we can transport to the new station at Government expense. The weight limits are based largely on rank and are higher for soldiers with dependents. However, there is a class of

items that are exempt from these weight limit rules. Items that may be classified as "Professional books, papers, and equipment" may be exempt from these normal limits. The question then becomes, "What can be considered PBP&E?"

The general rule, according to the Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Appendix A, Change 195, dated January 2003, is that "articles of (Household Goods in a member's possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next

or later destination" will be exempt from the weight allowances. This includes items such as reference materials (such as board study guides, field manuals, regulations, pamphlets, etc.), instruments, tools, and any other equipment peculiar to members of the professions. In addition, PBP&E, –some communications equipment (if used in association with MARS), individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment, official awards, and personal computers used for official business.

Certain items of "specialized clothing" such as diving suits, flying suits, band uniforms, or chaplains' vestments may also qualify as PBP&E. Note that "specialized clothing" does not include extra battle dress uniforms maintained by drill sergeants and recruiters or dress blues and Class A uniforms.

Since PBP&E items do not count against your total weight, you should set them apart from the rest of your HHG and let the packers know to pack them separately.

The Soldiers' Lawyer is provided by your JAG Claims Office. Visit us on the web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/SJA/Claims.html> or contact us at 533-2212 if you have any questions.

We are located on the lower floor of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Bldg 51102, Hatfield Street, and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., except Thursday (due to Sergeant's Time Training).



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Pfc. Tammy Darby, Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, ensures her line of sight is correct as she employs the M18A1 Claymore mine during 'hip-pocket' training Friday at the Rappel Tower. Her drill sergeants conducted the training to reestablish common tasks the soldiers learned in basic training.

'Hip-pocket' training keeps drill sergeants, soldiers sharp

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

Immediately upon graduating from Basic Training and arriving at Fort Huachuca, Advanced Individual Training soldiers are reminded "soldierization" does not stop.

Drill sergeants assigned here are pivotal to continuing the transformation of recruits to soldiers, but must balance both classroom needs and training requirements.

"That's why we conduct 'hip-pocket' training every chance we get," said Staff Sgt. Julie Morales, drill sergeant assigned to Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Morales, along with other drill sergeants in her unit, held this unique type of training Friday at the Rappel Tower reinforcing first aid, employing the claymore mine and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training tasks, for instance.

The soldiers were also able to do something they had not done since basic training – rappel from a tower.

"These tasks are critically important because of the current war time situation we're in," said Sgt. 1st Class Travis Wewers, drill sergeant. "Many of these soldiers are going to be deployed when they leave here. So, we're the last stop before they go to their units in the field. We need to make sure they're ready to make adult decisions when they leave."

Echoing Wewers comments, Morales said at their level (AIT), the drill sergeants give more one-on-one attention to the soldiers who may have weaknesses or possibly didn't grasp

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Sgt. 1st Class Travis Wewers,
Company D, 309th Military Intelligence
Battalion drill sergeant

a concept back at basic training.

She said she had a soldier who wasn't confident wearing her protective mask.

"We can refocus and re-teach them how to use their equipment properly," Morales said. "It's a good opportunity for both the drill sergeants, we get to train – something that we love, and the soldiers are fine tuned and have confidence."

The training was also fun for the soldiers. Staring at the rappel tower, Pvt. Lief Cain was excited being out of the air-conditioned classroom and in the hot, dusty Arizona sunshine.

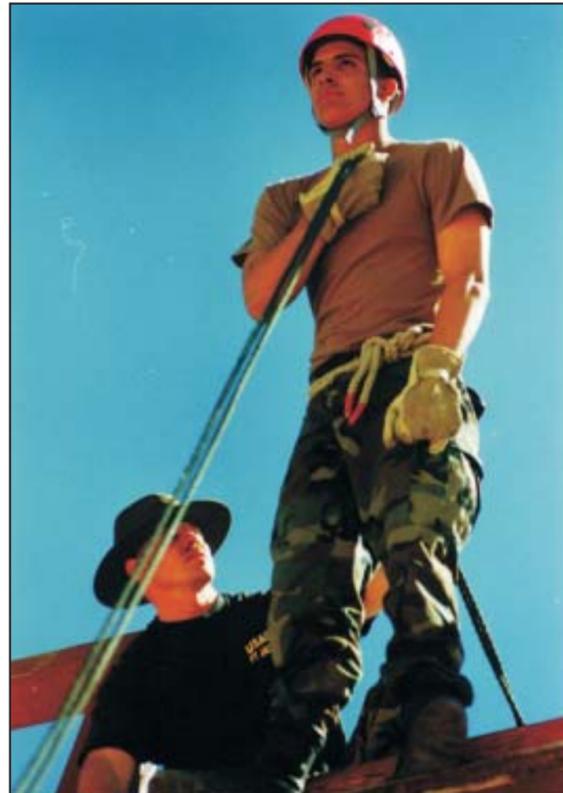
"This is getting down to the 'nitty gritty,'" Cain said. "I've enjoyed all of the training because it gives us a sense of what we're going to see out in the field, but also because we were able to get dirty."



Pvt. Michael McQueen, Co. D, 309th MI Bn., leans his body forward, preparing to rappel from the tower Aussie style as Sgt. 1st Class Travis Rider, drill sergeant, looks on. It was the first time the soldier's rappelled since basic training.



Above: Staff Sgt. Julie Morales, drill sergeant, Co. D, 309th MI Bn., helps Pvt. Lace Dupree seal and clear the M17-series protective mask properly. The "hip-pocket" or opportunity training enabled the drill sergeants to re-teach common soldier tasks the soldier learned in basic training. Right: Pvt. Anthony Zuniga is coached to rappel down the tower by Drill Sgt. Travis Rider.



Community Updates

Public Notice

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

Health insurance Q & A's

A representative for the Mailhandlers Benefit Plan would be available to answer your questions pertaining health insurance benefits June 11, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Room 5, at the Murr Community Center.



If you have any questions regarding this event, call Eva Dixon at 533-5735 or Linda Shelman, 533-5273, at Civilian Personnel Advisory Council.

Weekend After Hours clinic

All clinics and the pharmacy, including the satellite pharmacy, will be closed on Friday and Monday for the training holiday and Memorial Day. The Weekend Holiday After Hours clinic will be open, for the four day weekend as follows:

Initial Entry Training students can walk in 10 to 11 a.m. and call 533-9165 to schedule acute appointments for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For emergencies please go to the Sierra Vista Emergency Room or call 911.

Holidays and weekends the WHAH Clinic will be open. From 10 - 11 a.m. it is for I.E.T Students only; they may walk in. Starting at 10 a.m. the phone will be open for calls for acute appointments that will be scheduled for 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

459th Signal Battalion reunion

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

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

ACS support group

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

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

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

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



Range Closures

Range closures through Wednesday are as follows:

Today - AM, AN, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Friday - T1, T2, T3

Saturday - No Closures

Sunday - No Closures

Monday - No Closures

Tuesday - AC, AD

Wednesday - AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

For more information on Range Closures, call Range Control 533-7095.

Paving repairs

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

Repair locations and scheduled dates are:

Today:

Vet. Clinic Parking Lot
Backer Rd. at Allstar equip. yard

Cushing Street between Tindal Street and Arizona Street

Friday:

Arizona Street between Hatfield Street and Cushing Street

Arizona Street between Cushing Street and Irwin Street

Tuesday:

Arizona Street between Hatfield Street and Cushing Street

Arizona Street between Cushing Street and Irwin Street

Wednesday:

82505 North Parking Lot
Graham Street at La Hacienda NCO Club
JITC Compound
Flight Ops Pkg Lot 91251
Gerstner Rd. in front of hangers
Arizona Street next to EPG



Immunization DTAP available

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

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

Subject board for deployed soldiers

A subject board for family members of military personnel, civilian employees or contractor personnel who are deployed that allows them to post a picture of their loved one is now at the Murr Community Center.

For security purposes, no name of unit or assignment/organization is required. The board will be displayed during special events in the community.

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

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



OPM scholarship program

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

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

The program has been designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of federal information assurance professionals to better protect the government's critical information infrastructure.

It provides scholarships that fully fund the typical costs that students pay for books, tuition, and room and board while attending an approved institution of higher learning.

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

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

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Turn Around Point helps soldiers

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

Forces Bank.

ACAP employer visit day

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

Farmer's Market each Saturday

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

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



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

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

Carr House open to visitors

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

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

Office move set for Garrison HQ

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

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

The office will be closed for all non-essential action on May 29 and 30. Full opera-

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tion will resume in June.

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

Men's Ministry Program

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

Burn permits suspended

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

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

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

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



Publish your upcoming event

Community updates are for any event involving Fort Huachuca and its residents.

To get your upcoming event listed, send it to the Public Affairs Office Scout newspaper staff at thescout@hua.army.mil.

Remember to include who, what, where, why and how the event is to take place.

Briefs will be ran for three weeks prior to the event or the event's registration.

Pets of the Week



My name is Princess. I am an 11-month-old female black domestic longhair cat. I am a young kitten but appear to have good manners. I came in stray to the clinic and desperately need a home. My adoption fee is \$42. and includes a spay, vaccinations, microchip, leukemia test and deworm.



My name is Oscar. I am a young male orange and white domestic shorthair cat. I was found stray on post but am very sweet. I love to cuddle and make you laugh. If your interested in a wonderful new cat, please come adopt me. My adoption includes a neuter, microchip, vaccinations, leukemia test, and deworm for only \$42.

Veterinary Facility photos

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information, call 533-2767.

Careless use of fire can destroy vast areas

BY ERIC CRAMER
SCOUT STAFF

Many people like to spend Memorial Day weekend camping, but officials with Fort Huachuca and the Coronado National Forrest warn that fire safety will be critical for campers in the area this weekend.

"I spent all this week changing the risk signs to 'very high,'" Kim Bartlein said. Bartlein is the wildlife technician at the Fort Huachuca Wildlife Office. "We're just inches away from going to 'extreme.'"

Bartlein said Fort Huachuca uses the same fire guidelines as those posted by the U.S. Forrest Service for the Coronado forest. "There are five levels, low, moderate, high, very high and extreme," he said.

He said the post follows the U.S. Forest Service's lead, imposing the same fire status and the same fire restrictions simultaneously with the Coronado National Forest. "It just makes sense as the Coronado is in the Huachuca - a barb wire fence is all that separates them," he said.

Bartlein said there were five fires in the surrounding area in the last week alone. He said the region's long-term drought contributes to the ongoing fire risk.

"The lack of water damages trees, leaving them susceptible to

more damage from bark beetles," Bartlein said. "That increases the fuel available to help fires spread."

Bartlein said the post remains at risk from wildfires such as the Ryan fire that caused a blackout here last year.

"The danger comes from people who leave fires unattended. Two of the most recent fires were caused by undocumented immigrants," he said. Bartlein said a fire on the Mountain View Golf Course last week was apparently caused by a cigarette.

"People should know that it is against post regulations to throw a cigarette out your car window - it's littering," he said. "They should also know that if you do that, and it starts a fire, you can be held liable for the cost of fighting the fire, and the damages it causes."

Officials at the Sierra Vista office of the U.S. Forrest Service imposed restrictions on camping fires in the Coronado National Forrest on Tuesday, see the article below for more information.

Information available from the Interagency Wildfire Prevention and Information Group, (www.azfireinfo.com) includes the following tips on preventing wildfires for picnickers and campers:

- Report all wildfires to 911
- Call the fire restrictions toll-free hotline at to get to the Southwest Coordination Center's list of fire restrictions.

- Before you go camping or picnicking, call the fire restrictions hotline toll-free at 1-877-864-6985 to check for fire restrictions or closures. Fire restrictions vary but most mean that no open fires are allowed except in established campgrounds with fire grills or pits. Some areas have prohibited all fires except gas or propane camp stoves, some restrict all types of flame.



Photo by Beth Harlan

Flipping your cigarette ashes out the window is a genuine risk during fire season, but not merely to the environment. Post regulations forbid throwing out cigarette butts as littering. In the event of a fire, a smoker can also be held liable for damages and for the cost of fighting any fire started by a thrown cigarette. Smoke safely.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt



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Campfire, smoking restrictions issued

Effective at 8 a.m., Tuesday, the Coronado National Forest implemented campfire and smoking restrictions, according to Forest Supervisor John McGee.



"Fire danger is extreme in southeast Arizona," said John McGee, Coronado National Forest supervisor. McGee said that conditions around the "sky islands" of southeast-

ern Arizona are similar to those south of Sonoita where the 2763-acre Red Rock Fire burned this past week.

The year-round free campfire permit system on the Santa Catalina Ranger District, including Mt. Lemmon and Redington Pass, will be suspended during fire restrictions.

Restrictions include the following:

- Open campfire restrictions: Campfires, charcoal grills and stove fires are prohibited on national forest lands, except in Forest Service developed campgrounds and picnic grounds where grills are provided. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed

- Smoking restrictions: Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building; a developed recreation site; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in

diameter and free of all flammable material.

- Fireworks: Fireworks are prohibited on all national forest lands year-round.

For other local fire restrictions and fire information for any Southwestern Forest: Check our Web site www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire, or phone 1-877-864-6985 (toll free).

County health reps caution smoke risks

COCHISE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Smoke from active fires may affect Cochise County residents, depending on the strength and direction of the winds. If wind-blown smoke drifts into Cochise County, local residents need

to exercise caution especially when working or exercising outdoors.

If you or your family members have respiratory problems, including asthma or COPD, Cochise County Health Department recommends that you curtail your outdoor activities.

If you experience respiratory irritation you should stay indoors and make sure your windows and doors are closed.

If you have a method of filtering the air that comes into your home, through air conditioners are swamp coolers, you may want to turn them on so your indoor air is filtered.

If you have problems breathing due to smoke contact your health care provider.

Call Susan Warne, 432-9636, for more information.

May is Be Bear Aware month

ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE

Gov. Janet Napolitano

has declared May as "Be Bear Aware" month in Arizona.

The Governor's proclamation points out that Arizona's

population continues to increase, as does the popularity of outdoor recreation. Those add up to more encounters between humans and bears.

Arizona Game and Fish Department officials say that with temperatures in the lower elevations approaching triple digits this week, the annual exodus of outdoor recreation enthusiasts to the cool high country is beginning in earnest. "This is certainly the right time for people to become more bear aware. Keep in mind that the root cause of most bear-human interactions involves one thing: food," says Public Information Officer Rory Aikens.

Bears should never be given human food, pet food, livestock feeds or garbage. Bears that receive such "food rewards" may become aggressive toward humans or cause property damage. Remember that a fed bear is a dead bear: if you feed a bear, you are

putting it on a road to conflict with humans. To protect people and their property, these bears may have to be destroyed.

- Wild bears have a natural fear of humans and will attempt to avoid people and developed areas. Fed bears do not.

- Wild bears rely on natural foods such as berries, fish, acorns and prickly pear. Fed bears will abandon vital food sources for human foods and garbage.

- Wild bears quickly become conditioned to feeding and will teach their cubs to do the same.

- Wild bears fed along roads tend to stay near the road - increasing vehicle-animal accidents.

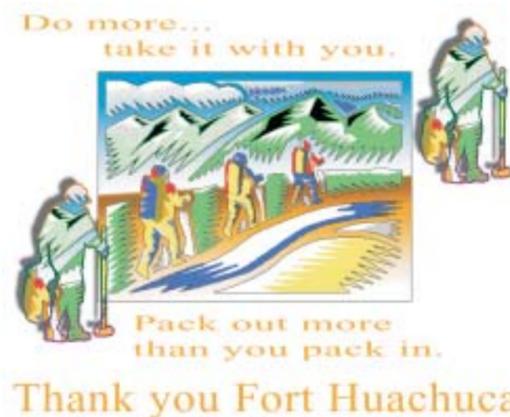
- Bears are wild. Never approach a bear.

'Be Bear Aware' tips for campers

- Always keep a clean camp.
 - Place food away in a secure container; never leave food out.
 - Wash up, change clothing and remove all scented articles before going to bed.
 - Keep pets on a leash.
 - Use bear resistant trash containers.
 - Set up tents with space between them.
 - Keep your sleeping area, tent and sleeping bag free of food and odors.
 - After cooking, change into fresh clothing. Food odors on clothing may attract bears.
 - Keep a flashlight and bear pepper spray readily available.
- Note: Bear pepper spray is not a substitute for safe outdoor behavior. It is a recognized deterrent. However, it may not always stop a bear.



Photo courtesy U.S. Forest Service



Special agents looking for recruits

BY CHRIS GREY
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command has an all-time high interest in becoming trained criminal investigators. During peacetime CID special agents investigate all felony crimes in which the Army has an interest, provide protective services for Department of Defense and Army leadership, and work closely with other federal and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in a wide range of specialized investigative disciplines.

Some specialties include polygraphs, counter-narcotics, economic-crime investigations, computer crime and many other specialties in the criminal investigate field.

With more than 120 offices, CID provides the Army with worldwide support.

Investigators also have the opportunity to receive advance law enforcement training at the FBI National Academy, the Canadian Police College, and at George Washington University where they can earn a master's degree

in Forensic Science.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for soldiers to become one of the Department of Defense's premier law enforcement agents and receive some of the best training in the world," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Misianowycz, CID's senior non-commissioned officer.

"Although many CID agents have some type of military or civilian police background, it's not a requirement to qualify and be accepted into the program," said Master Sgt. Cynthia Fischer, the CID agent responsible for recruiting new agents. "We have soldiers from both Military Police and other (military occupational specialties) and benefits from the varied experience."

CID offers a local six-month internship program for soldiers without law-enforcement experience, said Marianne Black, chief of CID's accreditation branch.

Major installations such as Forts Bragg, Benning, Hood and Lewis offer rewarding CID intern opportunities for interested soldiers.

"Enrollment in these initial internships helps develop the recruit's potential to complete the rig-

orous 15-week Basic Special Agent Course at the U.S. Army Military Police School," Black said.

After these classroom studies, soldiers spend the first year as probationary agents under close observation of senior CID agents before becoming fully accredited.

"Our profession is an excellent opportunity for enlisted soldiers who aspire to become warrant officers," said Black. "In fact, given our current force structure and staffing, the CID agent warrant officer career field provides among the Army's best opportunities for diverse assignments and rapid advancement."

To apply and qualify for service as a CID special agent, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years old, sergeant or below with at least two years of service and not more than 10, a general technical score of at least 110, no court martial convictions, possess 60 semester hours of college credit, a physical profile of 111221 or higher with normal color vision, 36 months obligated service upon completion of the Basic Special Agent

Course, and be able to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance.

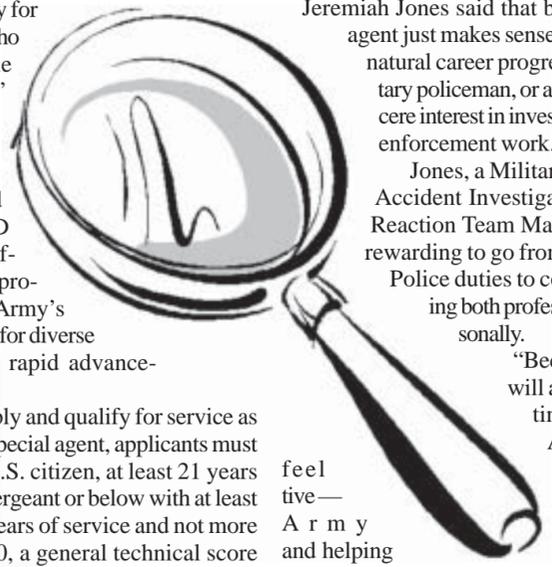
"Regardless of background, applicants must possess excellent communication skills and be able to interact effectively with people from varied backgrounds," Black said.

A recently accepted CID applicant, Sgt. Jeremiah Jones said that becoming a CID agent just makes sense. "To me it is the natural career progression for a military policeman, or anyone with a sincere interest in investigative-type law enforcement work."

Jones, a Military Police Traffic Accident Investigator and Special Reaction Team Marksman said it's rewarding to go from basic Military Police duties to continue advancing both professionally and personally.

"Becoming an agent will allow me to continue helping the Army in a way I is very productive—keeping the community safe and helping on terrorism," said Jones.

Soldiers interested in becoming CID special agents are encouraged to contact their closest CID office or visit CID's Website for more information at www.cid.army.mil.



New patient safety program underscores commitment to beneficiaries

BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY PUBLIC AFFAIRS
NEWS RELEASE

In a time of increasing importance to the Department of Defense Military Health System, the Patient Safety Program has undergone significant review and restructuring. A new organization has emerged to ensure a safer environment for TRICARE beneficiaries and enhance the quality of care they receive.

The goal of the Patient Safety Program is to avoid medical harm and improve patient safety by focusing on improving systems and communication among healthcare teams. DoD patient safety initiatives are underway that automate the reporting of patient care errors to reveal trends and opportunities for

improvement in the MHS.

Another essential factor in assessing patient safety is viewing the patient as the focal point of the healthcare team. It is for this reason that there is a new emphasis on the patient being an active member of the healthcare team — meaning the patient participates in every health care decision. If a patient is unable to talk or is uncomfortable talking with a provider, a designated patient advocate, such as a relative or friend may accompany the patient to speak for him or her. Other measures patients can employ to improve their health care experience include:

- Informing their provider of all medications they are currently taking and any allergies or adverse reactions to medication.
- Keeping a record of all medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements being taken.

- Asking what the prescribed medication does and what side effects may occur.
- Knowing when and how to take medications.
- Learning as much as possible about their illness, condition, treatment plans and any tests that may be conducted.
- Ensuring they are in agreement with the surgeon on exactly what is going to be done if surgery is needed, including the surgeon marking the surgical site.
- Asking the provider when, where and how the results of a procedure or test will be delivered.

The MHS is committed to ensuring beneficiaries receive the highest quality care in the safest environment. This includes well-informed beneficiaries who actively participate in their health care experience.

Myer 5th graders graduate from D.A.R.E.

BY SGT BARBARA Y. MUELLER
D.A.R.E. OFFICER

On May 7 Fort Huachuca's Gen. Meyer Elementary School held their annual Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduation.

One hundred forty, 5th grade pupils graduated this year. This event was highlighted by a congratulatory speech given by Maj. Dan Ortega, director of Public Safety. Also in attendance were the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools Superintendent, Guillermo Zamudio, and Meyer Elementary School Principal, Connie Johnson.

The D.A.R.E program was developed as a cooperative effort between the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District to prevent drug abuse in children and teenagers. Initially established between

1984-1985, this program has since grown nation-wide and brings together schools, police agencies, teachers, and the community, under one common banner: the Fight Against Drugs.

The requirements for graduating from the D.A.R.E. program consist of students successfully completing a D.A.R.E workbook and 17 D.A.R.E. classes.

Attendees must also write an essay, maintain good attendance and be positive role models in their classes. The initial enrollment in the program begins with the students and their parent(s) signing a "Letter of Agreement" to remain Drug Free.

Meyer Elementary School has had the D.A.R.E. program for 15 years and will continue the program next school year. It is a very worthwhile program whereby the students work hard and have fun

with the various requirements of the program.

Meyer Elementary School will have a new D.A.R.E. Officer next school year.

This summer Military Police Officer, Sgt. Jason Passanita, will attend the D.A.R.E. Officer Certification Course in Alabama.

Passanita will learn new techniques and an updated curriculum for the coming year.

D.A.R.E. classes will start in September at Meyer Elementary School.

Congratulations to all students who graduated from the D.A.R.E. program and as always, stay drug free.

Editors note: This is a continuation of Directorate of Public Safety articles to make the community aware of DPS missions and issues involving public safety.



Photo courtesy of Smith Middle School

Brenda Epps, seventh grade math teacher at Smith Middle School, has been selected as Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools Teacher of the Year. Her students have averaged a respectable 65th percentile ranking on the SAT9, above the state and national mean. Also, a 1.72 year average gain is reflected in the Metropolitan Achievement Test, an additional instrument to assess academic progress.

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so into the music. They were obviously here to celebrate Armed Forces Day and it was just incredible. There are no words to explain it."

She continued, "I want to say 'Thank You' to everyone over there protecting us and keeping us safe. God bless you all. You are all in our hearts and our prayers. Be safe and come home soon."

By the time Lonestar came to the stage

the audience was primed, and welcomed the all male band with thundering applause and screams. Lead vocalist Richie McDonald gave the fans more than they expected when he invited audience members to toss their cameras on the stage. He took on the roll of photographer and snapped candid shots of his fellow musicians before tossing the cameras back to their owners.

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dates in August.

The intent of the phased approach is to limit officer personnel turbulence, while at the same time preserve planned assignments and minimize disruptions to officer professional development timelines, officials said. They said they will try to support a 14-day overlap between incoming officers and incumbents in the OIF area of operations.

Soldiers scheduled to attend schools will usually not have their report dates deferred, officials said, unless the school

adjusts its class dates.

Report dates will not be automatically adjusted for officers selected for command or for assignments in Central Command, Korea, Special Operations Command, Northern Command, and special management units, PERSCOM officials said.

More details on lifting "stop move" can be found in a MILPER message at <http://perscomnd04.army.mil/milpermsgs.nsf>.

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

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