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Car rental moves

Enterprise Car Rental is moving from its current location in the Post Exchange Mall, Building 52030. The new location is the Regimental mini mall, Building 82301, corner of Hatfield and Bissel. The move will be completed by Friday.

Controlled burns set

The Fort Huachuca fire department is continuing controlled burns on ranges 8 and 9 through Sunday, weather and wind permitting.

Additional burning will take place today through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., if weather permits.

The current burns are part of controlled burning operations that were started last week. Burning scheduled for Sunday and Wednesday were cancelled due to windy conditions.

Employer visit day

The Army Career and Alumni Program will host Employer visit day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the ACAP Center, Building 22420, Butler Road.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross Blood will conduct a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., today and from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at Eifler Gym.

Boxing champ visits

International sports legend Sugar Ray Leonard will visit Fort Huachuca 4-5:45 p.m., Tuesday, at the Main Post Exchange to meet with fans and sign autographs.

There will be a drawing for free tickets to the April 2 Desert Diamond Casino Showdown bouts.

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Lunch break is time for heavy competition.

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Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Presidential citation

The Navy and Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation Streamer was awarded to Company C, 40th Signal Battalion in a ceremony Wednesday. Col. Brian R. Hurley is the commander of the 11th Signal Brigade.

Joint training

Heralding in new era of intel instruction

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
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This week marks the initiation of a new way of training intelligence professionals on Fort Huachuca. The first class of the Joint Intelligence Combat Training Center has been testing out just-built facilities that will allow intelligence professionals a more realistic

training environment.

The purpose of the JI-CTC is to have a place to train intelligence professionals against real-world missions as well as create a training environment for professionals from other intelligence communities, said Lt. Col. Brian Lesieur, commander of the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion.

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Conference forecasts JITC's future

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

The Joint Operability Test Command held its 4th annual Interoperability Conference March 16-18 at the Buena Performing Arts Center.

"JITC's conference is meant to bring military, government and industry professionals together in order to address current interoperability issues and keep everyone informed of the status of our trade," said Air Force 1st Lt. Jared Harris, Command, Control, Computers, Communications, Information, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Systems Integration officer at JITC. "The con-

ference also serves as an open forum for vendors and industry to make themselves visible to the warfighter."

JITC would like more community and post involved in the conference because the tools that deploying units, like those on Fort Huachuca, used in the field are tested at JITC, Harris said. Many items that are not tested aren't always field-ready and could malfunction in war, he added.

The theme of this year's conference was "Net Centric Battlespace: Paving the Road Ahead." In the Net Centric Operations paradigm, there will be a singular combat network that all of the Department of Defense functions on, Harris said. This system would allow commanders to

view all assets available to them from weapons to vehicles to troop strength. Since the Net Centric System will be DoD run, all services will be able to coordinate their actions.

"Net Centric systems will seamlessly exchange data, images and video [of the battlefield] to decision makers so they can get it out to our guys in the field," said Air Force Col. Victoria A. Velez, JITC commander.

"We are in a need to know environment," said Rear Adm. Nancy E. Brown, vice director Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems, Joint Staff. "Network joint, multinational and inter-agency forces are the next great

leap in operational capabilities."

And Fort Huachuca's JITC will play a vital role in the Net Centric Revolution. "We're an integral step in the process, being the sole certifier for DoD and joint use systems," said Velez. "We have to test and certify equipment before it gets in the hands of the warfighters."

JITC is DoD's sole organization charged with the mission of evaluating the interoperability of National Security Systems and Information Technology systems. JITC conducts a wide range of developmental, operational and standards conformance tests for DoD, private industry and

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First Prophet operators graduate, bring expertise to facilitators in field

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Seven linguists were the first Soldiers to graduate from the new Prophet Operator Course last week.

Staff Sgt. Gregory E. Smith, the senior course instructor, said there currently are Prophet systems being used in theater but that the operators had to learn how

to use the equipment on the job. The Soldiers who graduated March 17 are the first with formal Army instruction.

"Hopefully these guys will help [Prophet operators in the field] with their training," Smith said.

The eight-week functional area course formally trains Soldiers how to use the Prophet, which is a mobile ground-based

tactical signal intelligence system, said Chief Warrant Officer Susan Ryan, the committee chief for the Prophet operator course. The Prophet will provide early warning of potential threats to supported forces, she said.

Ryan said Maj. Gen. James Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, requested a delay in the initial plan to imple-

ment a new military occupational specialty, 98P, Prophet operator, while the MOS requirements for the Prophet system were fully analyzed. In the meantime, the system is being taught to Soldiers in MOS 98G cryptologic linguist, as a functional area.

Smith said he not only instructs the students, but trained the course instructors as well. Smith's background is in ground

surveillance systems, which differs from the Prophet system in that it is used to detect transmissions on airborne frequencies.

Smith said the Prophet has some improvements over the other systems that the Army is currently using.

"The Prophet is capable of finding frequency while driving

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Thunderbirds come home

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11TH SIGNAL BRIGADE

Homecoming celebrations for the Thunderbirds continued March 17 as 11th Signal Brigade held a welcome home ceremony at Murr Recreation Center.

A group of 32 Soldiers was welcomed back from serving overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While many of the prior homecomings were scheduled to coincide with late-night flights full of tired Soldiers, these Soldiers had time to recover from the day-long flight from the Middle East. As the number of Thunderbirds in Southwest Asia dwindles, Soldier are returning in smaller numbers and having group homecoming ceremonies.

In thanking the Military Intelligence Center Army band for their performances, Lt. Col. Mark Crenshaw, deputy commander of 11th Sig. Bde., also acknowledged the many late night performances the Army Band had held to honor Thunderbirds over the last several months.

"It's a beautiful day, and I'm seeing faces I haven't seen in a lot of months," Crenshaw said. "Speaking from experience, there are two words a Soldier never gets tired of hearing: 'Welcome home.' So Thunderbirds: welcome home and job well done."

The Soldiers were also presented the brigade's OIF coin, which bears the unit crests of all those serving under the 11th Sig. Bde. colors and a list of nations where the Thunderbirds served, to include Kuwait, Iraq,

Jordan and Djibouti.

The coins were presented by the official party, which consisted of Crenshaw, Col. Mary Shively, Network Enterprise Technology Command's chief of staff; Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Desjardins, NETCOM command sergeant major; and Sgt. Maj. Wilfred Thomas, 11th Sig. Bde. S-3 sergeant major.

Shively spoke to the returning Soldiers on behalf of Maj. Gen. James Hylton, NETCOM commanding general.

"[Maj. Gen. Hylton] knows you've all done an absolutely magnificent job," said Shively. "You've worked in tough circumstances. The contributions you make to keeping America and our families safe are crucial."

Shively then outlined the scope of the 11th Sig. Bde.'s contribution by stating that people ranking from the President and key cabinet members to the Soldiers on the ground benefited from the hard work, dedication and ingenuity of the Thunderbirds. She also identified with the families of the Thunderbirds - Shively's husband was once an 11th Sig. Bde. Soldier.

Thunderbirds served throughout Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The brigade operated at nearly twice its normal strength with augmentation from Active, Reserve and National Guard units working alongside the Thunderbirds to provide theater-level voice and data communications. Soldiers of 11th Sig. Bde. have been serving overseas in the Global War on Terrorism since September 2001.

Commentary

Hanging onto credentials as a military brat

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I'm a brat – and it's my parent's fault. I was born into an Air Force family May 15, 1963, at RAF Mildenhall, England. My dad knew I was going to be a girl because my mom went into labor on military payday. Although unaware of its significance at the time, I received my first military identification card just before my second birthday. It was like having a membership card to a very special club.

My first memory of my dad's military career impacting my life was when I was three. Dad went to Thailand for a year and my mom, preferring not to live alone at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in the wilds of northern Michigan, moved us to her home in Berlin. My brother and I made reel-to-reel tapes for my dad and quickly learned German from my grandparents, who spoke no English. After a year in Germany, my brother and I lost

our ability to speak English, and when my dad returned from the jungles of Thailand, we greeted him with "hallo Vati!", instead of "hi Dad!"

We moved to Arizona while the Air Force sent dad to school to become an electrical engineer and an officer, then it was off to Fort Meade, Md., followed by tours to Berlin, Wiesbaden, Germany, and the Pentagon.

We moved fairly regularly, and the years were punctuated with dad being gone on extended temporary duties, training and unaccompanied tours.

As I got older, it was hard to tear myself away from old school friends. The teenage years were especially rough, as I had to leave behind cliques and crushes. On the other hand, every two and a half years or so I got to check out a whole new crop of cute boys. With each new assignment, I looked forward to what seemed like an exotic location with a new school

and a new house. But, I also remember the loneliness of being a stranger who sometimes didn't fit in.

Funny memories come back to me now. I remember being 12 and having to wear a hat and gloves (yuck!), to a change of command ceremony, going to officer wives' teas with my mother, knowing that if I got in trouble as a juvenile overseas my dad's chain of command would be notified, and meeting the Air Force Thunderbirds and hanging out with my dad and pilots on the flight line.

My mother likes to tell the story of me coming home from first grade and expressing my disgust at the fact that no one in my class had ever flown on an airplane and that some of the kids had lived in the same place all their lives.

What I remember most though is the sticker my dad placed on the bumper of his light blue Audi, nicknamed Air Force



Courtesy photo

Families that move together, stay together according to Tanja Linton, far right, with her family. Mother Ingrid is from Berlin, her father, Harold, is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and her brother, Stephen, spent a few years in the Air Force before settling in Tucson.

One. The sticker said, "Happiness is an Air Force family." Because of all our moving around, my mom, dad, brother and I are a very tight family unit. We had to be – making our way through strange places without friends and extended family made us rely on each other.

Interestingly enough, we still

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Chaplain's Corner

Finding guideposts in midst of life's storms

BY DAN DEVENY
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MAIN POST CHAPEL

Some years ago, during a school spring break, a group of high school students set out for Mt. Hood, Ore. Along with several chaperones and guides they planned to hike and camp out during school break.

In that part of the United States it is not unusual to get one last snowstorm before spring really arrives...and a fierce storm came out of nowhere. Before long the guides suggested two of the leaders should go for help; everyone else would make shelters and wait for help to come. Between the heavy snowfall and the high winds it soon became impossible for the hikers to recognize their surroundings. Fear was beginning to take its toll as they were more and more disoriented.

It was the next day before the rescuers found the hikers. Three of the young hikers died during the night. Along with frostbite, exhaustion and hunger there was great heartache as well.

One of the sorrowful realizations was that the rescue team was within shouting distance of the hikers during the night, but the terrain was so much different at night with all of the fresh snow. The guideposts they had established in clear weather were blurred and even covered over because of the storm.

That seems the way life is in general, though, doesn't it? Not just when you're hiking in the wilderness, but every level of life. We begin something with high anticipations of success and a storm, not necessarily a storm caused by weather but a storm that sometimes rages within us, blows right in the midst of what started out to be a great day. And before we know it we have lost our guideposts; we become

disoriented and frustrated and we want to give up.

I've never been lost in a snowstorm, but I have been lost in my daily life; trying to find my way. It is fearful, discouraging and too often there is a reoccurring pattern. And so I began to look for a solution and I found one.

I had to go to the writings of King Solomon, who lived in the ninth century before Christ. His royal wisdom is one of the areas he is remembered for today. When I am lost in a storm of any kind, and sometimes it seems as though it will be the end of me, I remember King Solomon's wisdom, "trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In everything you do acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5, 6) It doesn't mean I am free of life's storms, but it means the Lord is my guidepost and when I trust in him I will be ok, regardless of the circumstances. Give it a try.

Scout On The Street – Why do you like your parents working with the military?



"You get to go places. You get to make new friends, and all the people are nice."

Malissa Simpler, 9



"It's great to live on post. I don't like to live downtown because there's more strangers downtown. I just love on post for some reason."

Danielle Perdue, 9



"It's really fun here. There are a lot of activities and things."

Robert Irwin, 10



"It's great. You get to go places you've never been to. You get to meet people and you get new friends."

Adam Coopridge, 10



"I like it here because I like to draw and write stories and I like to play with puppets. And I like to see my teacher a lot. And I like to see my friends."

Clairanne Moncur, 7



"Some of my friends have been stationed in the same places with me and when we moved, they moved the day after."

Orlando Anderson, 10

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New PT tested at AIT

Program prepares Soldiers for battle

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
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Battle continues in the Middle East and Soldiers on Training and Doctrine Command posts across the country are getting revamped physical training to prevent injuries and prepare them for the hurdles that await them overseas.

The Army Physical Fitness School, in coordination with TRADOC, has designed a fitness program for initial entry training Soldiers to better prepare them for the physical demands of the battlefield.

"The drills are designed to strengthen the body in a way that ensure better performance of a Soldier's common tasks while reducing injuries."

Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, commander, Army Accessions Command

"We analyzed films to watch how a Soldier, as an engineer, lifts the parts of a bridge, how a track vehicle mechanic lifts the sprocket, how an infantryman moves in a three-to-five second rush, how they low-crawl, how they climb into a window," said Lt. Col. William Rieger, APFS commandant. "Everything relates back to Soldier common tasks."

Conditioning drills are the mainstay of the new format. Drills include exercises like the squat bender, the bent leg body twist, push-ups, pull-ups, mountain climbers and sit-ups, performed at a very slow cadence, said Staff. Sgt. John Porcher, drill sergeant, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion. Rather than a distance running focus, Soldiers run wind sprints to prepare them for quick combat maneuvering.

Also, due to the increase of injury to IET Soldiers, the program strengthens Soldiers while not putting too much impact on the new recruits, Porcher said.

"The drills are designed to strengthen the body in a way that ensures better performance of a Soldier's common tasks while reducing injuries," said Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, commander, Army Accessions Command.

"We need to cater toward everybody not just the PT elite," he continued. Recruits are coming from civilian lifestyles and aren't physically prepared for the rigors of military training upon entry.

The current PT program focuses the exercises and muscle groups worked during the Army Physical Fitness Test. Even though the new program moves the focus from



Photos by Pfc. Joy Pariente

Wind sprints supplement distance running in the new PT program. Soldiers such as Pvt. Michael W. Bloundeau, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, run six sets of 25 meters.

push-ups, sit-ups and the two-mile run to overall fitness and combat mobility, PT scores shouldn't suffer. "We had a 10 percent increase in overall PT scores for the company [after beginning the new program]," Porcher said.

Classes are being given to drill sergeants to train them in the new drills and exercises.

"I think the new program will improve mission readiness if done correctly and done properly," Porcher said.

The new program is scheduled to be implemented TRADOC-wide by April 1.



Company E Soldiers are learning new drills which include exercises such as the mountain climber, the high jumper and the lungers. Pvt. Anthony J. Quayle and Pfc. Scot Bregi perform the bend and twist.

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several federal agencies. Also, JITC provides direct technical support for warfighter tactical systems.

Systems get JITC certified to assure the warfighter that the combatant commander, services and agency systems can interoperate in a join, combined or coalition team. "No matter where you put it, it has to operate to standard," Harris said.

"JITC is critical to us being able to

achieve this vision [Net Centric] because they determine if equipment is useful and accurate," Brown said.

"JITC has a dual role. They will continue their current testing of systems, but they will take on the role of transforming testing," said Maj. Gen. Marilyn A. Quagliotti, vice director of the Defense Information Systems Agency, JITC parent organization. The new testing will be to evaluate the Net

Centric system the same way it is used in the field. "We want to test the Net Centric System as one whole system."

Net Centric systems will change how battles are fought and won, and JITC is on the forefront of getting systems out to Soldiers that are accurate, advanced and reliable. "Every service believes if you don't have information superior to the enemy, you're at a serious disadvantage," Harris said.

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down the road," Smith said. "None of the other systems can do that."

The Prophet also has a dismountable piece, making the system more flexible. Smith said the dismountable part of the system, the PRD-13, detects a frequency range of two to 2,000 megahertz, while the humvee-mounted part of the system detects 20 to 2,000 megahertz.

Spc. James Rojas Fortier, who came to the Prophet Operator Course directly from his advanced individual training in January, said he enjoyed the course because it involved more than the classroom training he had gotten learning his linguistic skills.

"It was actually fun," Fortier said. "We got to go out in the field. It was refreshing to go outside and be in the elements and be in the field."

Fortier said he was impressed by the intelligence of both the students and instructors.

"I was impressed by the fact that everyone pretty much blazed through the material," Fortier said. "It was a pretty intelligent group. All the NCOs were knowledgeable."

Smith also noted that the students were very bright. "The students did well," he said. "They impressed me. They pretty much excelled in every mission we gave them."



Service News

CMSAF talks fitness

During a visit to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii on March 15, the top enlisted airman talked about fitness and force shaping.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray explained there was no plan to use the new fitness assessment as a part of the Weighted Airmen Promotion System.

"(Leaders have) talked about a possible change to the enlisted performance report that might include a new line about physical fitness standards," said the chief. "But other than that, right now there is no talk of changing the WAPS."

Another topic the chief addressed was force shaping.

To clear up confusion, Chief Murray said it should not be looked at as a means to reduce the force, but a way to reshape it to meet the expeditionary needs of today's Air Force.

He also said the reshaping will not increase the air and space expeditionary forces rotation.

Ship maintenance revamped

Ship maintenance is one of the newest initiatives fleet sailors are putting into practice. It is a 'best business' practice that is changing the culture of getting ship work completed in a one-step process.

"Innovative programs like SHIPMAIN and the Naval Aviation Readiness Integrated Improvement Program helped develop and share best practices, streamline maintenance planning and improved performance goals in shipyards, depots and Intermediate Maintenance Activities," said Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark.

"As we move more and more towards the 'smart ship' design and operations, the crew size is significantly reduced. This means that more of the maintenance, above and beyond preventive maintenance schedule, is performed by outside activities such as ship intermediate maintenance activities, shipyards and private contractors. The implementation of the SHIPMAIN program ensures that the right group is attached to the right job from the very beginning, thereby expediting its completion," explained Master Chief Machinist's Mate Jeffery A. Gray, SIMA command master chief, Norfolk, Va.

SHIPMAIN provides the maximum benefit per maintenance dollar by a one step process, eliminating time lags, prioritizing ship jobs and empowering surface ship sailors in their ship's maintenance decisions.

Marines back in Iraq

The scarlet and gold of 1st Marine Division's colors were unfurled and a new page in the history book began as the Camp Pendleton, California-based unit relieved the Army's 82nd Airborne Division during a relief-in-place ceremony on Friday.

Maj. Gen. James N. Mattis, 1st Marine Division's commanding general, formally assumed responsibility of the Al Anbar and Northern Babil provinces from Army Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannack Jr., 82nd Airborne Division's commanding general. The relief-in-place ceremony was held at the division's headquarters in Ar Ramadi, about a two-hour drive west of Baghdad.

The 18,000 soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division making up Task Force All American, based out of Fort Bragg, N.C., served in Iraq since the middle of last year and accomplished a multitude of operational achievements.

Most of the Marines from the "Blue Diamond" were Iraq in 2003 during the war and are prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

Stateside space-A travel test extended

The one year test to expand space available travel privileges to family members of active duty and retired servicemembers traveling within the continental United States was extended until further notice, according to Air Mobility Command's air transportation division officials.

Under the space-A test phase, the family members of active duty and retired servicemembers are able to travel space-A aboard military flights when accompanied by their sponsors, said John Lundebly, of the passenger policy branch. He said the test does not apply to gray-area retirees, Guard and Reserve airmen who are retired but are not yet eligible for retired pay and benefits.

To register for space-A travel, active duty sponsors must be on leave or a pass and remain in the status while awaiting travel and through the entire travel period, officials said.

Additional space-A travel and sign-up information is available through the passenger policy branch Web site at <http://public.amc.af.mil/SPACEA/spacea.htm>.

Marine safety record on rise

The Marine Corps is on pace to have its best safety record since 2000. The news came this week as the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps was visiting Camp Pendleton, Calif., to make a pitch for safety. "It breaks your heart to hear another Marine has wrapped himself around a telephone pole," Gen. William L. Nyland said Tuesday at the San Luis Rey Officers Club in an address to the Marine Corps' Executive Safety Board.

So far this fiscal year, Marine death tolls are shrinking compared with the five-year average, according to statistics provided by the Naval Safety Center.

Marines' penchant for adventure, coupled with the Corps' large contingent of young men in their late teens and early 20s, has plenty to do with the Marine Corps' safety problem, Nyland said.

"They [Marines] didn't sign up to have slide rules and pencil protectors, they signed up looking for a challenge."

Our

Military families challenges,

Trained to help

Health professional is mom first; faces concerns of deployed son

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Moms will always worry about their children, no matter how old they grow to be or how close to home they live. The anxious moments mothers normally have turn from seconds to days to months if their child is in the military and is in a forward deployed area such as Iraq.

Judy Pike, a supervisory social worker at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center on post, said she is surprised by how much she worries about her son Tom, who is deployed to Iraq.

"I'm always concerned for my kids and he's in the most risky job of our four kids," said Pike.

"The difficult thing is I know he's in harm's way and I have to admit that I'm shocked at how much energy being concerned consumes," Pike said. "Intellectually, as a social worker and a therapist, I knew about anxiety. Until Tom went to Iraq, I didn't understand it in my skin."

Pike said she has become much more aware of what families of deployed Soldiers go through since her son has been in Iraq. She said that her concern for her son can be exhausting.

"I spend a lot of time praying for him and all the Soldiers in Iraq," she said. "I wake up at night praying and go to sleep at night praying because I know all the Soldiers in Iraq are in harm's way."

It's the parents' job to support their children, Pike said.

"My feeling is - my job as a parent is to raise my children to be contributing members of this culture," Pike said. "Whatever talents, abilities they have, they're going to make their choices."

"We raise our children to be their own people," Pike said. "So if they wanted to be in the military, we would support them."

"What I'm most struck by is that he's doing what he wants to do and he's responsible and serious and that's important," she said.

Pike said she doesn't speak with her son on the phone very often because she wants him to use his limited phone time with his wife, Amy, who is an Army captain working at Veterinary Services on post.

She added that she remains in more frequent contact with Tom through e-mail.

"Of the last five years, he's been out of the country almost two years," she said. She added that of the one and a half years he's been married her son has spent about two months with his wife and recognizes the hardship that is for his marriage.

Although her son's deployment may cause her stress as a mother, Pike recognizes that deployments are most difficult on the spouses and children of deployed Soldiers. She said it's much more difficult for younger families because they're at a different stage in their lives and have concerns other

than those of the parents of those who are deployed.

"Children are longing for their parents," she said. "That's powerful stuff. The more we can support families here, the better off Soldiers are going to be at doing their jobs."

Pike said her whole focus is on supporting Tom while he's in Iraq. She said at the beginning of his deployment, she and her friends and family would send packages containing food and she sends him books regularly via the Internet.

"Whatever he wants or needs, he writes or talks to his wife and says, 'I need this,' and we will send it to him," Pike said.

"Everybody's really supportive," she said. "We've been very blessed. We've lived here 26 years. We have friends everywhere who send him packages... and are praying for him. People are supportive of him. I think it helps to know there are lots of people everywhere who are supportive and love him."

Pike deals hands-on with other people's difficult emotions on a daily basis through her work. She's familiar with strategies to maintain good mental health. She said she applies some of these strategies when faced with anxiety over her son.

"I tend to look at things positively, so I will find something positive," she said.

"I exercise, I eat right and there are lots and lots of really great people who are very supportive," Pike said. "All of that makes my job of supporting [my son] easier."

She said if she finds herself feeling too much self-pity, she tells herself to get up and do something for others.

"I feel much better when I do things," she said. "The luxury I don't have for myself is feeling sorry for myself. That's dangerous for me."

"It's helpful to make choices that enhance life rather than deplete it or destroy it," she said.

Having so much support herself, Pike knows how important it is to support others, whether they are deployed Soldiers or the families of those deployed.

"I only know how I feel in my skin," Pike said. "I think it's very individual. I hope for their children's sake, they're [the parents of deployed Soldiers] supporting them."

"If Tom gets given to, he's got more to give to his Soldiers and that's better for everyone who's in harm's way," she said.

"The irony of that is that the more you give out, the more people give to you."



Photo by Spc. Susan Redwine

"Tom is everywhere in this room," said Judy Pike, a supervisory social worker at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. Pike is surrounded by photos and sentimental objects of her son, Tom, who is deployed in Iraq.



Courtesy photo

"I have 83 kids in addition to my two at home," said Sgt. 1st Class Christine Gilson, drill sergeant, Company E, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion. Gilson, with daughter, Megan, 6, said she and her husband work really hard to balance Army life with family time.

We are family

Long hours, good scheduling

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

After almost eight years as a dual military family, Sgt. 1st Class Christine Gilson and Sgt. Maj. Roger Gilson have pretty much figured out the fundamentals to balancing the commitments of Army life and raising a family.

"We always greet each other with a hug at the end of the day," Roger, operations staff officer at the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, said. "We always eat dinner together, sometimes in front of the TV or at the table. We take turns helping our daughter with her homework."

"We go nowhere without our children if we can help it," Christine, drill sergeant, Company E, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion said.

Christine said they try to spend as much time together as a family unit as possible, despite her busy drill sergeant week. "Family life's what you put in it," she said.

As a drill sergeant, Gilson works five to seven days a week with varying day and evening shifts training future military intelligence Soldiers. "I have 83 kids in addition to my two at home. I'm with Soldiers more than I'm with my family."

The Gilsons have two of five children still living at home. Penelope, 15, attends Buena High School and "helps out a lot" at home, according to her dad. Megan, 6, attends Col. Johnston Elementary. The Gilsons take turns spending quality time with Megan during lunch at school.

Luckily, the Gilsons' schedules overlap and there's always someone home for their children. "We set routines," Christine explained. She leaves for physical training at 4 a.m. and is

home before her husband has to leave. He gets back from PT just in time for her to leave for work. Penelope helps get her little sister ready, and she leaves for the bus and dad takes Megan to the bus before heading off to work. "Good communication between us is essential," Roger said. "We have to balance very carefully. Her [Christine's military] duties require me, for the most part, to take our daughter to school, pick her up from day care after school and fix dinner," he said. "I'm a good cook, by the way."

"It takes a lot of balancing and juggling," Christine said. "Usually by him [Roger], not by me, though."

"We always try to plan our week with the kids and each other," Gilson said.

Christine, who's been a drill sergeant for 13 months, took her first pass in a year last weekend and she spent it gardening, spring cleaning and barbecuing. On their weekend down time, the Gilsons "reset" themselves, Roger said. "We both work hard to ensure that the house is in order and spend some quality time with kids and each other."

Christine's drill sergeant tour of duty isn't the first time the Gilsons have had to deal with family and hectic schedules. "She [Christine] comes home later, but we were stationed at Fort Hood [Texas] with the 1st Cavalry [Division] and we were always busy," Roger said. He was also a drill sergeant and understands her obligations.

Christine said there's a very strong family backbone at the Gilson home - a backbone that comes from making time for family even if it's only the two hours between getting home from work and getting the kids off to bed. "We just spend as much time as we can [together]," she said.

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grow strong through moves, triumphs

Hope lives

Family searches for life-saving match

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Thirteen-year-old Susan Maria Taylor should only have to worry about homework and friends, but instead finds herself fighting for her life.

Susan, the daughter of Kim and Karen Taylor, both former Soldiers who work on Fort Huachuca, was diagnosed with an unusual type of leukemia in January 2003, said Sue Ivory, a family friend who is acting as spokesperson for the Taylors while they focus their energy on attending to their daughter.

Once Susan was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia, she began chemotherapy almost immediately, Ivory said.

"They [the doctors] had hopes of getting her into remission and keeping her in remission," Ivory said. "They weren't thinking it was dependent on a bone marrow transplant."

Susan went into remission last year, Ivory said, but had to undergo surgery to repair a heart valve that was damaged as a result of the chemotherapy. Additionally, the cancer treatment has damaged Susan's eyesight.

Susan came out of remission in February and has been undergoing more treatment since then, Ivory said.

Ivory said last week was particularly hard for Susan and that she'd needed to take a lot of blood products.

The doctors were "amazed that she went out of remission that quickly," Ivory said. "It was unusual. They were very surprised."

The treatment that Susan is currently receiving includes treatment with arsenic, a deadly poison.

"Arsenic treatment gives her headaches so bad that they have to give her morphine for the pain," Ivory said. "They were hoping this treatment would help her get into remission

quicker."

Ivory said Susan's doctors are now saying that it's gotten to the point where a bone marrow transplant is necessary.

All of Susan's family members have been tested and none match her tissue type, Ivory said.

Susan is staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Tucson, and her parents take turns staying with her, Ivory said. The amount of leave that Susan's parents have had to take from their jobs since Susan became ill has put stress on the family's finances, Ivory said.

"Their income has probably more than halved," Ivory said of the effect that spending so much time with Susan has had.

Ivory said that Kim, Susan's father, has benefited from the leave donor program on post.

"People in DIS [where Kim works] have been very generous in donating some of their leave for them," Ivory said. "Without the leave donor program, I don't know if they'd survive financially."

Kim has been donated 652 hours of leave since his daughter became ill, said Kelly Garland, human resource assistant at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Ivory is impressed by Susan's strength and positive disposition throughout her illness.

"When they said she was out of remission in February, Kim said she [Susan] was concerned about how the family was going to take it and said she was going to keep fighting it," Ivory said.

"Susan has a tremendous sense of humor and has gone through so much," Ivory said. "She has maintained her sense of humor and her ability to keep fighting this."

There will be bone marrow screening 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday at Apache Middle School. To volunteer, call Ivory at 378-6296 or e-mail her, sue.ivory@hua.army.mil.

Donations save lives

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

A bone marrow drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Apache Middle School in Sierra Vista.

Three hundred fifty new registrants are hoped to be added to the National Marrow Donor Program on Saturday, according to Dr. Yvette Miller of the American Red Cross.

Potential donors must be between 18 and 60, have no severe asthma or heart problems, not have diabetes treated with insulin, not have had lower back surgeries, and must not have an auto immune disorder.

To participate in the bone marrow drive, bring photo identification and the names, addresses and phone numbers of two personal contacts.

The process includes collection of a small sample of blood which is sent to the National Marrow Donor Program Repository for tissue typing. The results are entered into a confiden-

tial registry that is used to identify possible tissue matches.

If a potential donor's marrow matches a patient's need, the donor is contacted, briefed on the actual donation procedure and may still at this point decline to donate.

"I can't stress the importance of getting on the bone marrow registry but also of donating whole blood," said Mary DePew, donor recruitment specialist for the American Red Cross.

The cost to be registered is free to minorities, and the normal \$65 charge for Caucasians will be offset to the first 100 by Long Reality Cares Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Tucson. AAI Corp., a contractor working with the Unmanned Aerial Systems Training Center, will pay the registry fee for their Caucasian employees, DePew said.

Apache Middle School is located at 3305 Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista. To volunteer time or refreshments, call Sue Ivory at 378-6296 or e-mail her, sue.ivory@hua.army.mil



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Family members on Fort Huachuca are introduced to different cultures and activities. Austin Carter is a Soldier for a day including camouflage face paint and a ride in a Humvee.

Who you gonna call?

Here's a list of important places to call for questions or information on housing, health, family/youth services, safety and other important needs:

Newcomers' orientation: 533-2330
Army Career/Alumni Program: 533-7315
Army Community Services: 533-3686 or 533-5919
Army Lodging: 533-2222
Child and Youth Services: 533-0738

School-Age Services: 533-1198
Youth Services: 533-3205
Commissary: 533-5540
Dental Services: 533-5329 or 533-5374
Fire Stations: 911 (emergency) or 533-2111
Family Care Clinic: 533-9200
Main Post Chapel: 533-2366
Military Police: 911 (emergency) or 533-2839
Morale, Welfare and Recreation departments: 533-2404 (box office) or 533-6707 (rentals)

BRAT, from Page 2

move as a family unit. Even though my parents are retired from the Air Force and have been living in Tucson for the past eight years, my brother and I moved to southern Arizona to be closer to them. That close-knit relationship is the foundation that allows me to go out in the world and be a strong, confident person.

When I turned 21, my last ID card expired. I was determined to keep it as a souvenir of belonging to an elite club of international jet setters, but Bolling Air Force Base [Washington, D.C.] had a different idea. The personnel section sent a registered letter to our home demanding I turn the card in to them. I was devastated and cried. That card represented 21 years of being uprooted and having adventures all around the world. I eventually turned it in. It took me years to realize that the ID card may have represented my official connection to the military, but I had lifetime membership in the military brat society!

I meet other adult military brats all the time and even though we may not have been stationed in the same places, gone to the same schools, or had parents in the same branch of service, we always manage to laugh and smile about common experiences.

Now at 40, I can look back at the constant change and uprooting and realize that it has gotten me where I am today. I worked at the department of state and was on the Berlin desk during the fall of the Berlin Wall. I got the job in large part because of my

German language ability and my exposure to the culture that I picked up as a military kid overseas. As much as I hated going to the ladies' teas and wearing gloves as a kid, the experience came in handy when I went to my first big reception during my tour of duty at the Embassy in Bern, Switzerland, and I didn't break into a sweat when confronted with a fish fork and a fruit knife.

But more importantly, I have learned to be open to different experiences and people. I am much more flexible and adaptable to new situations than many of my peers, and I can appreciate that meeting new people is an opportunity to learn something. These are skills I put to use daily in my job as a spokesperson for Fort Huachuca.

Although I didn't join the Air Force (much to my dad's disappointment), I have spent the last 21 years in government service in the United States and overseas. I made that choice because of my upbringing as a military child. Military kids are bold, responsible, adaptable and tolerant - BRAT for short.

I'm a brat - and proud of it!

(Editor's note: Sign up with the free military brat registry at www.military-brats.com and track down old friends. Read stories and share experiences with other brats at [Military Brats Online](http://MilitaryBratsOnline.com) at www.militarybrats.com. Check out the interesting list of famous military brats such as Christina Aguilera, Shaquille O'Neal and Bruce Willis.)

Community Updates

Range closures

Today – AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AM, AN, AP, AR, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Friday – AA, AC, AD, AK, AP, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Saturday – AC, AD, AJ, AL, AM, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AC, AD

Monday – AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG

Tuesday – AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday – AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

For more information, call Range Control 533-7095.

Unit sponsorship training

Unit Sponsorship Training will be held 10 - 11 a.m. Friday at the Army Community Service Building. 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.

To register, call 533-2330/5919.

FRG concept training

Starting this month, ACS will begin conducting "concept block" training for Family Readiness Groups. This month's training will be 9 - 11 a.m. Saturday and will consist of Introduction to Effective Leadership and Meeting Management.

Register no later than the day prior to each class at ACS, 533-2330/5919.

Congressional internships

Rep. Jim Kolbe is now accepting applications from college students interested in serving as interns in his Tucson and Sierra Vista offices during the summer and fall semesters. The Washington, D.C., office is accepting applications for fall semester. Applications are due by Saturday.

To be considered, qualified applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited community college or be university students entering their junior or senior year. They also should have a demonstrated interest in public affairs, government, constituent service or political communications.

To apply, contact Pat Klein, Rep. Kolbe's District Director, at 1661 N. Swan Rd, Suite 112, Tucson, AZ (520) 881-3588 or Bernadette Polley, at 77 Calle Portal, Suite B-160, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 459-3115.

AFTB Level II classes

Army Community Service will present Army Family Team Building Level II classes 5:30 - 9 p.m., Monday and

Wednesday, and April 5 at Murr Community Center. AFTB Level II is a series of 19 classes, ranging from understanding Army life to enhancing leadership skills.

For more information, call ACS at 533-2330.

Scholarship offered to area youth

The Mountain View Computer Users Group is offering two scholarships to Cochise County students graduating high school or equivalent, in 2004 and entering college, or other higher education program, in the summer or fall. Applications and guidelines for the scholarship are available at www.mvcug.org. For more information, contact a scholarship committee member at scholarship@cox.net.

Applications must be postmarked by Monday.

ASP closure

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed for quarterly inventory Monday - Wednesday. For emergencies, call Manny Bringas at 533-2512, or Jose Fierros at 533-3617 or 266-2959.

Fort Huachuca welcomes newcomers

The Huachuca Welcome, a newcomer's orientation, is scheduled for 9 a.m., Tuesday, at Murr Community Center. The orientation will provide information to make the transition to Fort Huachuca a smooth one for spouses and family members. Information about school and youth programs, health care services, employment assistance programs and more will be provided.

Register by March 29 by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Services will offer a financial readiness class noon - 1 p.m., Tuesday at Murr Community Center. The class will cover thrift savings plan. Call ACS at 533-2330 to sign up.

Scholarships available

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club is offering scholarships to high school seniors. The scholarships are open for college, vocational and trade schools and for continuing education. Applications are due April 1. For more information, call 439-4402.

Korea orientation

Army Community Service is offering a Korea orientation 6 p.m., April 1, at Murr Community Center for Soldiers and family members going to Korea for the first time.

Register no later than March 30 by calling ACS at 533-2330.

For more information, call Pam Allen at 533-5919/2330.

Scholarship available

Application forms for the \$1000 Shirley Hinkley Scholarship are available at Buena High School and the Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop. All applications must be postmarked no later than April 6. For more information, call 458-4606.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Service will offer lunch-time financial readiness classes Wednesdays in April, noon - 1 p.m. at Murr Community Center. The upcoming topics will be: April 7, credit wise; April 14, thrift savings plan; April 20, checkbook management (this class will end at 1:30 p.m.); and April 28, budget/family supplemental subsistence allowance.

You are invited to bring your lunch to these classes and listen.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Service will offer financial readiness classes in April. 9 - 11 a.m. April 7, checkbook management will be offered, and 9 - 10:30 a.m. April 14, budgeting and family supplemental subsistence allowance will be offered, both at the ACS Building 50010.

Register by calling ACS, 533-2330. For more information, call Christine Bachaud, 533-6884.

Road work

The Contract Management Division of the Directorate of Installation Support is repairing driveways in Deanza Village and repairing Meyer Street between H Avenue and Rucker Street. Construction is expected to be finished by April 9. Housing occupants will be able to have vehicular access to their quarters during construction. For more information, call 533-1443.

Leave donation requested

Leave donation is being requested for post employee Caren Weeks, who had neurosurgery Feb. 20. The recovery time is 6-8 weeks, and her leave time is exhausted. Those who can donate leave time to Weeks should come by Hitt Hall, Bldg 81401, Room 113 (across from the mini-mall) and fill out a 630-A leave form. Forms can also be filled out and faxed to 3-2553.

For more information, call Patsy Gentzler at 533-6645 or e-mail gentzlerp@us.army.mil.

E-file, Web site help avoid problems at tax time, post tax center can help clear confusion

With nearly half of this year's tax returns filed, the Internal Revenue Service has already seen the number of electronically filed tax returns pass the 40 million mark.

The number of e-filed returns is nearly 11 percent ahead of last year's pace, according to new statistics.

"More and more taxpayers are discovering e-filing is the fastest, easiest way to do their taxes," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "E-filers get their refunds in half the time of people filing a paper return."

Through March 12, 40.2 million returns were e-filed. Of those, more than 9.2 million were self-prepared on a home computer, which reflects

a 23 percent increase.

E-filing and electronic services offered on IRS.gov are seeing big increases this year. The IRS encourages taxpayers to use these services and follow other simple steps to help make tax time easier:

File returns electronically

IRS e-file is the fastest and most accurate way to file a tax return. If a taxpayer is due a refund, the waiting time for e-filers is half that of paper filers. Some taxpayers may qualify for the Free File service accessed through IRS.gov.

Visit the IRS Online. The IRS Web site, IRS.gov, had more than 4.5 billion hits in 2003. Anyone with Internet access can download tax

forms, instructions and publications as well as tax law information and answers to frequently-asked tax questions. 1040 Central, a special section of IRS.gov, offers information specifically tailored to individual filers.

Use Where's My Refund?

If a taxpayer wants to know whether his or her refund has been processed or when the refund will be mailed or directly deposited, "Where's My Refund?" has the answers. So far this filing season, taxpayers have used this free service 13.2 million times. That's up 5 million from last year. "Where's My Refund?" is available on IRS.gov.

Check the Child Tax Credit

Taxpayers who claim the Child Tax Credit this year must remember to reduce it by the amount of the advance Child Tax Credit payment received in 2003. Through March 15, taxpayers have made 8.1 million visits to IRS.gov to double-check the advance payment amounts they received last year.

Free assistance

The IRS offers recorded messages on about 150 tax topics through its toll-free TeleTax service at 1-800-829-4477. It also offers federal tax forms and publications at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Some libraries, post offices, banks, grocery stores, copy centers

and office supply stores carry the most widely requested forms and instructions. Libraries may also have reference sets of IRS publications.

Double-check

Taxpayers must review returns for possible math errors and make sure they have provided the names and correct (and legibly written) Social Security or other identification numbers for themselves, their spouses and their dependents.

(Editor's note: The post tax center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 10. The center is in Building 22324. For more information, call 533-1040.)

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"In this Joint Intelligence Combat Training Center, they're [the students] going to go through a mission-cycle, as realistic and as close to combat as possible," Lesieur said. "For example, if they're going to go to the 82nd Airborne at the battalion level, we're going to attempt to put that Soldier in that environment where they will be able to produce intelligence," Lesieur said.

Construction on the facility began at 6 a.m. on March 14, said Staff Sgt. Matthew Hines, JI-CTC administrative support non-commissioned officer in charge, Company B, 304th MI Bn. Soldiers from Company B and contractors worked to put together the 24 tactical mobile shelters so that classes could begin Monday.

The actual training will take place in these tactical mobile shelters, which are the same types of shelters that are being used in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Maj. Ryan Strong, JI-CTC.

Training at the JI-CTC will include overcoming such challenges as communications going out or limited bandwidth, Lesieur said.

"They'll be simulating the [radio] traffic they'd receive in a TOC environment,"

said Strong.

"We help the student or the unit understand all the frustrations that are out there in the real world," Lesieur said.

Lesieur also noted that an emphasis of the new training center will be to teach the concept of intelligence "reach."

"The ability to gather information from other sources is what we call reach operations," said Strong.

Strong said teaching this application is hard because it's difficult to simulate the systems and organizations that the students need to "reach" into. He said this is overcome at the JI-CTC by a computer portal, that is, a Web-based environment that teaches reach.

Lesieur stressed the importance of the center's joint mission.

"Everyone in the U.S. Department of Defense intelligence community, whether military, government agency or inter-agency is welcome as well as our coalition partners," said Lesieur. "We want our international students that come through here to also gain from the mission experience of being involved in the Joint Intelligence Combat Training Center," Lesieur said.

Chief Warrant Officer Mark Ulatowski, JI-

CTC warrant officer in charge, noted that other centers train members of the armed forces in real-world type operations. However, in these facilities, intelligence takes a back seat to maneuver training.

"If we go to NTC, the most important things are tankers, if we go to JRTC, the folks on the ground," Ulatowski said. "Because the whole maneuver works based on all of them, the intel is almost scripted so that we don't get to practice. The first time we actually operate as a team is when we step in the desert or deploy, and that's when we're supposed to have it all mesh together seamlessly. Well, it doesn't work that way. This is a place for us to practice that before we actually deploy. So it's intel-centered, rather than on the maneuver units."

"This is going to put Soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and officers in a tough environment in which individual leadership, creativity, and risk-taking can be displayed and will minimize the mistakes made out there [in the real world]," Lesieur said.

The idea for a training center such as the JI-CTC has been around for a long time, Ulatowski said. He said he noticed the need for such a facility during the first Gulf War.

"Every single [intelligence] unit that showed up there [Desert Storm] had to start from scratch every time because a lot of them were put together piecemeal, and they never worked as a team," Ulatowski said. "And there's no place for them to go and practice that before they deployed."

Although what goes on at Fort Huachuca might be training and not fighting actual enemies, Lesieur emphasized the JI-CTC mission.

"This has been our portion, what we feel we're doing to help," Lesieur said. "We may not be in Baghdad today, but we're here at Fort Huachuca making an incredible difference. The most important thing we do is help the development of an individual Soldier as he or she leaves USAIC and goes downrange for real-world ops."

"The global war on terrorism is an intelligence war," Lesieur said. "It's about having good intelligence to find the threat so you can deal with the threat environment. That's the challenge. Making sure we have the right information for the tip of the spear."

Females forge future

Contributions shaped past, build tomorrow

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SCOUT STAFF

March is Women's History Month and a time to reflect on all the huge steps taken by women throughout the centuries so women can enjoy the rights they have today.

"What one woman accomplishes or achieves, impacts and influences all women," said Master Sgt. Shirley J. McKnight-Gullett, Network Enterprise Technology Command Military Equal Opportunity Advisor. "Any achievement of one woman is another step forward for all people."

"Women as a whole achieve something everyday," said Carol Dockter, Sierra Vista councilwoman. "We touch everybody."

"Women are multitaskers," she continued, "women are involved with business, children, community, social activities... budgeting, yardwork and we need to celebrate that."

The following women, found on the National Women's History Project's Website, are some of the lesser known, but still important contributors to the advancement of women and betterment of life for people everywhere.

Sarah Buel

Sarah Buel is a voice for victims of domestic violence. When her own marriage turned violent and abusive, she took her son and fled the situation. In the 1960s, there were no laws protecting victims of abuse and no support groups to help those who needed it.

For seven years, Buel worked full-time



during the day to support herself and her son and went to school at night to earn her bachelor's degree. Three years later, she graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School where she founded the Harvard Women's Advocacy Project, the Harvard Women's Prison Project and the Harvard Children and Family Rights Project.

Her work and the work of hundreds of other victims and advocates helped create the Violence Against Women Act in 1994. This Act and the additions to it recognize domestic violence as a crime.

Rachel Carson

Rachel Carson was a renowned nature author and a former marine biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Her second book, *The Sea Around Us*, was published in 1951, was a huge success. It received the National Book Award for nonfiction and was on the New York Best bestseller list for 86 weeks.

Carson's interest in the pesticide DDT led to her controversial book, *Silent Spring*, a description of how DDT causes cancer and genetic damage in animals and human beings.

This disclosure helped set the stage for the environmental movement of the late 20th century. Amid controversy from all sides, President John F. Kennedy's Science Advisory Committee recognized and supported Carson and as a result, DDT came under much closer government supervision and was eventually banned.

Patsy Mink

Patsy Mink served in the House of



Nebraska, she faced a policy regarding segregated student housing. With the help of students, parents and some university trustees, Mink managed to end the discrimination policy. When she applied for medical school in 1948, none would accept women so she decided to study law.

After graduating, she became the first Asian-American woman to study law in her home state of Hawaii. When Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959, Mink was elected to the House of Representative.

Mink's government achievements include introducing the first comprehensive Early Childhood Education Act, authoring the Women's Educational Equity Act and playing a key role in the enactment of Title IX of the Higher Education Act Amendments, which prohibits gender discrimination by federally funded institutions.

Dr. Susan B. Love

Dr. Susan B. Love is one of the pioneers and founders of the breast cancer advocacy movement.

Her research on women's feelings about their breast cancer surgeries led to new methods for diagnosing and

Representative for 12 terms. She was the first woman of Asian descent and the first woman of color to serve in the U.S. Congress.

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treating breast cancer.

When Love was a professor at the Harvard Medical School, she established the Faulkner Breast Center with an entire staff of women surgeons, radiotherapists and plastic surgeons. In 1990, she co-founded the National Breast Cancer Coalition. She also created the Susan Love MD Breast Cancer Research Foundation and Luminari, Inc. a multimedia women's health company.

Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book has been called "the bible for women with breast cancer."

Shirley Jackson

Shirley Jackson, a theoretical physicist,

has spent her career researching and teaching about particle physics, using theories and mathematics to predict the existence of subatomic particles and the forces that bind them together.

She received her bachelor of science degree in 1968 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. To encourage more Blacks to attend MIT, she co-founded the Black Student Union.

In 1973, Jackson became the first Black woman to receive a doctoral degree from MIT.

Jackson served on numerous boards and councils regarding physics and science.

President Clinton named her to chair the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1995. She spearheaded the formation of International Nuclear Regulators Association in 1997, a forum for officials to examine issues and offer assistance to other nations on matters of nuclear safety.



Military women die in Global War on Terrorism

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Through the course of liberating Iraq, female Soldiers have conducted air missions, kicked down doors, disarmed mines and shed their own blood. Sixteen female Soldiers have died in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

When 19-year-old Pfc. Rachel Bosveld found out that she was going to Iraq she said, "'Dad I get to go,' not I have to go," her father, Marvin Bosveld, recounted from Wisconsin. "She was proud and excited about going to battle for her country."

Bosveld was a military police officer with the 527th MP Company out of Giessen, Germany. She narrowly escaped death Sept. 12, when her Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade when her team came under fire. She sent her brother, Craig Bosveld, an e-mail describing the event.

"It was loud, there was shouting, my team leader's seat was on fire. I found my seatbelt, but it was stuck. ... Okay, the door. Open the door. Just my luck, a 400-pound door is stuck. First the seatbelt now this. More shouting. Seems so far away, like a voice at the end of a tunnel. Got to get the door open or we're going to die."

Bosveld escaped that ambush with a few bruises and stiff muscles,

but was killed Oct. 26, in a mortar attack on the Baghdad Police Station.

A violinist and soccer player in high school, Bosveld didn't take a backseat to any one, Marvin said. She would say, "I love arresting these Iraqi men because I know how they treat their women."

In October 1994 "The Risk Rule," which was used to determine which assignments should be closed to women was rescinded, and that made 91 percent of the career fields gender neutral, according to officials from the Office of the Chief of Personnel, G1. That amendment to assignments policy and others like it allowed women like Bosveld and Capt. Kimberly Hampton to get closer to the action, G1 officials said.

Hampton was killed when her OH-58 Kiowa Warrior observation helicopter was attacked near the Iraqi town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad. She was a company commander with 1st Battalion, 82nd Aviation Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Hampton supported infantry Soldiers by providing fire support and observing ground action. She was the division's first company commander to die in the war on terror.

"She loved being a Soldier. She didn't consider herself a female Soldier, but a pilot serving her country, who just happened to be a female,"

said Ann Hampton, Kimberly's mother. "She was an only child, and as a parent you