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SV schools delayed?

According to Javier Barron, school liaison officer on Fort Huachuca, there is a possibility of the Sierra Vista Public Schools opening late.

Air conditioning work on the buildings is behind schedule. In addition, the storm over the weekend flooded several classrooms at Buena High School.

Some experts are due to start assessing the damage.

At a minimum they will remove all the carpeting in flooded areas. In some cases the walls will have to be repaired.

The district is desperately trying to find a way to open on time. The official decision will be made at the board meeting on Monday.

Flight training

The Cochise College Aviation Department will offer flight training through the college's Fort Huachuca office beginning Aug. 18.

Three evening classes will last eight weeks each. In addition, the college plans to continue its flight training programs on the Douglas Campus and at Pima Community College.

Students may begin sign up now. Private Pilot Ground School will take place Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Students in the other class, Private Pilot Review, will agree on meeting times with the instructor.

Students in the professional pilot program take both ground school and flight courses, progressing from the private pilot certificate to a fully FAA-certified commercial pilot with instrument and multi-engine ratings.

Graduates have gone to jobs with America West, Delta, American, United, Continental Express, TWA and other airlines.

To find out more about the pilot courses being offered on post, call the college at 533-2391.

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Farewell to Hope

Legend Bob Hope has died. More than just an entertainer, he gave his time to servicemembers for generations. His passing affects military members.
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With school just around the corner local youths give up the life of leisure for a search for knowledge. The Scout covers local requirements for students.
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Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

School time!

Time to get ready for school. See related stories on Pages 3, 4 and 5. Local young people model the new school uniform on Pages 4 and 5.

Coalition links schools, military improving educational systems

BY RUDI WILLIAMS
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In only five years, the Military Child Education Coalition has grown into an organization of international presence, a former Groton schools superintendent told attendees July 22 at the organization's fifth annual conference in Connecticut.

George M. Reilly praised Mary Keller, MCEC's executive director, for growing "a fledgling group of school districts with shared similar interests into a cohesive and responsive organization in service to the military child."

His remarks came during the Transition Counselors Institute luncheon. TCI runs a set of daylong workshops that are held the day before the kick off of MCEC's three-day conference. With more than 450 teachers, counselors, administrators and other educators from around the world slated to attend, this marks the largest conference ever for the organization.

"In the early 1990s, communications between and among school districts serving military communities was very spotty," Reilly said, providing a historical perspective on MCEC's growth. "These districts were wrestling with the issue of how best to meet the local needs of their military children."

In New England, Reilly said, every town has its own school district, some with fewer than 1,000 children from kindergarten to 12th grade. "It creates a major problem for districts trying to coordinate services to military children," noted Reilly, now a professor in the Department of Education at the University of New Haven. "Issues that should be routine often proved to be very difficult."

For example, Reilly said, it took two years to standardize requirements form school physical exams to meet the intake policies of each school district, the regulations of each town's Department of Health, and Connecticut state laws.

"The medical staff of the naval hospital in Groton was stretched to the limit trying to accommodate each district's specific requirements (for school physicals)," he said, noting that most military students are family members of service members at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London.

The problem was finally solved through the formation of a Superintendents-Navy Liaison Committee, which included the Coast Guard. The group formed a teacher- and counselor-training program similar to TCI. The military put together a mini course called "Navy 101," which was presented throughout the region to sensitize teachers and counselors to the unique challenges of military life.

The committee sponsored a regional conference that brought together all of the districts with state and national participation from the military services.

"However, the more we worked regionally on issues affecting military families, the more we realized that we had to reach out to other military communities throughout the United States," Reilly noted. "It quickly became clear to us that the broader issues of differences in curriculum, varying assessment programs and alternative approaches to special education made it imperative to connect with other districts serving military communities.

"What we didn't know then was that many of these districts were also struggling with the same issues," he said. "Each realized that the time for a better coordinated national effort had come."

Reilly said a breakthrough came when Groton educators were invited to attend a conference on military children sponsored by the Killeen School District in Texas. That inspired the Groton schools to plan a national conference of military school districts, which was held in Alexandria, Va., in 1998. The Alexandria meeting included representatives from the Department of Defense Education Activity, in Arlington, Va.

"The outcome of that meeting was the creation of the first board of directors of the new MCEC," Reilly said. "MCEC has grown to become a vibrant and robust organization of well-connected educational agencies in active support of the military child."

Quoting former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill as saying, "All politics is local," Reilly said, "In our country, that's also true in education." While a federal role is important, especially in funding such critical areas as impact aid and supplementary funding for military schools, he noted, "It's the states that determine curriculum, set assessment

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Bob Hope's legacy still thrives with veterans

Entertainer was a 'soldier's soldier'

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS
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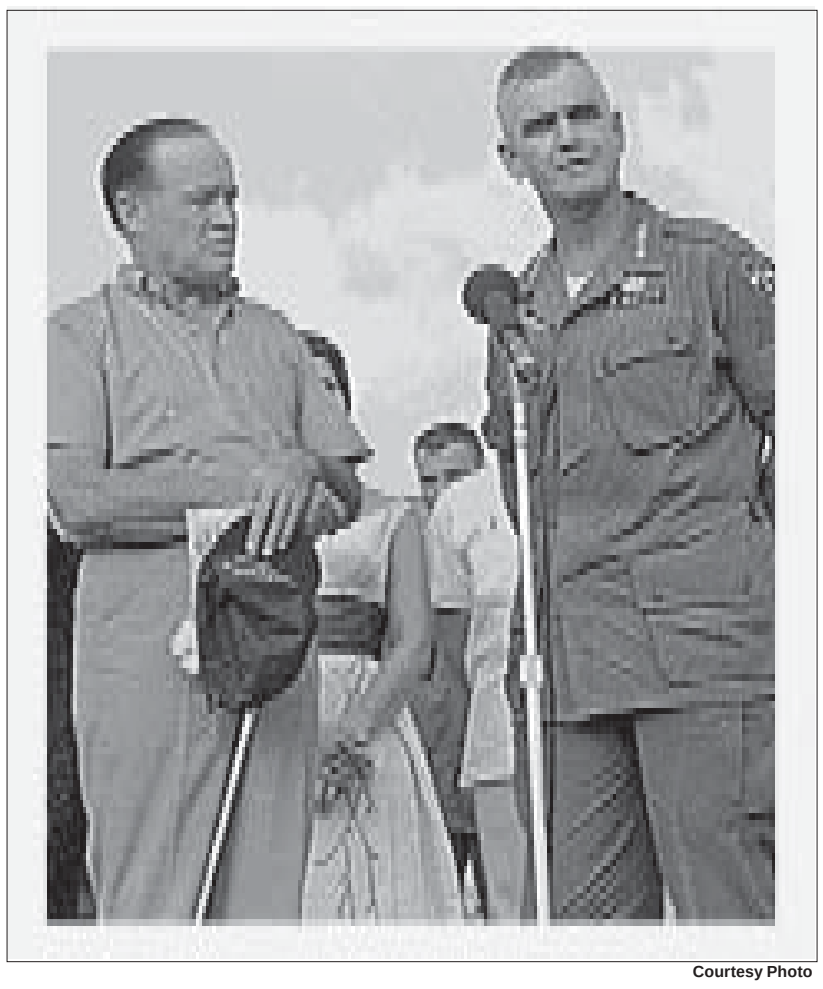
Seven days a week at promptly 7 a.m. a group of seasoned veterans from World War II and the Vietnam War meet at Wal-Mart for coffee and congregation.

The conversations aren't often for the meek of heart and thin-skinned, but Tuesday morning the conversation was both solemn and joyous as they talked about "one of their own."

The rusty warriors were reflecting on the life and times of comedian Bob Hope, who died Monday morning. Hope, who performed before thousands of soldiers abroad with the USO, was considered one of the military's greatest morale boosters.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He entertained troops in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and finally in Desert Shield/Storm. His love for the men and women who served the nation in harm's way was unparalleled by any citizen. His impact on the soldiers he visited is still remembered by veterans in Sierra Vista.

"I consider Bob Hope (to be) the top male entertainer this country ever had," said Mickie Davis, who served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. "I was never able to see him live because I was in a place where he wasn't allowed to fly over."

Davis had buddies that were able to see Hope perform and he said for at least two hours Hope was able to take them out of their "bad" world and make them laugh.

"I don't think anyone could describe what he did over there," Davis said. "There are no words to match his deeds."

Grasping his copy of *USA Today* featuring Hope on the cover, Davis mentioned he was particularly proud that Hope didn't mind going in harm's way and putting his own life at risk.

"I know places over there (Vietnam) that the chances of getting rocketed or mortared is a good possibility," Davis said. "Bob Hope didn't stop from performing anywhere he wanted."

Although he had to strain to hear the conversation, World War II veteran Don Miller lit up when asked by Davis, "What do you remember about Bob Hope?"

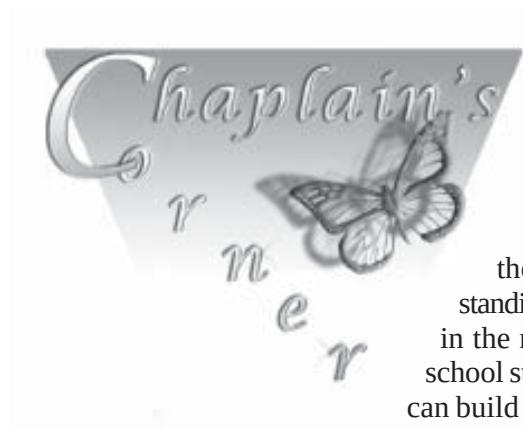
The white-haired veteran recalled watching Hope perform as if it was yesterday.

"He was great," Miller said. "I liked him a lot."

Hope's legacy isn't limited to soldiers, but also to men who supported the soldiers who fought on foreign battlefields.

"What I appreciate the most about him is when he went into hospitals to visit and talk to soldiers, he insisted there be no cameras," Donne Puckle said. "His concern was for the GI and he didn't do it for a publicity stunt to benefit his own purpose. His conviction of serving his country by supporting the soldiers – that was moving."

The man with the funny nose and witty one-liners was indeed a soldier's soldier, despite not formally enlisting in the Army. If old soldiers never die but instead fade away, then Bob Hope has faded peacefully. His legacy will live on in the soldiers he touched.



Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke
NETCOM, DEPUTY COMMAND CHAPLAIN

"And now, a word from our sponsor..."

In lieu of a regular "feature article" this week, I thought I'd give you the basic rundown of three outstanding spiritual opportunities taking place at Fort Huachuca in the next few days. As the summer vacation ends and school starts, rest assured there are happenings going on that can build you up. Please feel free to call and ask about these events.

CrossRoads is a contemporary worship opportunity for the "Blue Jean Crowd." CrossRoads is open to everyone; the dress code is casual, and features current Christian music using computers and PowerPoint. Donuts, bagels, fruit, coffee and juice are provided during the service. Services are held at the Cochise Theater on Aug. 10 and 17 at 10 a.m. The worship also contains a video clip for the theme and Bible text of the day, as well as a "Calvin & Hobbs" cartoon for the "Sunday Funnies." SpiritShine will provide the music for the services. For information, contact me either through e-mail or at 538-7379.

Spirit Warrior Desert '03 is a unique program coming to Fort Huachuca. I started this ministry with some dedicated friends in Korea, and the first "Spirit Warrior" was attended by almost 500 men. The theme of Spirit Warrior Desert '03 is "Put on the Full Armor of God," and the event is open to all men and women who are interested in growing in their relationship with Christ, family and friends based on Ephesians 6:10-18.

SWD'03 takes place at Kino Chapel, on Aug. 15; registration begins at 6 p.m. followed by a speaker at 7 p.m. and ending with a contemporary music concert by SpiritShine and some local groups. On Aug. 16, a continental breakfast begins at 7 a.m., with speakers and training sessions going on from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. A catered barbecue lunch is at noon. The cost is $10 a person or $15 a couple, and includes both meals, the book "Spirit Warriors" by Stu Weber, a T-shirt and a music compact disc of the event. For information, contact me through e-mail or 538-7379.

A gospel service musical takes place at Kino Chapel on Sunday, 6-8 p.m. The gospel Protestant congregation sponsors this event. The guest choir is the Choir of Resurrection from the Christian Fellowship Center of Aurora, Colo. Pastor Felix Gilbert, who is the pastor of the CFC, is speaking through tomorrow at Kino beginning at 7 p.m. each day. For information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Hancock at 533-8774.

All of us come to times in our lives where we either believe we are overloaded or drained. Sometimes we simply need to look at life from a different angle. Other times, we simply want to learn or have a good time. Friends, whatever is the case for you, I urge you to take part in any of these events. Hope to see you soon! Contact the chaplain via e-mail at Dennis.Nitschke@netcom.army.mil

Education reform led by President Bush

In the year since President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act into law, the Bush Administration has worked closely with state and local education leaders to ensure that these important changes reach the classroom. And the new law is beginning to show results.

• Through the new Reading First program, $412 million has been distributed to 20 states to help schools and districts improve children's reading achievement using scientifically proven methods of instruction.

• States have implemented the public school choice provisions of the Act to allow parents of students in low-performing schools to transfer to a better public school. Additionally, states have identified supplemental service providers to provide after-school instruction and tutoring to students enrolled in schools in need of improvement.

Since the No Child Left Behind Act was signed into law by President Bush on Jan. 8, 2002, the U.S. Department of Education has been working to implement this landmark Act to ensure that every child receives a high quality education.

Submit your letters to the editor, commentaries and editorials to thescout@hua.army.mil.

Scout on the Street

What do you hope to learn in school this year?

"Homework. To go home."
Trae Kidwell, 6

"Pets and dinosaurs. The beach."
Justice Pierce, 6

"Learning about respect. Being nice."
Kaelynn Jordan, 5

"I don't know."
Isaiah Chandler, 5

"To be nice. To not be mean to other people."
Alexis Alegre, 6

"About pets. Nothing else."
Adriel Garcia, 6

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Ready, set, go to school

First time student may need extra attention

BY SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA
THE SCOUT STAFF

Getting your preschooler, kindergartener or early elementary child ready for the first day of school can be a daunting task.

But, by following tips given by Fort Huachuca's Javier Barron, the school liaison officer, and Heidi Malarchik, the child development center director, parents can make the transition easier for their child and themselves.

"We recommend a pre-enrollment visit with the child, the parent and the teacher," said Malarchik. "The parent can gather information. The child can get acclimated and comfortable. Then when the first day of school comes, it can all seem routine.

"We also tell the parents with children here at the CDC that they can stay as long as they like to help ease their anxiety and the child's fears," added Mararchik.

"Yes, taking the child to the school and classrooms before the first day can ease the fear," said Barron. "Another good thing is to start the routine of early wake-up gradually as the summer draws to a close. The first day of school can shock the child's system, if they have been allowed to sleep in all summer."

Also, what may seem like a small thing to an adult can mean the world to a child, added Barron. One example is to make sure the child knows where the bathroom is. A little thing like that is so important.

"The CDC invites parents with younger students to stop in and eat lunch with them or to be around for recess as another stress reliever," said Malarchik. "We see the parents as part of the classroom. An involved parent is the most critical part of a child's education. Listen to your kids. Whatever they say is important."

Also, make the first day of school special by taking photos or video, added Malarchik. Parents can watch them get off the bus.

Another good technique is to buy them new shoes and a new backpack, said Malarchik. This makes the children feel special and grown up. And for practicality, the new backpack gives them a place to store their belongings.

"A buddy-team system with two kids that know each other from the neighborhood, can go to school together and share the first day experience," said Barron.

"I think it is always a good idea for the parents to meet the teacher before school starts," said Barron. "That way the expectations and boundaries are clear for the parent and the child."

Malarchik says another good idea is for parents to leave notes or cards in their child's backpack or lunch, telling them "I love you."

"I really want to emphasize," said Barron, "that parents should celebrate learning.If the child sees the parent learning, either reading or studying for their own academics or pleasure, it reinforces the fun of it."

Always keep encouraging the child, reward the positive marks they get and help them if they struggle, said Barron.

For children of deployed soldiers, try to monitor their television watching, said Barron. "They don't need to see a constant barrage of footage from the war. Assure them and explain the reason for the parent being deployed in the child's terms, so they can understand."

"Some units in Iraq will send e-mail greeting cards to their loved ones back home," said Malarchik.

"A unique approach I saw used during the current deployments was for the deploying parent to leave a treasure box behind for the child," said Malarchik. "Then, every week the child goes into the box and pulls out a small treat or gift from the missing parent. This lets the kids keep a consistent reminder and reassurance that their mom and dad still care about them.

"Other devices used in today's high-tech world include e-mail, pictures or video messages," added Mararchik. "My husband used to read books on tape and I would play them for my kids in the car when he was deployed."

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Fort officials recommend safety tips for parents, students

BY SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA
THE SCOUT STAFF

The new school year is fast approaching. There are a few safety tips that children and parents can focus on for the upcoming school year, said Bruce Herran, installation safety manager, here.

First, make sure the younger children know how to spell their own name, said Herran. Also, have the child memorize their home telephone number or write down a note with it for them to carry.

Second, in terms of safety, Herran spoke about school buses and bus stops.

The children need to know where their stop is, said Herran. "A lot of times we have problems with children getting off at the wrong stop on their way home from school." Another good way to alleviate this problem is to have someone there to meet the child at their stop, at least for the first week of school.

"Third, your child should know the rules on the bus and follow them," said Herran. "Also, make sure your children don't bring hazardous materials or weapons to school or on the school bus."

Fourth, don't pass stopped school buses, added Herran. Encourage the children to assume that people don't see them as they exit the bus. Have them walk away from the bus right away. Tell them to go to the side of the road where their stop is. They should stay there until the bus pulls away, making them more visible to oncoming traffic.

"Have your children wear light colored clothing," said Herran. "Make sure they wear clothes that are visible in the dark, including light colors.

"According to national statistics, 60 percent of injuries to children occur outside of the school house each year," said Herran. "Coming and going to school is when they are most vulnerable."

Some final tips are for children who might walk to school.

The children should stay on sidewalks and when they cross the road, follow the crosswalks, added Herran. Another idea is to have a buddy system, either two children who are neighbors or an older sibling walk with your child to school.

Finally, the oldest advice in the world, but still just as good is "Don't talk to strangers," said Herran.

School clothes shopping-what do you do?

THE SCOUT STAFF

"I have to buy what's in," said kids this past weekend throughout the mall to their parent(s) who faced the ordeal of what kids want to wear versus what school dress code allows.

Anchor Blue, the Gap, Deb, even Sears and Dillard's are full of bare midriff tops, lacy cloth shorts, shirts and skirts, baggy clothes, and clothes with holes, slits and tears.

Tad Bloss, principal of Buena High School, said that all of these types of clothes are inappropriate as, "the student's personal appearance must not distract in any way."

But racks of clothes are loaded with gauzy peasant blouses, lacy short shorts, sexy sheer shirts, spaghetti strap shirts, and for the males also, holey clothes with slits and tears, baggy pants and tank tops.

These are all clothes that are popular, and reflect the actors and music stars that kids are trying to mirror -- and the clothing manufacturers know it, said Javier Barron, school liaison officer for Fort Huachuca.

Diane Chinen, secretary for the Superintendent's Office for Fort Huachuca said that clothing with inappropriate or immodest, vulgar, profane slogans or pictures pertaining to subjects such as alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, illegal substances, or indecency is not allowed. Spiked collars are also not allowed.

She added that for girls, short shorts and skirts are out. School policy states that immodest fitting clothes are not allowed: shorts that are shorter than full arm and finger tips, any tight or spandex type shorts unless worn under mid-thigh or longer clothing. Also, clothing with slits, holes, tears or unfinished edges, swimsuits, and tank tops worn alone, and skirts that are shorter than full arm and fingertips are not allowed.

According to Bloss, "If you can see someone's underwear, then their pants are too baggy. We do not allow bandannas even for girls to wear in their hair, and absolutely no gang attire is allowed. We want to create an environment that is safe for all kids."

Parents, when you go to buy those school clothes, be forewarned. According to Bloss, kids will be sent home to change, or sometimes, the school will have clothes that the child can change into. The county has a zero tolerance attitude in the dress code policy.

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standards and issue numerous other regulations affecting education."

The good and bad of that situation is that it can be dangerous for military children unless professionals are connected, Reilly noted. "This is especially true in today's national education climate," he emphasized. "The federal 'No Child Left Behind' law requiring testing of all children in grades three through eight presents a major problem for highly mobile military children.

Many are now subject to testing on topics upon which their previous state's curriculum may not have required instruction. Reilly said sound counseling and quality instruction are important for all children, "but they are critical for the military child."

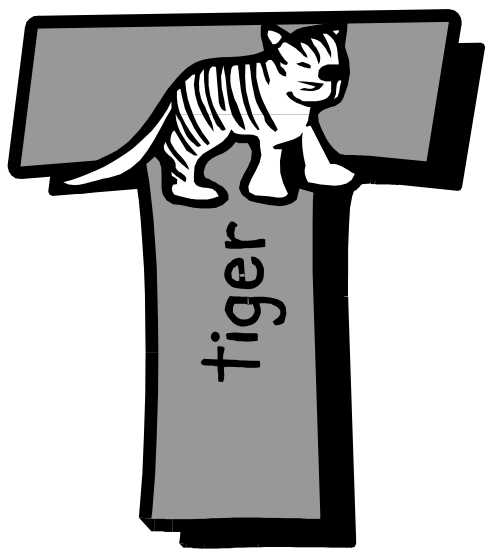
He gave the TCI participants three suggestions to better meet the needs of military children: Network with colleagues around the country to become familiar with the needs of each child. "Being able to speak on a first-name basis with other counselors, teachers and family service representatives cuts out a lot of red tape and provides for smoother transitions for children," he said. "You should start by takingaway with you the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of all your fellow TCI participants."

Become advocates for contemporary technology. "Internet connectivity needs to be in every counselor's office and classroom so that children from military families not only can learn about the schools in states to which they're moving, they can stay in touch with past and future friends via e-mail," Reilly said. "Especially so they will enjoy the same ability to use the Internet for, research and learning that non-military children enjoy in most effective districts. Technology levels the playing field for all students, especially highly mobile military students."

Stay focused. "Your awareness of the unique pressures on the military child, and especially your sensitivity to the emotional stress that children feel when they're in highly mobile situations, is critical to the success of these children," he noted. "Each day this awareness and sensitivity must be your 'job number one.'"

"The military child needs you more than you sometimes know," Reilly told the educators.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Uniforms debut at Smith

Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

Volunteer models help the Scout introduce the new school uniforms to the community. The models are, left to right, Amanda Carter, Kyle Smuda, Rachel Griffo, Kristin Lee and Philip Ruiz.

All dressed up

School uniforms are at AAFES

Beginning Aug. 13, all Col. Smith Middle School students will be required to wear a school uniform. The specific uniform will be available at the main post exchange in a special section that is marked school uniforms. Students' uniforms must be selected from the school uniform section. Utilizing the exchange as a source to meet the uniform requirement will offer parents uniforms that are not only durable, but also far more affordable than designer brands or standard department store brands.

Uniform dress selection

• Tops: Short or long sleeved collared polo shirt.

• Bottoms: Trousers, shorts, and skirts.

• Sweat Shirts: Red, white or blue, available in the school uniform section.

• Belts: Leather belts, available in the school uniform section.

• Jackets: Appropriate jackets to be worn outside only.

• Shoes: Acceptable shoes must have closed toes.

• Hats: Hats may only be worn outside.

PE uniform

The physical education uniform consists of black nylon shorts and a red cotton short-sleeved top. The PE uniform is available in the school uniform section of the PX. This uniform is also mandatory.

General guidelines

• Pants must fit at the waist. They cannot be more than one size too large or too small. 'Sagging' pants are not permissible. Shorts and skirtalls are to be no shorter than finger-tip length.

• Belts must be appropriately sized and not extend more than two inches beyond the first belt loop.

• Shirts must not be more than one size too large or too small. Shirts are not required to be tucked in, although this is encouraged.

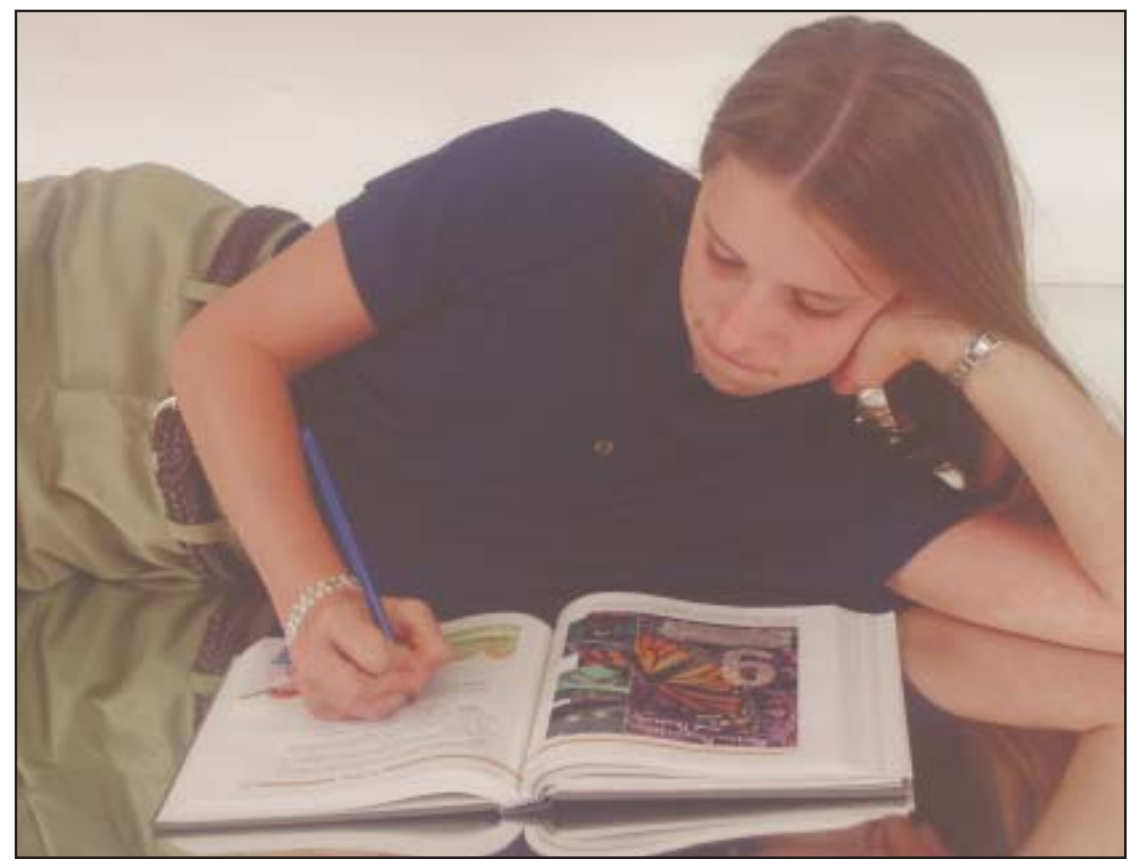
• Outerwear shall not contain any language, symbols or displays that are inappropriate for a school setting or would tend to materially interfere with or disrupt the educational program. This includes, but is not limited to: profane or indecent language, advertisements or other symbols of drugs, sex, alcohol or tobacco, obscene or sexually suggestive words or pictures, and language and symbols that are derogatory to any race or ethnic group. Black trench coats are not permitted

• Students who participate in specially designated club or athletic events may wear the dress prescribed by the coach or sponsor.

• No sunglasses unless medically prescribed.

• No bandanas or bandanna print headgear, sweatbands, or du-rags may be worn on campus at any time.

• Piercing for ears is permitted. Other facial/body piercings are not permitted.



The variety of school uniforms makes it easy for parents and children alike to put 'looks' together. There are both short and long pants, skirts, T-shirts and athletic wear available at the Army and Air Force Exchange.

Community Updates

New trash pickup procedure

The city of Sierra Vista will institute a new procedure for special trash pickups, beginning Aug. 1, requiring the use of a "take it away" sticker. The stickers cost $12 and can be obtained at city hall, the Cove, Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center or the Pete Castro Center.

To get one by mail, residents may call 458-7530. To schedule a pickup date, which must be done at least 24 hours in advance, residents can call 458-7530.

Special pickups are on Wednesdays only. The resident then needs to purchase a sticker, enter the name and address on the sticker front and then place the sticker on the item or load to be hauled away. Special pickups are limited to bulky items or items that are bagged or bundled that do not exceed 4 X 6 X 3 feet.

Approved yard waste will still be picked up for free (no sticker is necessary) and taken to the compost center. Approved yard waste means that it is not contaminated by anything else, such as household trash, garbage, etc. The loads must contain only grass clippings, tree trimmings and associated yard organics. Yard waste must be bagged, boxed or bundled, like special pickup items, it must not exceed 4 X 6 X 3 feet, or 2.5 cubic yards.

Organizational day today

The U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground will conduct organizational day activities today. In case of emergency, call 378-8230.

MEDDAC closed Aug. 8

The Medical Activity Command, including the main PX pharmacies will be closed on Aug. 8 at 11:30 a.m. in support of organizational day.

Suffrage play Aug. 26

The Equal Opportunity Office is hosting a luncheon and a presentation of a women's suffrage play entitled, "Failure is Impossible," Aug. 26 at 11:30 a.m. at LakeSide Activity Centre in celebration of Women's Equality Day.

The play chronicles some key events in the women's suffrage movement and paints a portrait of some of the personalities in the movement.

In 1971, Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day. The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote. Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality.

Tickets for the play and buffet luncheon cost $8.25. Lunch includes baked chicken, meatloaf, whipped potatoes and vegetable du jour, and baked rolls.

Contact your unit equal opportunity representative or call the post EO office at 533-1717.

Photo by Spc. Matthew Chlosta

Happy birthday

Col. Litton Marks III, Training and Doctrine Command chaplain, and the guest speaker at the luncheon here commemorating the 228th anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps, gives a rousing speech about America's freedom and the need for prayer during our current military operations. The luncheon also served as a farewell to Post Chaplain, Col. Juan T. Loya, who spoke about his wife's support over his career saying, "She is the chaplain to the chaplain. Thank you, Marjorie."

Insurance questions

A representative for the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be available to answer your questions pertaining to health insurance benefits on Aug. 13, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Room 5 at the Murr Community Center. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Eva Dixon at CPAC, 533-5735.

Korea orientation

Army Community Service is offering a Korea orientation Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m., at Murr Community Center for soldiers and family members going to Korea for the first time. Pick up some tips on living in Korea.

Registration is requested no later than Aug. 18 by calling ACS at 533-2330. For additional information, contact Pamela Allen at 533-5919 or 533-2330.

Kids on the Move classes

Army Community Service is offering a Kids on the Move class Aug. 19, 1:30 p.m., at ACS, building 50010.

Get tips that help children make their permanent change of station move more exciting and less stressful. This class provides parents the opportunity to learn some techniques to help children adjust to moving.

Registration is mandatory and must be completed by Aug. 15 by calling ACS at 533-2330. For additional information, contact Pamela Allen at 533-5919 or 533-2330.

Smooth Move

Smooth Move is a relocation workshop for first-termers and their family members. It will be held Aug. 19, 1 p.m., at Army Community Service, building 50010. The workshop is designed to help ease the stress of making the first military move. During the event, basic information on relocating will be covered, including relocation benefits, a moving checklist and a question and answer session.

Registration is mandatory and must be completed by Aug. 15 by calling ACS at 533-2330. For additional information, contact Pamela Allen at 533-5919 or 533-2330.

ACS Support Group

Is your spouse deployed or on an unaccompanied tour? Would you like a place to connect with others who are in the same situation? Join the ACS support group and make new friends, network and relax. Refreshments will be served. The group will meet Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. at ACS, building 50010.

Register no later than Aug. 18 by calling 533-2330.

Unit sponsorship training

The welfare and morale of Army families are essential factors which influence career motivation. An effective sponsorship program will benefit the individual and the Army by enhancing readiness at the unit level.

If you would like your unit sponsorship program to excel, invite your sponsors to attend the Army Community Service sponsorship training class Aug. 20, 1 p.m. at ACS, building 50010. To register, call 533-2330 or 533-5919.

Preschool screening in August

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools will be conducting a free preschool screening for children with learning disabilities on Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 at Myer Elementary School here. You must make an appointment by Aug. 14 for a screening. The screening is for 3, 4 and non-kindergarten 5-year-olds residing on Fort Huachuca.

The screening instruments that will be used are designed to survey gross and fine motor skills, communication skills, cognitive development and socio-emotional development. In addition, we will be testing hearing and vision. The screening process is designed to identify those children in need of any type of early childhood special education services. If you suspect a disability in your preschool age child, please call the District Office by Aug. 14 at 459-8399 or 458-5082.

Shelter anniversary Saturday

Catholic Community Services invites the public to join in the 20th anniversary of Forgach House Domestic Crisis Shelter at 3 p.m. on Saturday, at the Sierra Vista Nazarene Church Family Life Center, 1215 El Camino Real, Sierra Vista. Sierra Swing will provide the entertainment, which also includes a silent auction featuring works by local artists.

Donations accepted

The Turn Around Point, sponsored by the Chaplain's Office and operated by volunteers, is accepting donations of clean, serviceable clothing and any type of household items.

Items may be dropped off in building 52406 across from the Armed Forces Bank, in the same building as the AAFES administrative office and laundromat.

Anyone with a valid government identification card may use the Turn Around Point, "a place where you can get almost anything for nothing." For more information, call Linda at 452-8305, Hattie at 458-6360 or Jeanne at 378-0927.

Basic skills course Aug. 11-22

The education center will sponsor a basic skills education program class beginning Aug. 11 and finishing Aug. 22.

The class will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily with emphasis placed on English and math skills. A pre-TABE test will be administered at 7:15 a.m. the first day of class.

A Post-TABE and GT Predictor will be given on Aug. 11 and ASVAB Test will be administered Aug 22. This is a free class and is open to adult spouses also. Raise your GT score and increase your re-enlistment possibilities, prepare yourself for college, or refresh your basic skills!

Back to school fair

On Saturday there will be a back-to-school fair at Veterans' Memorial Park in Sierra Vista from 8 a.m.-noon. The fair will have booths, games and activities for children and their parents. The fair is sponsored by the Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Family Readiness training

Family Readiness Group training will be conducted Aug. 23, 9 a.m. - noon, at Murr Comunity Center. Training will be provided on how to establish and run an effective FRG, to include responsibilities of the commander, FRG leader and other key FRG positions.

Registration is requested and should be completed by Aug. 20 by calling ACS at 533-2330. For additional information, contact Pamela Allen at 533-5919 or 533-2330.

International spouse support group

Army Community Service invites all international spouses to join this support group. The group offers the opportunity to meet new people, network and relax. You can also pick up tips on American culture and the military lifestyle.

The group will meet Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. at ACS, building 50010. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 533-2330 or 533-5919.

Soldier's lawyer

The Joint Ethics Regulation is the regulation that contains the standards of conduct for all Department of Defense military and civilian personnel. Those standards of conduct are based on the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

It is important for all military and civilian personnel at Fort Huachuca to not only become familiar with these standards, but to apply them in their day to day professional activities.

Code of ethics

14 principles of ethical conduct for government officers and employees

1. Public service is a public trust, requiring employees to place loyalty to the Constitution, the laws, and ethical principles above private gain.

2. Employees shall not hold financial interests that conflict with the conscientious performance of duty.

3. Employees shall not engage in financial transactions using non-public government information or allow the improper use of such information to further any private interest.

4. An employee shall not, except pursuant to such reasonable exceptions as are provided by regulation, solicit or accept any gift or other item of monetary value from any person or entity seeking official action from, doing business with, or conducting activities regulated by the employee's agency, or whose interests may be substantially affected by the performance or non performance of the employee's duties.

5. Employees shall put forth honest effort in the performance of their duties.

6. Employees shall make no unauthorized commitments or promises of any kind purporting to bind the government.

7. Employees shall not use public office for private gain.

8. Employees shall act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual.

9. Employees shall protect and conserve federal property and shall not use it for other than authorized activities.

10. Employees shall not engage in outside employment or activities, including seeking or negotiating for employment, that conflict with official government duties and responsibilities.

11. Employees shall disclose waste, fraud, abuse and corruption to appropriate authorities.

12. Employees shall satisfy in good faith their obligations as citizens, including all just financial obligations, especially those-such as federal, state, or local taxes - that are imposed by law.

13. Employees shall adhere to all laws and regulations that provide equal opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

14. Employees shall endeavor to avoid any actions creating the appearance that they are violating the law or the ethical standards promulgated pursuant to this order.

The executive branch of the government mandates that the agencies provide counselors to assist the work force with standards of conduct question. Ethics questions at Fort Huachuca should be directed to Tom King at 3-3197.

Pets of the Week

Veterinary Facility photos

"Midnight" is a male domestic short-haired all black cat. He came to the stray facility after being hit by a car. He has been recuperating at the vet clinic for four months and now is ready for a new home. He is litterbox trained and loves affection. Adoption fee is $40 which includes neutering, all vaccines, microchipping and a feline leukemia test.

"Bear" is a male Australian shepherd mix. He would be excellent with children and has a wonderful, sweet personality. He has been in the stray facility for five months and would love to find a new home. Adoption fee is $40, which includes neutering, all vaccines, microchipping, and a heartworm test.

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.

Medical Activity Command