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New school meeting

There will be a town hall meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at Alvarado Hall. The meeting is called to discuss construction of new school facilities for the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools.

There will be a panel available to answer questions including the garrison commander, the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools District superintendent and architects.

For more information, call Javier Barron at 533-1133.

Awards banquet

Fort Huachuca will host its awards banquet honoring the top civilian, Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, instructor and drill sergeant of the year, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

Cost is \$19 and tickets are available from unit representatives. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, call Tracy Laventure at 533-5635.

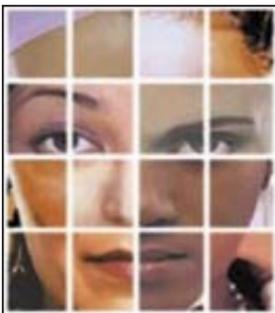
Blood drive

There will be an Army blood drive from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, at Eifler Gym.

Right Arm

The next Right Arm Night will be Jan. 30 at the Time Out.

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Swing that loop

Break away roping was one of the many events at the weekend rodeo.

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Moving earth

City, fort, aquifer win with detention basin projects

BY JOAN VASEY
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

Over the next 60 days, contract vehicles will load and haul soil from Woodcutter Basin on Fort Huachuca to Copper Sky Subdivision at the intersection of Avenida Cochise and Coronado Dr.

This latest remove-and-haul operation began Jan. 12 off the Buffalo Soldier Trail south of the veteran's cemetery and will increase the water holding capacity of the Woodcutter Basin detention basin, with potential to increase recharge in the San Pedro aquifer.

According to Mike Shaughnessey, realty specialist, Directorate of Installation Support, the city of Sierra Vista has been removing soil from Woodcutter Basin and other fort locations three to five times a year for approximately 20 years, under a real estate agreement between the city and the fort.

"The city acquired roadway and drainage easements when construction of Buffalo Soldier Trail was completed.

However, there was too much fill to remove and store.

Ready access to the material as needed is economi-

cal for the city and a win-win situation for both them and us. Removal of the fill is another example of the strong cooperation between the city of Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca," Shaughnessey stated.

When the Woodcutter detention basin was planned about 20 years ago, only a fraction of the fill material was removed.

This is because of the extremely large quantity of material that needed to be hauled to allow for the high volume of water the detention basin would eventually hold once the basin was completed, Shaughnessey explained.

Fill material has been removed many times over the years, and the plan is to continue to keep removing material until the recharge basin reaches the water retention capacity and dimensions in the original design plan.

According to Shaughnessey, fort engineers have identified areas on the installation where detention basins could effectively capture water and slow runoff to allow water to help recharge the aquifer, adding that fill removal is costly.

"By allowing the city to

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Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Contractors are removing fill dirt from Woodcutter's Basin on the fort to be used in projects in the Sierra Vista area, a win-win for both the fort and city.

Preston takes oath as 13th SMA

BY JOE BURLAS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Introduced by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker as the right man for the job, Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston was sworn in as the 13th sergeant major of the Army during a Pentagon ceremony Jan. 15.

Preston replaces Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley who was recognized for his 35 years of service during a retirement ceremony earlier in the day.

As sergeant major of the Army, Preston will act as the Army chief of staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. That job entails extensive travel throughout the Army to observe training and talk with Soldiers and their families. He will also sit on a variety of councils and boards that make decisions impacting enlisted Soldiers and



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gail Braymen

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker swears in Kenneth Preston as the 13th sergeant major of the Army Jan. 15 in the Pentagon. Preston's wife, Karen, holds the Bible for him.

their families and testify before Congress on Soldier issues.

"[Preston] is the finest noncommissioned officer in the [NCO] corps," Schoomaker said. "We have a real Soldier here. I am con-

fidant he will serve our Soldiers well as we transform and reorganize our Army."

One of the Soldiers Preston will serve is his own son, Spc. Michael Preston. Michael is a member of the 327th Military Police Com-

pany, an Army Reserve unit based in Maryland and currently deployed in Iraq. Michael was able to attend the swearing-in ceremony as he was home on leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Pro-

gram.

Because his son is a reservist, Preston said he believes that he will be able to better serve the Army Reserve and National Guard as Michael has no problem discussing reserve-component issues — "the good and the bad" — with his dad.

"With 20 to 25 percent of our forces currently in Iraq being Guard or Reserve, their issues are important," Preston said.

Serving the nation in the military is a family tradition, Preston said. His mother served in the Air Force and his father in the Army during the 1950s. Both attended the swearing-in ceremony. All of his uncles served in the military, during World War II or the Korean War. Four of those uncles were also present for the ceremony.

Among Preston's stated priorities in his new job are: ensuring Soldiers are prop-

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Tilley hangs up his muddy boots

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS MARCIA TRIGGS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Through tearful eyes and a wavering voice, retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley promised his wife no more deployments and muddy boots, but long walks and more days to do yard work.

Tilley ended a 35-year career

in the Army Jan. 15 at a ceremony held at Fort Myer in Arlington, Va. He has made it known to his close friends that he is looking forward to retiring in Florida, but he struggled to clear the lump in his throat and fight back the tears to make his farewell speech as the 12th sergeant major of the Army.

"Although I am taking off my boots for the last time this morning,"

Tilley said, "I am a Soldier, no matter what uniform I wear."

Standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall, he is no giant, but whenever Tilley walks in a room he's looked up to by both junior Soldiers and senior leaders.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker said that he has only worked with Tilley for about five months, but he sees that he's a ball

of energy ... devoted to improving the quality of life of Soldiers and their families.

"He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes ... He has testified before the United States Congress communicating Soldiers' concerns about housing, health care and compensation,"

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TeamTalk

Fort Huachuca strong after 50 years



BY MAJ. GEN. JAMES "SPIDER" AND MARTY MARKS

We all know that "a great place to reenlist since 1877," the slogan painted on Fort Huachuca's water tower, commemorates the beginning of this installation as an old west cavalry post.

However, you might not know that next month we'll be celebrating "...from Sabers to Satellites..." which is the 50th anniversary of the reactivation of Fort Huachuca and the arrival of the Electronic Proving Ground on Feb. 1, 1954. This truly signaled the end of the era where buffalo still roamed fort land and heralded the beginning of the electronic age. Folks have been busy planning a wide

variety of events scheduled to take place throughout February to educate us all about what was happening on Fort Huachuca 50 years ago as well as the high-tech things that have evolved since and are going on now.

I hope you will all take this opportunity to take part in some of these super activities; just another way to find out more about this great place where we all live and work.

Be sure to watch the Commanders Access Channel and take a look at upcoming issues of the Fort Huachuca Scout to find out more details of this 50th anniversary celebration.

Coming up tomorrow is our annual awards banquet for 2003, where we will be honoring the best of the best here on Fort Huachuca. This event begins at 6 p.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre. We hope you already have your tickets but if not, call 533-5635 for more information and reservations.

We will be honoring our non-commissioned officer of the year, Soldier of the year, civilian of

the year, sailor of the year, Marine of the year, Air Force NCO of the year, airman of the year, instructor of the year, and drill sergeant of the year.

Wow! What a great team of folks – and all are great examples of why our Fort Huachuca team is always the tops. We sure hope you can join us in honoring them and their accomplishments!

We've highlighted Army One Source before, but it's such an important program that Marty and I want to make sure you all know what it can do for you. If you have a question – ANY question – and can't seem to find the answer locally, this is the place to go. You can call 1-800-464-8107 24/7 or visit www.armyonesource.com 24/7 for confidential help, consultation and – if needed – referral to the appropriate military and/or community resources.

These folks can even provide translation into more than 140 languages. So, please, if you

need some help, remember that all of us in the Army family are here to help each other, and this is one of many means of doing it.

Our tax center is now open, and the staff there is ready to help you get your taxes done – for free!

More than 3,000 returns were processed through the center in 2003, and the folks there are ready to do it all again this year.

Remember, this service is available to all active duty, retirees, and family members. Just be sure to take your ID card, W-2(s), social security card, and any other documents you have for your 2003 taxes when you go see them.

They're located in Derosy Cabell Hall, Building 22324, on Christy Avenue; if you have any questions or want to set up an appointment, call them at 533-2009.

There is lots going on, and lots more coming up. We thank you all for being informed and involved members of this great community!

Chaplain's Corner New year, new start

BY DANDEVENY
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
MAIN POST CHAPEL

I have always enjoyed this time of the year for two reasons: I like the idea of a fresh beginning that accompanies a new calendar; and I like the challenge of planning how I will improve myself in the coming year. Some of my thinking about what matters most needs to be reexamined to make sure I am on the right track.

The same questions show up in some form or another during this time of introspection: What am I doing with three particular areas of my life: my time, my talent, and my treasure?

Talent and treasure appear in different forms and quantities. My mom used to tell me I had the talent to drive my sister crazy. But that's not what I'm talking about here. What I mean by talent is something that you can do that has a positive effect on the environment you are in. For example, your friendly attitude is a talent to share. Too often we discount

the great things about ourselves. The area of treasure refers to something that has monetary worth. Perhaps a pay check, valuable stocks, an antique, or maybe...well you get the picture.

You can generally tell a great deal about a person when you see what they do with what their time, talent and treasure? Each one of these three "T's" begs to be invested, but these most valuable commodities are fiercely guarded by some and squandered by others. If we invest and how we invest tells something about us and can help answer the question, "What matters most?"

I want to use my time, my talent and my treasure generously this year. I want to take a verse from the Bible and use it as a guide in my daily life and see if it works. Look in the New Testament, the Book of Luke, Chapter 6, verse 38. I want to work at giving to others—not just dollars, but my time and my talents as well. It doesn't take many "givers" to make positive changes in our communities.

Letter From The Editor Need a photo, who're you gonna call?

Things happen every day in all our lives that are best captured on film.

When you're at work and something really great is happening, say someone is getting promoted or there's a change of command or an award is being given the first thing you think is: wow, this would make a fabulous photo! And you're probably right.

Now who should you call to memorialize this precious event? If your event or activity is something that would be of interest to people outside your office or organization, then call the Scout at 533-1987. We'd love to grab our reporter's notebook and high-speed digital camera and zip, Clark Kent like out the door.

However, if your event is something you'd like documented for historical purposes; for a presentation, brochure or to be framed and put on a wall then the number you should dial is 538-7129, the Visual Information office

work order desk.

The Scout staff photographs people and events for use in the newspaper. If the photograph is not going to be used in the newspaper we don't take the picture – and the photographs we try to get for the newspaper should show action. If you're flipping through a magazine or

newspaper the kind of photographs that catch your eye are ones that show action or drama, not the ones of people standing neatly in a row holding a plaque.

And even though we will zip out at the last minute to cover a 'spot news' story – house fire, car accident, etc., we do much better when given advance notice. If you have an activity or interesting story that you think would be ideal for the Scout, please do not hesitate to let us know. And I mean don't hesitate because the sooner we know about it, the better chance we have of scheduling a reporter or photographer to cover it.

If you're not sure what might be used in the Scout, give us a call or drop us an e-mail at thescout@hua.army.mil. We'll help you determine who you need to call, the Scout or VI.



Photo by Beth Harlan

Nell Drumheller
Managing Editor

Scout On The Street

Are you planning to use the tax center and why?



'Yes, it's free and it's convenient.'

Pvt. Caleb Henry,
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
111th Military Intelligence
Brigade



'No, because I'm going to try a different approach this year, the off-post sector.'

Spc. Ricky Ward,
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
United States Army
Garrison



'Yes. It's a good service for Soldiers because it's free and easy to use.'

Sgt. Denton Lytle,
Company E,
305th Military Intelligence
Battalion



'Yes, because it's convenient.'

Staff Sgt.
Shane Winemiller,
HHC, USAG



'Yes. It's a great service and it's free.'

Sgt. Clifton Birdsong,
Company E, 305th MI BN.



'No, because it's more convenient for me to do it myself.'

Spc. Elmer Flores,
HHC, USAG

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Post celebrates Black History

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE

SCOUT STAFF

Fort Huachuca's Military Equal Opportunity office is busily preparing events and information for February's observance of Black History Month, including dining facility displays and a performance at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

"We will be putting on a dramatic presentation of black Americans through the centuries," said Sgt. 1st Class Suzanne C. Sueing, of the MEO. It will include information from the 17th century to the present.

In addition to the show, there will be a display of artifacts, photographs and informative pamphlets in the LakeSide lobby, Sueing said. Also, there will be an ethnic food sampling including African, Caribbean and black American or "soul" cuisine.

This event is tentatively scheduled for 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., on Feb. 26, pending volunteer participation, Sueing said.

The dining facilities on post have displays and pamphlets for the post's monthly observances, Sueing said. The pamphlets

feature information on black history and questions and games to "test your knowledge."

"Units are also highly encouraged to hold their own unit level events," said Suzanne D. Harvey, non-commissioned officer in charge of MEO.

Last year, the MEO office invited poet, writer and storyteller Tureeda Mikell, of the National Association of Black Storytellers, to tell a story of African American culture, Harvey said. There was also jazz music and a rendition of Sojourner Truth's speech "I ain't a woman."

It's important to celebrate black history because "black people have contributed so much to the American culture," Sueing said. "There is so much we've [black Americans] contributed that people don't know about."

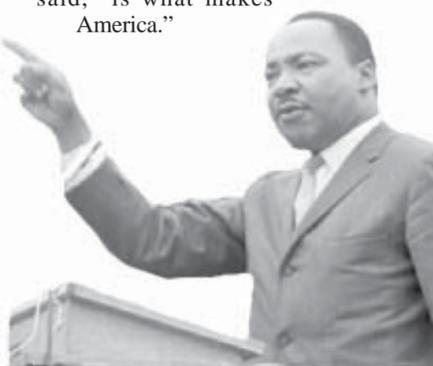
The MEO office makes sure to observe all religious and ethnic backgrounds "because it helps people become aware of each others' ethnic and religious backgrounds," Sueing said.

"The purpose of observances is to promote harmony and cross cultural understanding," Harvey said.

"The observance of an ethnic background

is not for the benefit of the ethnicity being observed, but for those of other ethnic backgrounds," Sueing added. "It's important for people to understand other's cultural differences because it helps you understand why people act a certain way or do certain things and creates a better working team."

"Diversity of ethnic background," Sueing said, "is what makes America."



Courtesy photo

His dedication to civil rights for all races is what made Martin Luther King Jr. such a honored icon.



Photo illustration by Elizabeth Harlan

Many came out Jan. 15 for the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast, including guest speaker Maj. Kenneth J. Hancock, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Budget load lifted for some parents

DeCA offering college money for military offspring

BY CARRIE WILLIAMS

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

Didn't find any "college cash" in your stocking? Don't worry. There's still time to apply for Scholarships for Military Children money.

Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are due at the nearest commissary by close of business Feb. 18. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The application can be downloaded through a link on the front page of www.commissaries.com or downloaded directly from

www.militaryscholar.org and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide.

Students should put on their thinking caps and give it their best shot when it comes to writing the scholarship essay. "In past years the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants," said program liaison Edna Hoogewind, Defense Commissary Agency. This year's topic is "What aspect of military life has had the greatest influence on you?"

Applications must be in the store by close of business on Feb. 18, and

students who are not hand-delivering applications are advised to use a delivery method that supplies a return receipt.

After March 29, applicants may visit www.militaryscholar.org and click on the "Verification of Receipt" section. Scholarship managers will respond to "Verification of Receipt" e-mails until June 15.

Applicants should check all materials carefully for simple things, like making sure the application is signed or that it's the 2004 application, not one from previous years.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children, under 21, (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and re-

tired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional instructions can be found on the application or at www.militaryscholar.org.

Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization best known for

building comfort homes near military medical facilities, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Fisher House Foundation uses the services of Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs, to screen applicants and award scholarships. Neither Fisher House nor DeCA are involved in the decision process.

The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded nearly 1,500 scholarships and nearly \$2 million since the first awards in 2001. Scholarships are funded through the voluntary donations of the various manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that sell products in commissaries.

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erly trained and equipped to win against the nation's enemies; instilling the warrior ethos in all Soldiers as "every Soldier is a rifleman first;" facilitating change as the Army embraces new formations, technologies and tactics; and caring for Army families.

Change has been and will continue to be the norm for the Army, Preston said.

"Our enemy on freedom's frontier is adapting to our tactics everyday and so must we adapt and change out tactics to defeat this threat," Preston said. "Change and evolution are not new to us. Our veterans here today have seen many improvements and changes in our structure and tactics over their service.

"With the foundation of basic Soldier skills to build upon, we will continue to chart an azimuth to adapt to this ever-changing battlefield."

Preston has served in the Army for 28 years, mostly in armor units throughout his career. Prior to his selection as sergeant major of the Army, he was the command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Baghdad, Iraq.

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Schoomaker said. "And Congress listened, and they approved increased base pay and targeted pay raises for our NCOs (non-commissioned officers.)"

Soldiers don't expect to get rich soldiering, Tilley said. They only ask that their leaders train them hard and truly care for their welfare, he said. Soldiers learn very quickly if you have their best interest at heart, Tilley added.

"Sergeant Major (Tilley) just doesn't say he cares about us, he does," said Spc. Contress Noel-Maberry, a medical specialist at Fort Myer.

While stationed in Germany, Noel-Maberry said that Tilley intervened and helped her get a compassionate assignment to the States to get help for a family member who was enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

"I felt proud to be a Soldier to know that the sergeant major of the Army cared enough about me to help me and my family," Noel-Maberry said.

The Army's Soldier of the year, Spc. Russell Burnham, said that Tilley has done so much for him by giving him a chance to earn his current title. It was Tilley's idea to honor a Soldier and NCO of the year at the Department of the Army level two years ago.

This year Burnham and Staff Sgt. James Luby received \$30,000 in prizes respectively, and received the chance to travel with Tilley on a USO tour to Southwest Asia right before the holidays.

"What you see is what you get," Burnham

said giving one reason why Tilley is so loved and revered among Soldiers. "No matter where life leads us, I will always look to him as my superior."

The list of people who have met Tilley and grown to love or admire him extends past his military life, and it was apparent when country music singer Darryl Worley made changes to his schedule to make an appearance at Tilley's retirement dinner.

In attendance at his retirement ceremony was Karri Turner from the J.A.G. television series; John Layfield, known as wrestler Bradshaw; and Meredith Whitney from Fox news.

Tilley said he has a lifetime of memories from visiting Soldiers in all four corners of the world, but he has also provided Soldiers with memories of him doing one-arm pushups, telling his one and only joke of a private he ran into at the airport who didn't recognize him, and then there is the sight of him grooving on stage doing the electric slide.

Thanks to Soldiers, Tilley said he survived the streets of Saigon and was able to stand in the streets of downtown Baghdad 35 years later.

Now Tilley is going to focus on being a husband, father and grandfather. He doted on his three grandbabies, and choked up when he talked about how his sons grew up without him at home most of the times.

"That is my only regret," Tilley said. "I missed so much of your youth," talking to his sons Brian and Kevin. "I hope that these next 35 years I can try to make up for all the birthdays I missed."

Hours later after Tilley bid farewell to the Army, Schoomaker swore in the 13th sergeant major of the Army.



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remove fill or to contract out fill removal on an as-needed basis rather than pay to remove the fill and to store for various projects, everyone wins," he explained.

"Over the past 15-plus years the city of Sierra Vista has removed soil and fill material out of basins on the fort from three to five times a year for various projects off the installation," Shaughnessey said.

According to Alan Humphrey, senior engineer for the City of Sierra Vista, the city and fort have worked cooperatively to develop detention and retention basins both on and off the installation.

Detention basins slow runoff, but do not store it. Water captured in retention basins will store and hold water.

Completed projects include: a drainage basin near Seventh St. in Coyote

Wash; Summit detention basin south of Avenida Cochise; and Busby Retention Basin near Busby Dr.

In the near future, the city will remove about 25,000 yards of dirt from Woodcutters Detention Basin to create a detention basin on Country Club wash on Fort Huachuca north and opposite the Country Club housing subdivision.

Some of the funding will come from a grant from the Upper San Pedro Partnership, a consortium of 20 agencies who have banded together in a concerted effort to protect and revitalize the San Pedro River.

"The excavation of Woodcutter's Detention Basin will help the post, the city and the environment," Humphrey said.

"Removing material increases the detention capacity of the basin, which increases the potential recharge of the aqui-

fer. Increasing the detention capacity of the basin also increases the level of flood protection to residents downstream.

"The material being removed is being put to beneficial use as well," Humphrey explained.

"Part of it will be used to construct detention basins on Fort Huachuca at the Country Club Wash and on South Garden Wash. It's as if we are getting double the potential recharge from each cubic yard of material."

Local developers are also removing material at no cost to the city or the fort for constructing residential housing.

"There are very few projects that have so many benefits- recharge, flood control and development of new residential subdivisions," he emphasized.

Fort Huachuca has identified another po-

tential detention basin project in South Garden Wash between Country Club and Woodcutter's Basins.

The development of this basin will be another cooperative effort between the city and the fort, Humphrey stated. The city is working on and will turn over its project design to the Fort Huachuca personnel who will be involved in the construction process.

While work is under way in Woodcutters Basin, heavy equipment will operate from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For security purposes, the access control gate will be staffed during hauling operations.

Dust abatement mitigation will also occur during the hours of operation, according to Shaughnessey.

Mental Health Awareness Month

Post physician: Don't be afraid to get help

Message to Soldiers; mind, body are connected

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

January is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental health and behavioral health issues range from depression and suicide to anger and stress management.

"Mental health is your overall well-being," said Jennifer Audette, counselor for the new relationship counseling program at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

"A mental health issue is when you're having trouble doing things you normally do for a prolonged period of time in terms of when it

starts affecting your family life or your work life or relationships," she added. "For example, leisure activities you haven't been doing for a long time."

For those who think that mental health isn't as important to the military as physical fitness, marksmanship or military occupational specialty proficiency, they're wrong.

"Mental health is just as important as physical health to mission readiness," said Capt. Jennifer K. Pawelek, chief of Community Mental Health Services RWBAHC.

"In order to go a good job in whatever it is you do in the military, you need to be psychologically and emotionally fit to do what needs to be done."

"The mind and body are really connected," she continued. "If one is off kilter it affects the other one."

"For example, if you're under a

lot of stress and feeling overwhelmed and not taking the time to take care of yourself, the immune system breaks down and you become physically ill."

Mental health issues are just as prevalent in servicemembers as in civilians. "Military [mental health] statistics match worldwide statistics in terms of prevalence," Pawelek said. The most common issues involve mood disorders such as depression and anxiety disorders such as stress.

Pawelek encourages anyone who is dealing with a mental health issue or knows someone who is struggling, call the Behavioral Health Services Center at 533-5161 to schedule an appointment. Services are available to all Tricare beneficiaries. The appointment will consist of an

evaluation of the person's condition and a discussion of treatment options.

"All issues are dealt with on a case-to-case basis," Pawelek said.

For less intense issues, those that "don't involve a severe disturbance of thinking or behavior," an out-patient basis will be maintained consisting of counseling, therapy and possibly medication.

For severe cases, such as those concerning suicidality, homicidality or psychosis, an in-patient, residential program will be used.

"If we do an evaluation and we think that there is something going on that would mitigate the person's ability to maintain national security,

that's an issue," Pawelek said. "Things that would impair someone's judgment, reliability, their ability to make good decisions, their ability to think and reason through a situation are military concerns."

"We recognize there's still a lot of stigma attached to mental health issues," Pawelek continued.

"Don't be afraid to get help," she stressed. "We see all kinds of issues here."

"And no problem is too small," Audette added.

"That's true," Pawelek agreed. "A lot of people think 'oh there are people with worse problems than me. I'm not even going to talk about it'."

"Just come in and get some information. If you decide not to get treatment at least it will be an informed decision."



Fair planned to open eyes to mental health

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center's Behavioral Health Services is putting on a mental health fair to educate the public on the importance of mental

health.

The fair is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on Feb. 6 at Murr Community Center.

There will be at least 11 booths set up to address different mental health issues, said Selina Jeanise, public affairs officer at RWBAHC.

The booth themes will

include advice for leaders on helping their soldiers and themselves with mental health issues and stress management, Jeanise said.

The fair is open to "anyone who can get on post," Jeanise said. "Even if they're not covered by Tricare, we can help them get a reference downtown for services."

"The fair is designed to be an informational open house," said Capt. Jennifer K. Pawelek, chief of Community Mental Health Services RWBAHC.

"This is a way for the Behavioral Health Services to get the word out about what it is we do."

Behavioral Health Services is also providing a se-

ries of articles for The Scout about mental health.

"We're trying to put more information out there," Pawelek said.

Pawelek and staff have also been giving in house presentations for health care providers at RWBAHC about mental health issues such as stress management.

"Taking care of people is a

very high stress job," Jeanise said.

"Stress management for health care professionals helps health care professionals do a better job."

Pawelek stressed that people can always call Behavioral Health Services at 533-5161 for information or to get literature on mental health.

Army, NASA ink partnership for space technology

BY RAE A HIGGINS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

An Army research and development center has entered a partnership with NASA to provide technology to the Space Shuttle program, and at the same time, transfer NASA technology to Army ground vehicle development.

The results of this partnership by the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center will impact not only the lives of countless Soldiers, but also will affect the future and safety of space exploration, TARDEC officials said.

Dr. Richard McClelland, TARDEC's director, and Dr. Grace Bochenek, its technical director, met with James Kennedy, director, NASA Kennedy Space Center, in late 2003 to sign the Space Act Agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to contribute to the nation's "Return to Flight" program by working with NASA engineers, said Dr. Thomas Meitzler, who heads TARDEC's Visual Perception Laboratory and leads this effort on behalf of TARDEC.

The TARDEC engineers plan to share technology on: remotely detecting debris and ice on external fuel tanks prior to launch; using experience with color-image processing to suggest methods to augment existing shuttle tile inspection methodology; and using 3-D tech-

nology and displays to assist with space station and satellite deployment and maintenance, Meitzler said.

TARDEC's in-house expertise in identifying, testing, and selecting images, digital visual imaging, photo simulation and 3-D displays resides within its Visual Perception Lab. It also has experience testing multiband imaging and digital color imaging and displays.

Conversely, NASA has expertise in Space Shuttle and other space vehicle maintenance launch site processing, as well as in space operations under demanding and extreme conditions. Meitzler and his team are enthusiastic about this agreement because they said the U.S. Army will benefit from the experience and knowledge gained from working with NASA engineers and scientists — TARDEC can apply NASA technologies to the military ground systems it develops. All involved, Meitzler said, expect the exchange of technology and information to be mutually beneficial.

Both the Army and NASA need to remotely assess vehicles. NASA needs this capability because of the extreme nature of pre- and post-launch conditions. Meitzler said that TARDEC can use this technology to enhance existing and future military ground systems. This initiative to develop and test video and other sensor system technologies to determine vehicle state will help the users — Soldiers and astronauts —

to make more informed decisions about their respective vehicle systems, Meitzler said.

Technologies identified and developed in this research agreement have the potential to contribute to NASA pre- and post-launch processing, vehicle and crew safety assessments and operations for a variety of space vehicle systems, officials said. The Army gains by using newly derived applied and enhanced technologies for a variety of local and remote operational objectives, including Identification of Friend-or-Foe and battlefield vehicle damage assessment, Meitzler said.

TARDEC, the nation's laboratory for advanced military automotive technology, is part of the Army Materiel Command's Research, Development and Engineering Command. Headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal, Warren, Mich., TARDEC is located in the heart of the world's automotive capital. TARDEC's technical staff leads research in not only combat and tactical vehicle technology, but also in a wide variety of logistics equipment, water generation and purification, fuels and lubricants, military bridging, countermining equipment, and more.

Editor's note: Rae Higgins is a contractor for the U.S. Army RDECOM-Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center.

Potential for fires should keep residents alert to hazards

BY JOAN VASEY
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A cigarette tossed by a motorist ignites a blaze in dry grass. Fire quickly spreads across Fort Huachuca's southern boundary, and flames reach a crowded subdivision.

Another cigarette tossed from a car window on Highway 80 near Douglas lands in a tangle of weeds. Fanned by winds, the resulting fire is carried toward a nearby ranch house. The fire is easily suppressed along the property boundary because the owner had mowed his lawn to that point.

These actual incidents reported by local fire departments could have been close calls for property owners. Many newcomers to the Southwest are unaware that Arizona's arid climate, warm temperatures and available fuels seasonally create conditions with wildland fire potential. Due to continued drought, in spite of recent rains, wildfire starts may increase early.

Attracted by the rugged beauty of the Southwest, populations are expanding further into what were once open range or forested areas. Soldiers new to the Southwest as well as many other newer residents from wetter states are unaware of potential fire risks when they choose to live in "wildland/urban interface", where homes are tucked into forests or grasslands. Agency response time increases when homes are far away from fire stations. Water supplies are usually less reliable in rural locations. Road access is hampered when roads are narrow, infrequently maintained, in steep

terrain, or difficult to locate.

The natural beauty that attracts the homeowner may work against him during a wildland fire. Trees, brush, weeds and tall grass around homes will carry fire to these structures. Narrow, rugged roads overhung by trees or bordered by brush could hamper evacuation. Remote living means greater distance to safety when evacuation is needed.

Additionally, rural volunteer fire departments that effectively serve a low number of residents across broad geographic areas are not equipped to provide the same level of service when massive development has taken place. Those who live in wildland urban/interface areas should take responsible measures to protect their homes rather than place sole reliance for home defense on outside agencies. The cooler weather of the next few months is conducive to working around homes and structures to prepare them for the spring/summer "fire season".

Homeowners who have chosen to live in urban interface areas should be proactive in defense of homes from wildland fire. Homeowners should be aggressive in creating "defensible space" around their homes. Neighbors in remote locations can band together to ensure access routes are safe, and develop evacuation plans and routes. Urban interface communities can plan and implement projects to create defensible space and develop effective evacuation plans. At minimum, people in fire-prone areas should take preventive measures to make their structures more fire resistant by clearing at least 30 feet of defen-



Courtesy Photo

Taking preventative measures against fires can prevent blazes like this one burning in Tucson.

sible space around each one.

Learn more about creating "defensible space" by contacting your local fire department or Forest Service office. The Sierra Vista Ranger District, Coronado National Forest offers free home hazard analysis inspections to off post residents by appointment for people who live within or near the national forest boundary. For more information about home hazard assessments or for free brochures that explain how to prepare structures

for "fire season", call the Sierra Vista Ranger District at 378-0311. Many local fire departments throughout the country conduct home fire safety inspections or offer other free fire prevention services within their local jurisdictions.

Wildland fire...do your part to prevent a start! Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. For information online, visit the firewise website at www.firewise.org.

Amy News

Changing faces from Saddam to Soldier Iraqi artist creates statue to honor fallen heroes

BY SPC. BENJAMIN R. KIBBEY
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

When he was forced to fashion statues of Saddam Hussein on horseback, the Iraqi sculptor, Kalat, had no idea that someday he would melt them down to create a memorial for American Soldiers.

The two original statues — which adorned a gate at the palace complex where 4th Infantry Division's headquarters group is located — were removed with explosives in early July, said 1st Sgt. Mark Anderson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

The statues were cut into pieces by the 555th Engineer Group and shipped to Kalat who reshaped the chunks of bronze into a likeness of an American Soldier. A small girl comforts the Soldier as he mourns a fallen comrade.

The likeness was fashioned

from a photograph of 1st Sgt. Glen Simpson, the former HHC first sergeant, who knelt for a picture that has become an immortal portrait in bronze, said Command Sgt. Maj. Chuck Fuss, 4th Inf. Div. command sergeant major.

Kalat spent several months sculpting and casting the statue.

"Though he created the original statues of Saddam along with another artist, he created the 4th Infantry Division memorial through his own design," Anderson said.

The sculpture is based on a scene many in Iraq have witnessed in one form or another.

A Soldier kneels before a memorial of boots, rifle and helmet - his forehead resting in the hollow of his hand. Behind and to his right stands a small Iraqi girl with her hand reaching out to touch his shoulder.

The statue evokes emotion. The girl was added to the statue

to remind people of why the sacrifice was made, Fuss said.

"It's about freedom for this country, but it's also about the children who will grow up in a free society," he said.

Sitting in a former palace of Saddam now, the statue will soon be shuttled to Fort Hood, where it will become part of a larger memorial project at the 4th Inf. Div. museum.

Fuss and Anderson credited the Soldiers' generosity and Simpson's vision for the lasting gift that, in the end, remembers fallen comrades.

"I think this is the best way we can honor their families and their memories," Fuss said.

"Really that's what it's for - a tribute to all the Soldiers over here who lost their lives," Anderson said. "They will never be forgotten and they will always be heroes in our eyes."

Editor's note: Spc. Benjamin R. Kibbey is a member of Task Force Ironhorse Public Affairs Office..



Courtesy photo

The OIF memorial statue sits in Saddam's palace en route to Fort Hood.

Soldiers, officers can now view records online

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Soldiers can now review their personnel information on the Web in a one-page Enlisted Records Brief. Official photographs were added last month to the online Officer Records Briefs, which first became available on the Web in June. The ERBs went online in December.

MyERB and MyORB are now both on the U.S. Army Human Resources Command homepage at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>. Just click on the "Active" link at bottom right. Then the MyORB and

MyERB links can be found in the left chimney.

Soldiers may also view their ERB and ORB on their AKO account, said Sgt. Matthew R. Tovar, S-1 noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison. "Soldier should go to the Army Knowledge online Website," Tovar said. Soldiers are able to go under self service, click on 'my personnel' and under 'my S-1 personnel', click on official military personnel file, he said.

"We believe that Soldiers' access to their personnel information is the best it's ever been with

the ERB going online," said Col. Reuben Jones, commander of the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center.

Soldiers who need to update or make changes need to make an appointment through their company training room, Tovar said. Soldiers will then make an appointment with the records section at Whiteside Hall military personnel office.

"If Soldiers need to make changes they should still contact their S-1," Jones said. "Once changes are made in eMILPO, Soldiers should see corrections to their ERB within 24 to 48 hours."

Currently, only the ORB includes a photo. The ERB will incorporate enlisted official photographs from the Department of the Army Photo Management Information System, known as DAPMIS, in a couple of months, officials said.

Soldiers who have DA photos may view them once they are posted, Tovar said.

"It is important that everyone ensures ... personnel information is accurate and updated," said Brig. Gen. Rhett Hernandez, director of Officer Personnel, HRC. "MyORB with the photo is another step toward that end state."

Community Updates

Range closures

Today – AC, AD, AM, AN, T1, T1A, T2
 Friday – AC, AD, AU, T1, T1A, T2
 Saturday – AC, AD, T1, T1A, T2
 Sunday – No closures (subject to change)
 Monday – AC, AD, AG, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2
 Tuesday – AC, AD, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AT, AU, T1, T1A, T2
 Wednesday – AC, AD, AH, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU
 For more information, call Range Control at 533-7095.

Construction on post

The Directorate of Installation Support's contractors will be rebuilding the roads, sidewalks, driveways, curbs and gutters on Arizona Street between Mason Street beginning Monday and ending May 14.

The project will be executed in two phases. Phase one consists of removing and replacing all of the concrete and is expected to last two months (Monday-March 19) and will be performed by our concrete requirements contractor, SBBI.

Phase two consists of removing and replacing all of the asphalt and is expected to last another two months (March 22 – May 14) and will be performed by our pavement requirements contractor, A&S Paving.



The Directorate of Installation Support's paving contractor, A&S Paving, will be rebuilding the roads on Derum Street (both sections), Carlson Street, and Nickles Avenue beginning Monday and ending March 19.

Housing occupants will have vehicular ac-

cess to their residences but are asked to cooperate with the contractors for their safety.

For more information, call the Contract Management Division at 533-1443.



Registration announcement

Wayland Baptist University will begin spring term registration on Monday at the Rascon Learning Center and at their downtown campus at 1840 Paseo San Luis.

Registration lasts three weeks, with classes beginning the week of Feb. 16.

WBU provides daytime, evening and online classes. Wayland offers degrees in business, management, communication systems technology, management, intelligence operations, criminal justice, and many others.

For more information, or a free evaluation, call 459-6111.

Town Hall meeting

The Gatewood Town Hall meeting will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Murr Community Center. It is sponsored by the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion.

The meeting is open to all residents of Hanna, Fuller, Patch, Hall, Kautz and Brown. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Randy Flores at 533-2626 or 249-7863.

Warrant Officer statement

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, sailors, and airman to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties.

Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information, and all forms and documents required visit the Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or call DSN 536-0484/0458/0488/0478/0271/1860.

Free prenatal classes

The following prenatal classes are offered by Army Community Service:



Caring for your newborn - Detailed information on holding, bathing, diapering, dressing, etc.

Other topics discussed are medical concerns, colic, crying and safety;

Breastfeeding your newborn - Discussion includes benefits of breastfeeding, positions, latching on, problem prevention and solutions, and community resources;

Assisting your newborn's development - Covers current information about the importance of the first years and their effect on brain development.

All classes are free and open to the public. They are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the ACS conference room.

For more information, call ACS at 533-6877 or 533-2330.

Volunteers needed

Do you love babies? Would you like to help parents get a good start in their parenting role?

First Steps is a volunteer program that offers support, information and referrals to parents of newborns in the hospital, immediately after the baby is born.

Training for volunteers is provided free, and a volunteer's commitment is only a few hours each week. Free child care is also available while you are volunteering.

For more information, call the First Steps Program at 533-6877 or 533-2330.

New members wanted

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club, a non-profit organization that provides money for scholarships and community support is looking for new members.

For more information, call Wendy Breen at 378-1763 or sign up at an FHCSC event.

ACS needs volunteers

Army Community Services Family Advocacy Program is in need of people to volunteer their time to learn puppetry skills and perform for local children with a troupe of educational puppets.

For more information, call Staci Kiefer at 533-2993/2330.

Recruit the recruiter

United States Army Recruiting is seeking highly motivated and dedicated noncommissioned officers to assist in providing to the strength of America's Army.

Take the challenge and learn how you can become a member of the recruiting team.

For more information visit our Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/recruiter or call DSN 536-0215, 539-0465, 539-0210 or 536-0457.



Dental emergency

For true dental emergencies occurring after normal clinic hours, please call the dental charge of quarters cellular telephone at 227-5563 or DCQ beeper at 533-3500-digital access code-306.

Family members should seek emergency care from their Tricare Dental Plan personal dentist. Retirees should seek emergency care from the Tricare Retiree Dental Plan personal dentist.



Computer use available for training, research, education

SCOUT REPORTS

Do you need to look up weapons and vehicle nomenclatures for Advanced Individual Training? Or do you need to research a paper for class?

Are you taking a correspondence course through the Army Correspondence Course Program or a class through the Army's SmartForce site?

What about looking up your next duty station's web page? Do you need to look at your Army Knowledge Online e-mail? Do you just want to use a computer? Are you aware that the Army Education Center has computers for you to use?

At the AEC we have 15 computers with Internet access available for Military, Civilians, Dependents and Retirees to use.

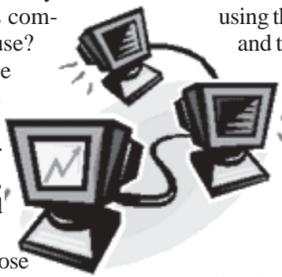
The main purpose of use for these computers is for training and education.

The computers are available for use in Building 52104 (across from Barnes Field House), as follows:

7:15 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

7:15 a.m. - noon, Friday

9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday



All of the systems have Office 2000 or Office XP (this includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access), Adobe Acrobat Reader, Internet Explorer, Army Correspondence Course Program Catalog, Functional Academic Skills Training course curriculum, Form Flow, and DANTES Distance Learning Catalog. Two systems also have scanners. There is also a typing tutorial available on two other systems.

There are several rules posted that need to be read and followed in order to use these computers. They consist of:

- Priority is given to customers using these systems for education and training purposes; all other customer use is on a "space available" basis.

- No viewing pornographic materials or sending, posting or displaying images or graphics that contain offensive, abusive, slanderous, vulgar, and/or defamatory messages, text, or graphics.

- No commercial email. This includes Yahoo, AOL, Hotmail, Earthlink, etc. You can check your AKO email account.

- All diskettes/CD-ROMs must be scanned for viruses before using

them on the computers.

- No Loading/downloading software onto the system's hard drive.

- No changing of the computer's setup or programs.

- Please bring your own paper and diskettes.

- Games and gambling are not allowed on these computers.

- Please notify the lab manager or computer specialist if you are experiencing any problems with the system.

Any violation of these rules will result in revocation of privileges. Your commander may also be notified.

Use of these government computer systems constitutes consent to telecommunications security monitoring.

Upon reading the rules, you will sign in at the front desk. Your signature implies that you have read and agree to follow these rules. A staff member will check your identification card and assign you to a specific workstation. Please remember: we have hundreds of people visiting our facility each day.

Following these simple rules will allow legitimate users to access required materials and will ensure an environment free of questionable or offensive material.

For more information, call 533-1019.

Less water used

December stats down; means savings for fort

BY JOAN VASEY
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SPECIALIST

December Fort Huachuca water use was down one percent from December 2002, and was 39.8 percent less than the 21-year December average of 1982-2002.

Approximately 97 acre-feet, or 31,626,000 gallons of water was pumped during December, according to Michael Shaughnessey, realty specialist, Directorate of Installation Support. During December, the fort used about 1,000,000 acres of water per day.

"The lower water usage in December was most likely due to holiday facility closures and personnel leave," Shaughnessey said. A total of 1,542 acre-feet of water was pumped during 2003, roughly 1.2 percent more than the 1,523 acre feet pumped during 2002. Personnel at the

USDA Forest Service tanker base at Libby Army Airfield were not involved in fire-suppression during December. About 637,769 gallons of water, 1.96 acre-feet, were pumped earlier last year during the fire season. Approximately 10.7 acre-feet of treated effluent were used to irrigate the golf course, Chaffee parade field, and Prosser Military Intelligence Village. This represents a water and energy savings, as treated effluent is water that does not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer.



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Cost Warriors

Margaret Hayes Education Services Directorate

Hayes has volunteered through the installation volunteer program to clean the Education Center and cleans the entire building once a week.

Estimated cost avoidance is \$18,000 a year. This would be the approximate cost of hiring a company to come in and clean this building.

Robert Bridges Directorate of Installation Support

Bridges worked with the Sierra Vista Department of Public Works; their in house engineering staff produced the design, drawings and specifications. Fort Huachuca will award the construction and receive credit for storm water recharge.

Estimated cost avoidance by having the city accomplish the design is \$30,000

Gary Shafranski Directorate of Information Management

Shafranski has obtained \$200,000 from partner organizations to add to our I3MP project on Fort Huachuca. This funding will greatly improve the information infrastructure on Fort Huachuca.

Lilly Garland Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

Garland developed an employee handbook that covers a wide variety of personnel related issues specific to Fort Huachuca.

New employees are provided a copy of this quick and convenient source of information in their orientation package.

This has resulted in timesavings for the CPAC by reducing the number of calls received on general orientation questions.