



## Scout reports

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### Race cancelled

The Combat Cross Country scheduled for Saturday has been cancelled due to lack of participants.

### MWR out-processing

Starting Monday, all out-processing for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation will be done in Building 22214, the main MWR building located across from Brown Parade Field. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Army Emergency Relief

The Army Emergency Relief fund drive begins Monday and continues through May 15. For more information, call 1st Lt. Francisca Clements, post campaign coordinator, at 533-1470.

### Burn planned

Weather permitting, the Sierra Vista Ranger District will conduct a prescribed burn next week on the east side of the Huachuca Mountains. The burn will take place during daylight hours, beginning around 10 a.m.

Approximately 120 acres will be affected.

For information, call the Sierra Vista Ranger District office at 378-0311.

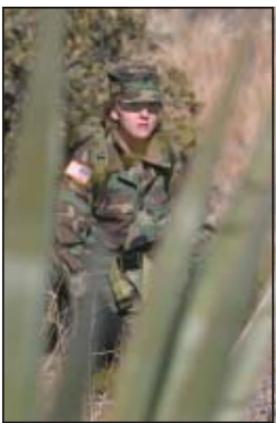
### Prayer breakfast

The Fort Huachuca National Prayer Breakfast will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. on March 8 at LakeSide Activity Centre.

Tickets are available through unit command sergeants major and first sergeants through Friday.

Retirees or those not connected to a unit, call Jo Moore at 533-4748.

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Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

Retired Lt. Col. Susan Merila receives the flag honoring her deceased son Sgt. Michael M. Merila from Lt. Gen. Edward Soriano, commanding general, 1 Corps and Fort Lewis, Wash.

## Honored Buena High School graduate loses life in Iraq



Spc. Daniel Shufflin, Fort Huachuca Honor Guard, provides honorary pall bearer duty at the funeral.

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

A funeral service for Sgt. Michael M. Merila was held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Main Post Chapel.

Merila graduated in 1998 from Buena High School in Sierra Vista. He joined the Army in March 2001 and, upon completion of advanced individual training, was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Merila's unit was designated as the first Stryker Brigade Combat Team and even though he had the option to change duty stations, as he was at Fort

Lewis for two years, he decided to deploy to Iraq with his comrades.

"I've worked with some of the finest, most devoted and selfless people in my time in service and few have been as good as Sergeant Merila, and none better," said Sgt. Maj. Jerry Gattton, para-legal sergeant major, 1 Corps and Fort Lewis.

"If you were given a tough mission and you need one Soldier to help you, you'd want Sergeant Merila."

Merila died Feb. 16 in Talifar, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device hit his convoy during a security operation. He was the first combat death in the 3rd Stryker Brigade. The incident is under investigation.

"Soldiers are not just bodies to plug into a TOE... they are human beings with profound patriotic feelings, human being with a profound love of country, said retired Chaplain (Col.) Juan Loya. "Sgt. Michael Matthew Merila is one of those Soldiers who gave his life on our behalf."

Merila is survived by his parents, retired Lt. Col. Susan Merila of Tucson, Ariz., and retired Chief Warrant Officer Michael Merila of Royal Oak, Mich., who both retired from service at Fort Huachuca, his sisters, Lia and Angi and his brother Kevin.

## Marks oversees MI proponent Army recruiting IRR Soldiers for new linguist MOS

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

The Department of the Army's G-1 sector has appointed military intelligence as the personnel proponent for the new Individual Ready Reserve translator aide military occupational specialty 09L.

Army G-1 determined that the skill sets for 09Ls are closely related to the military intelligence branch, said Sgt. 1st Class Jon Schweitzer, lifecycle manager and language issues action officer for the Office of the Chief, Military Intelligence.

Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks, command-

ing general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, will oversee the military intelligence proponent of the new MOS, Schweitzer said. The MOS officially became a military intelligence MOS in January.

Currently, the Army is recruiting Arabic, Dari and Pashto speakers, Schweitzer said. "If necessary, further languages could be authorized based on operational needs of the Army."

The 09L, or translator aides, will be chosen from IRR forces and from Soldiers who can reclass and plan on joining IRR after the end of their time in service, Schweitzer said. All other requirements have not been determined, but include:

- A score of at least 2/2/2 in language proficiency and demonstrated proficiency in English
- May be up to 40 years old
- Pass national agency check and local agency check
- Must be a permanent U.S. resident
- Must pass military entry processing station screening physical
- Must meet height and weight standards
- Must meet physical fitness standards prior to graduating

In the field, 09Ls will be "providing translation and interpretation support as deemed neces-

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## Intensified Reservist training underway

### Active duty instructors step back, Reservists take over

BY SGT. KRISTIT. JAEGER  
SCOUT STAFF

It's time for instructors from all over the country to take over the training of the National Guard and Reserve Soldiers here for counterintelligence agents and human intelligence collectors courses.

Instructors have been pulled together from all parts of the country to teach Sol-

diers how to be proficient in these two military occupation skills in order to deploy to Iraq, said Chief Warrant Officer William Whealy, officer in charge of the counterintelligence agents course.

For the first two weeks of courses, active duty instructors taught the Soldiers in order to give the Reserve instructors time to get acclimated to post, said Chief Warrant Officer Sylvia Kruger, course manager for human intelligence collectors.

"The active duty liaison has been very helpful," said

Kruger.

The Reservists have been treated equally as the active duty Soldiers, to which Whealy is very pleased, he said.

There are 31 instructors for the counterintelligence agent's course and around 17 instructors for the human intelligence collector's course, Whealy said. Although the Reserve unit is short staffed, instructors have been trickling in to assist in the training, Kruger said.

The group of instructors includes personnel in the professions of education, law

enforcement, business, health, computers and even some with professions related to military intelligence, said Whealy.

With so many various professions, the instructors "provide interesting backgrounds brought to the platform," Kruger said.

"We're all pumped up and very excited," said Kruger. "This is a very enthusiastic group of instructors." All of the instructors have been working hard putting together materials for the courses. Kruger is "thrilled to be at the flagpole with the latest class materi-

als."

Unlike the normal initial entry training students who attend the military intelligence courses on post, the Reserve unit has shorter time to train than normal.

For both courses, active duty Soldiers train for 18 weeks, eight to nine hours a day, said Whealy. The Reserve Soldiers must complete the same training in 12 weeks, 12 hours a day, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"We're putting 10 pounds of stuff into a five pound bag," Whealy said.

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# Commentary

## Why celebrate cultural awareness?

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS KENNETH B. HUNTER  
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The middle of January brought the celebrations of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birth and another "season" of Department of Defense recognized ethnic observances. I've found it interesting that throughout my tour as an Equal Opportunity Advisor, I've always had people during the year ask me three questions about cultural awareness observances. The first is, "I am not a member of that group, so why do I need to attend an event that honors a group other than my own?" The second is, "We have months honoring every other group, so why don't we have a month for white Americans?" The last question is, "If these events are to improve cultural awareness, then why do we have people come in sometimes and speak occasionally on unpopular topics?"

For anyone who has been in or around the Army for any length of time, the answer to the first question ought to be easy. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, states that we conduct these observances to educate and improve cross-cultural awareness. Those wishing to fall within Army guidelines - as well as gain an understanding of other cultures - should understandably want to attend all the different events and not just the ones of their own cultural group.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a historian and educator, started Negro History Week in 1926. After slavery, many American history books said little or nothing about the role of the black American in building and progress of the United States. He felt blacks could participate intelligently in our country's affairs by knowing their own history. This led to the first federal proclamation for Black History Month in 1976.



To move closer to the Army's answer, let's look at Women's History Month as an example. The first congressional resolution for this event spelled out not only the reason for this observance but for all observances in general. Resolved in 1987, it said, "Whereas, despite their contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in literature, teaching, and study of American History." Undoubtedly, this shows that women and all other groups should be recognized and studied for the enrichment of all.

Better yet, maybe the answer lies within our Army

Values. Our Army, which is a reflection of our nation, is made up of people from many different cultural backgrounds. We have the responsibility as leaders within our military to be loyal to seniors, subordinates, and peers. Being culturally aware enhances that leadership ability to be loyal. It is our duty as professionals to treat everyone, even those that are different from us, with dignity and respect. And remember, even though you may not currently be in a leadership position, that does not mean you are not a leader. You may be leader by virtue of your rank or a leader among your peers by virtue of your personality or expertise. Whether you are a leader, driver on your team, in a squad or platoon, or in an office, you are still helping to lead others. It may not be necessarily through your position, but how you behave. The bottom line is, to build and improve teamwork, one needs to set the example by practicing cultural awareness. This helps eliminate barriers, real or perceived, that are a result of our differences. This also improves the teamwork that makes our Army such a great organization.

Now what about the question on White History Month? Until a few years ago, the vast majority of the history taught in schools was about white Americans. Additionally, people of minority races had to understand whites and "white culture" to survive. So perhaps there is less of a need to educate because most folks are very aware of white History.

However, let us look at another possible answer. There has been some type of white history celebration since before we became a nation. For example, the first Saint Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762. It was held to help Irish soldiers in the English army reconnect with their own Irish roots. The parades continued almost annually, but were looked down on by so-called "decent" people - everyone not of Irish decent.

This was especially the case after the potato famines of the mid-1800s that led to a growth in the Irish-Catholic population in the United States. In the early 20th century, the Irish-American community realized their numbers were large enough to translate into political power. The focus of annual parades changed to a show of strength and became a "must attend" event, even for politicians.

To illustrate this, in 1948 President Harry S.

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# Chaplain's Corner

## Facing challenges

BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) KENNETH HANCOCK  
11TH BRIGADE

Dr. Herb True, psychologist, humorist and motivational speaker tells the following story drawn from the golf circuit. It holds timeless lessons on encouragement and facing a challenge.

During the 1960s Arnold Palmer, the great Professional Golf Association champion, went through a nine-month stretch without a major win. Competing in a major tournament, Palmer was trailing the leader by three strokes. As he prepared to tee off he heard a voice from the crowd yelling, "Charge, Arnie, charge!" Feeling inspired he led off with a great shot. At the next hole the same thing happened. A voice from the crowd saying, "Charge, Arnie, charge!" And so it went on every hole. In the end Palmer won the tournament. At the awards ceremony again a voice came from the crowd, "You did it, Arnie, baby! You did it!"

Intrigued by the persistent encouragement, Palmer asked, "Who is that?" The response came, "It's the same guy who kept saying, 'Charge, Arnie, charge!'" Mindful of his support, Palmer sought him out in the crowd.

Introducing himself, Palmer stretched out his arm to shake his supporter's hand...but there was no response from the fan. Palmer continued, "My name is Arnold Palmer. What's yours?"

"Charlie Boswell," came the reply.

"I just want you to know that because of your encouragement I was able to go on to win this tournament," Palmer added. "That's okay, Mr. Palmer," Charlie responded, adding, "You know we two have a lot in common. I too am an international golf champion."

"Really, I've never heard of you."

"I'm the International Blind Golf Champion."

Looking down at the white cane, Palmer understood why Boswell had not stuck out his hand earlier. You see, Boswell had lost his sight in a tank battle during World War II.

"I appreciate your support. If there's anything I can do for you..." just then Boswell interrupted, "I would like to play you one day: \$1,000 a hole!" Taken aback, Palmer stammered, "Well, okay...when do we play?"

"Any night!" was Boswell's comeback.

There's something special in this story that we would do well to notice. For starters, something meaningful happens when we make an effort to encourage one another. Every day we have the opportunity to touch somebody's life in a meaningful way. Perhaps our words and actions could turn around a co-worker's, spouse's, son's or daughter's day. A kind word or simple gesture can powerfully impact another person's life. The Book of Proverbs recognizes this with the words, "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed (11:25).

Secondly, Boswell's winning attitude and humorous outlook on life serves as a great example. We must admit that no one truly controls his or her destiny. In many ways our lives are subject to the realities of life which can potentially rob us of our energy and desire to press on.

While we may not be able to predict the future, we can decide to positively confront life, no matter what comes our way. Considering Boswell's challenge, I suspect if Palmer and Boswell were to meet on the greens, Boswell would win. We would have to admit, whatever the outcome of a single round with Palmer, Boswell was already a winner.

As you face life this week consider the Apostle Paul's approach to life, "I can do everything though Christ who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Be encouraged and press on!

## Scout on the Street

## What are you going to do with your tax return?



"I was able to settle three accounts. The rest is being used for transitioning because we're PCSing overseas."

Cpl. Marcus T. Miller  
Honor Guard  
U.S. Army Garrison



"I'm going to invest it in mutual funds."

Pfc. Sarah Ruddle  
Company A, 305th Military  
Intelligence Battalion



"I'm going to pay off the credit card bills I incurred from my 30 days PCS leave."

Capt. Christopher Cisneros  
Company A, 304th Military  
Intelligence Battalion



"I don't have a tax return. I was deployed and didn't have to pay taxes last year."

Spc. Robert Speed  
11th Signal Battalion



"I'll use it on a trip to Vegas."

1st Lt. Kelly Haker  
Company B, 40th Signal  
Battalion



"Mine's already spent."

2nd Lt. Nick Miller  
40th Sig BN

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# It was a 'foreign affair'

## Soldiers brush up on language skills, culture in Chile, Ukraine

BY KAREN WEIL  
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Sometimes, it's just not enough to know how to properly speak a foreign language when visiting another country.

There are all those unwritten cultural rules a visitor has to remember — like don't leave the house with wet hair.

For the two groups of Soldiers who spent time in Chile and Ukraine, as part of the post's Foreign Language Training Center program, life was definitely a learning adventure.

The base mission of the Foreign Language Training Center gives language specialists assigned to Fort Huachuca

Meanwhile, Staff Sgt. Laurence Pierre, of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy and Spc. Wayne Cottongim and Spc. Chris Delgado, of Company B, 304 Military Bn., were improving their Russian in Alyshya, a small coastal resort town in Ukraine. Accompanied by Lt. Col. Wayne Morris, of North Carolina, they stayed with a host family and attended school.

Ukraine is a republic which borders seven nations, including Russia.

"I wish we could've gone there in the summer," said Pierre, who has been speaking Russian for nearly five years.

Pierre added that, while chilly, Ukraine had lots of fun festivals.

The Soldiers left for their respective countries after Christmas and returned Jan. 15.

During their time in Chile, Dearing,

Leineke and

Hildreth attended classes, taught by Ruth Claros-Kartchner, an instructor at the University of Arizona.

The Soldiers took field trips to various institutions, including medical facilities, which also allowed them to learn about the Chilean health care system.

Every few days, a local

professional, such as a doctor, would speak to the class, and it was a good way for the Soldiers to learn special terms.

The six Soldiers have considerable experience speaking their respective foreign languages. Still, it's one thing to learn another language in the classroom, and another to speak it in the real world.

For instance, Leineke said, Chileans don't pronounce the "s" sound in words, and she and her colleagues had to adapt.

There were a few "lost in translation" moments, too. Dearing said that the word gringo, considered a derogatory Spanish-language term for foreigners, is actually a friendly greeting in Chile.

In Spanish, andamos is generally a term for mobility, but in Chile, the word is slang for making out.

Sometimes, when the other set of Soldiers had free time, they took excursions to the historic cities of Yalta, and Kiev, Ukraine's capital.

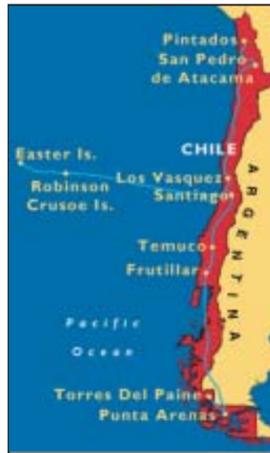
Although Ukrainians were friendly, living conditions were very poor, Cottongim and Pierre said. Very few people had cars. "They live a simple life," Pierre said.

The Soldiers said that people in both Chile and Ukraine seemed to accept their lower standards of living.

Chileans, Hildreth said, eat far less processed food and throw far fewer items away than Americans.

When it came to food, the Soldiers ate well. The Chilean group noshed on shellfish, meat and cheese empanadas and steak. The Soldiers in the Ukraine enjoyed fish, potatoes and pastries.

The three Soldiers who



stayed in Ukraine learned a lot about that country's cultural rules. Pierre said locals were adamant that visitors not leave the house with wet hair, and take off their shoes first before entering a home. He made the mistake of having to run back into his host's home to get something, and was promptly chided for it.

Sgt. Mike Schilling, the center's command language program manager, said who gets to study in another country is based on certain criteria.

"We try to see that everyone who qualifies gets a chance," said Schilling, who speaks Korean. "How many (sent to other countries) depends on the budget, opportunities and the person's language abilities."

Schilling added the Soldiers performed well during their stay, and improved their language skills.

Schilling said that any Soldier who studies abroad must have a mandatory safety and security briefing, and depending on the country, obtain a visa.

Hildreth credited Schilling for how well everything worked out.



an opportunity to refresh their language skills.

Sgt. Christopher Dearing, Sgt. Kristin Leineke and Cpl. Stephen Hildreth, all with Company B, 304 Military Intelligence Battalion, left for La Serena, Chile, and immersed themselves in el mundo de espanol.

## Spec. Ops. Soldier's scare in Iraq

### Officer brings back crash stories, advice from deployment

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

January 8. Daybreak. Regardless of the fact that it's in the middle of the desert, the air in Baghdad is crisp and cool.

A massive C-5, loaded down with crew, passengers, vehicles and other supplies, begins to lift off the ground. Instead of an upward, spiraling take-off, the C-5 lazily rises, weighted down by its load.

Suddenly, a jolt and an explosion. One surface to air missile from an SA-14 had taken out one of four engines on the C-5. A second had exploded right behind the plane.

Soldiers on the ground saw the direction the missiles came from and went on a hunt for their origin. The firers were found and captured.

The C-5 prepared for the crash landing that never occurred. The crew managed to keep the passengers calm and the pilots safely brought the huge bird to nest on the ground.

"The plane shimmied and shook," said Maj. Altrus D. Campbell, "but the air crew did a wonderful job of keeping order. There was a very talented pilot

and a skilled crew."

Campbell, Coalition Intelligence Planner for the combined Joint Special Operations Task Force — Arabian Peninsula, was one of the passengers on that plane, en route to the states.

The military intelligence officer from Panama City, Fla., is assigned to the Individual Ready Reserves and was one of many IRR, National Guard and Army Reservists called upon to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was at Fort Huachuca for his final out-processing before flying south for the winter.

Campbell had been part of Desert Shield, Operation Noble Eagle and "several deployments we can't go into during my military career," he said with a smile. He had just returned from Southcom and dealings with Guantanamo Bay, when he was deployed again to the desert.

The major seemed unsure of how to sum up his experiences in Iraq within the confines of most memorable moment or most valuable lesson learned.

"There were many memorable moments. The whole deployment was a memorable experience," Campbell said. I had the opportunity to do things that most MI officers wouldn't dream

about doing in their entire careers. To pick one, even getting shot down, wouldn't be easy."

Campbell recalled getting issued his first up-armored vehicle. He grinned while describing his sport utility vehicle, refitted with bullet proof glass and armor plating. "I'd never been issued one before, but mission dictated that I needed one."

He also recalled when his convoy had a collision with a civilian vehicle and they had to wait on the side of the road in Baghdad for three hours.

"You don't want to be in any one place [in Iraq] for three hours," he said knowingly.

When the assigned chaplain was unavailable, Campbell, a pastor in the civilian sector, would take the additional duty as Task Force chaplain. He even baptized a Soldier in the swimming pool of Saddam Hussein's palace.

Campbell observed that the deployment of Iraq was "a good time to catch up on the reading of the bible, the Koran, the Torah or whatever your spiritual guidance is."

"It is always a good time to spend  
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## Service News

### New rules for expedited U.S. citizenship

Foreign-born servicemembers can now speed up the process to obtain American citizenship.

Section 329 of the 8 U.S. Code allows the president to authorize expedited citizenship during periods in which the United States is engaged in armed conflict with a hostile foreign force.

Servicemembers who have served honorably for any period of time beginning on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible to apply for expedited U.S. citizenship.

The peacetime waiting period is shortened to one year of honorable service. Before the executive order, the peacetime waiting period was three years of honorable military service.

The new law also provides sped-up avenues for the non-U.S.-citizen spouses, children and parents of servicemembers who have died as a result of service in combat to obtain "immediate relative" alien status.

### CNFJ's top performers compete

Naval Air Facility Atsugi hosted the second annual Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan Sailor of The Year conference Feb. 9-14. The event was an opportunity to bring outstanding sailors in the CNFJ area of responsibility together.

Nine sailors are awarded this honor—one from each of the region's Navy commands.

The candidates hit the ground running on their first full day, as each gave a detailed command brief in front of an attentive audience of regional command master chiefs.

Next they gave a 10-15 minute briefing on Navy programs.

Sailors were interviewed individually by the group of senior enlisted leaders. They were asked a variety of questions dealing with professional knowledge, personal opinions on Navy programs and future goals.

Dental Technician 1st Class Joseph Colon of U.S. Naval Dental Center Far East was selected to represent CNFJ and will now move on to compete for the title of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year.

### Suicide prevention efforts in Air Force

After 11 active duty suicides since Jan. 1 and 14 during the final quarter of 2003, Air Force senior leaders are asking commanders and leaders across the service to assess and re-energize suicide prevention efforts at all levels.

The 2003 calendar year suicide rate of 10.5 per 100,000 people was the lowest of all the military services and one-half the rate of a comparable civilian population of males between the ages of 20 and 50. As of Feb. 24, the service's suicide rate was 18.1.

The Air Force requires active-duty and civilian personnel to attend suicide-prevention briefings once during the 15-month air and space expeditionary force cycle.

None of the suicides occurred as a result of Operation Enduring or Iraqi Freedom.

### Navy continues TIG waivers

Thanks to high retention in the officer corps, retirement-eligible commanders and captains may again this year request time-in-grade waivers from three years to not less than two years.

The original authority to grant such waivers expired Dec. 31, but the Navy now has permanent authority to continue it.

This authority applies to all retirement eligible officers, including active duty, Full Time Support and SELRES [selected Reservists]. It does not affect the pay computation of the retiring officer.

### Cope Tiger makes medical contributions

U.S. forces participating in Cope Tiger '04 helped improve the health and welfare of more than 2,100 Thai villagers during a three-day medical and dental civic assistance program visit Feb. 20 to 22.

About 20 U.S. physicians, dentists and medical technicians, comprised of airmen, Marines and sailors, provided care alongside their Royal Thai and Republic of Singapore air force counterparts for residents of seven rural villages.

"This was the first time we've had multilateral medical and dental participation in the history of the exercise," said Master Sgt. Hubert Mussehl, Air Force medical liaison for Cope Tiger.

More than 1,370 servicemembers from the air forces of the United States, Thailand, and Republic of Singapore, plus the U.S. Marine Corps, are taking part in the annual, joint/combined multilateral exercise. The two-week exercise ends Feb. 27.

### Sailors, Marines get FAA A&P licenses

The Department of Defense partnered with the Federal Aviation Administration to give enlisted mechanics in the military the same credentials as their civilian counterparts. For sailors and Marines, the Navy and Marine Corps Airframes and Powerplant Program has been established at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training to ensure all aviation technicians are given the opportunity to earn the federal agency's industry standard certification.

In the past, military experience was not widely recognized by the FAA, significantly decreasing sailor and Marine marketability in the civilian sector.

In order to enroll, participants must meet basic eligibility requirements, being 18 years of age, an E-4, and having 36 months or more in service.

For more info on the A&P Licensing Program, visit the USMAP Web site at <https://www.cnet.navy.mil/usmap> or visit the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training page on Navy Knowledge Online at [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil).

## AAFES preps for new patch needs

AAFES NEWS RELEASE

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has been notified that all Soldiers can now wear the U.S. flag insignia on the right shoulder of their utility uniform, as a continued reminder that the Army is engaged in a war at home and abroad.

"The flag has been around for years to identify deploying troops. Now based on the Army's joint expeditionary mindset, the flag represents

our commitment to fight the war on terror for the foreseeable future," said Sgt. Maj. Walter Morales, the uniform policy chief for GI.

The Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker approved the uniform item Feb. 11, and all Soldiers have until Oct. 1, 2005, to get the insignia sewn on their uniforms. When purchasing the flag, the only ones authorized for wear on the uniform are the reverse field flag in red, white and blue. These flags are immediately available at all Army Mili-

tary Clothing Sales Stores and will be available online at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) by March 1.

Subdued flags and those in other colors are in violation of U.S. code. The Department of Defense has advised that individuals should comply with Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of the Army Uniform and Insignia.

Nothing has changed regarding the placement of the flag. It is sewn 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam. If a combat patch is also placed on the right



shoulder, the flag is sewn 1/8 inch below the combat patch. Sgt. Morales said, "The flag is worn on the right shoulder to give the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward. This will serve as a vivid reminder that our nation is at war."



Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

*Spc. Jason E. McMurry, a member of the joint intelligence combat training center platoon, disassembles an M16A2 as part of the land navigation course.*



*Sgt. Clark A. Link won the individual best bulldog.*

# Warrior Ethos

## Who's toughest of all?

**BY SPC. SUSAN  
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SCOUT STAFF

Teams of Soldiers from Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, worked together to see who was toughest and take home the company title in the Bulldog Competition last week.

The three-day competition pitted squad against squad in a variety of events to help build camaraderie, teamwork and Esprit de Corps, said Capt. Vicki Lambeth, company commander.

The competition included the Army Physical Fitness Test, timed disassembly and reassembly of an M16A2 rifle, Claymore mine employment, a 500-meter swim, an obstacle course, a grenade assault course, a run of an unknown distance and land navigation with a 35-pound rucksack.

"The hardest part about the Bulldog Competition was having a whole string of endurance events in a row. It was really taxing," said Staff Sgt. Richard Billings, an intelligence and surveillance squad leader from Company B who was on Team Sarge, the team that took the Bulldog trophy home.

"You had to keep focused," said Billings. "You had to stay focused on what you were doing."

Lambeth said many of the units on post get so caught up in TRADOC doctrine that they forget to work on the Warrior Ethos.

"This was a way to establish the Warrior Ethos in the company and have fun doing it," said Lambeth.

Lambeth credited Staff Sgt. Joseph R. Rodwell, Company B training and cur-

riculum non-commissioned officer with coming up with the idea for the competition and putting it all together.



Rodwell said he fashioned the three-day event after the Best Ranger Com-

petition, but suited it to the capabilities of the company.

"Overall, they [the Soldiers] did really, really well. I think everyone had a good time. There was a lot of motivation amongst the teams," he said.

"The obstacle course was a team event. You could tell those that were stronger were helping those that weren't as strong. Everyone was working together, which was the point of the competition," said Rodwell.

Lambeth echoed the observation regarding the teamwork shown by the competitors.

"I was impressed as a commander at how teams worked together to achieve the goals. Especially in the obstacle course, the grenade assault course and the land navigation course, the strong Soldiers helped the Soldiers who were not as strong," she said.

"The competition was fantastic. This was the first time we did it, but we'll do this every year," said Lambeth.

"I thought it was outstanding. There was a lot of Esprit de Corps, a lot of unit cohesion," said Billings.

"Every company or battalion on post should implement a competition like this," said Billings.

Further, Lambeth challenged other units on post to compete.

"I'll put a challenge out there for any other company who wants to step up. I'm not afraid," she said.



Photo by Chris Clements

*Team Sarge, the overall winner, attacks the grenade assault course (from L to R: Sgt. Raymond Sifuentes, SSgt. Richard Billings, Sgt. Clark Link and jumping the wall, Spc. Michael Hosey.)*

# New 'key' secures info

BY PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS CONRAD BREKKE

CSLA

As the battlefield of the future evolves, so do the tools, weapons, and options that are available to the War Fighter. As these options continue to expand, the need for fast, accurate information becomes even more vital. Military forces need to be able to communicate with each other reliably under tense situations, so that they can wield their swords with precision and accomplish the mission that they are assigned.

However, the information that is used needs to be more than just reliable and timely—it must be secure as well. The military protects its information with the shield of Information Security. Many tools are used to provide INFOSEC to the forces, including Communications Security. The Electronic Key Management System is the newest item in the COMSEC arsenal to help the War Fighter to accomplish the mission.

To understand what EKMS does, first one must be aware of the purpose of Communications Security. COMSEC in its root form can be compared to two doors in adjoining hotel rooms. A person on either side can open either door but unless both doors are open at the same time, there can be no flow of traffic. The two doors provide the physical means of access while the two door locks protect that access.

In order for COMSEC to protect the information it is given, there are two items used: equipment and key. Equipment is the hardware equivalent of the door and doorway, allowing the sender and receiver to talk to one another, and protecting access to the information and communication. Key is the same as...well...the key to the hypothetical hotel room door. Unless both keys are used, the communications will not work. An example of COMSEC in the public sector is pretty good privacy.

The U.S. military is quite large, and to handle and account for all of the key and material that is needed to support it, we need a modern system of communication and security. EKMS is that system, replacing legacy accounting systems with a joint service system.

EKMS is a combination hardware and software package that enables personnel across the Department of Defense to generate, store, distribute, account for, and protect keying materiel for their communications security equipment.

EKMS is broken down into four levels or "tiers". Each of these four levels provides a specific function.

- Tier zero produces keying material. It then electronically ships it out to the various units across the military.

- Tier one provides a Central Office of Records that maintains the records and ensures accountability across the department of defense. They also provide assistance to the unit level COMSEC Custodians.

- The COMSEC Custodians themselves; along with an automated workstation, make up tier two and make sure that their unit has the COMSEC material they need to accomplish their mission.

- The last group, tier three, is the local recipient of COMSEC materials.

This tier uses the materials assigned to them by their Tier two COMSEC Custodian to actively secure their communication networks.

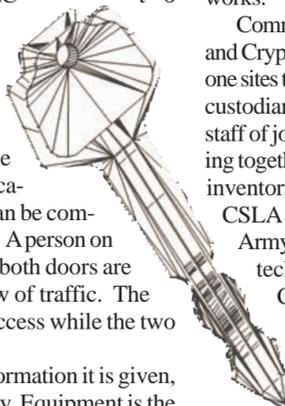
Communications Support Logistics Activity on Fort Huachuca and Cryptologic Support Group in San Antonio, Texas are the tier one sites that will be providing worldwide support to the COMSEC custodians tier two users as they protect the nation's security. A staff of joint service military, civilians and contractors are working together to complete this goal. This is accomplished through inventories, regular audits, account managers, and a help desk.

CSLA Fort Huachuca has always been an integral part of the Army INFOSEC program, and a key force in developing new technologies to support present and future DOD needs. CSLA Fort Huachuca is playing a key role in the development of the EKMS project.

The EKMS system was activated in July for units to register as users and set up profiles. Approximately 430 Army, Air Force, Marine, Navy, and Coast Guard ships and units started using EKMS Dec. 1. By July, CSLA Fort Huachuca and CPSG San Antonio will be providing support for more than 1400 units and ships in the U.S. Military.

The benefits of the new EKMS program are extensive. One important improvement is the fact that automation has been increased, reducing the number of human-related errors for accounting. Second, by establishing EKMS as a joint service program, interoperability and communication amongst the different services is expanded. A third plus is that EKMS is responsive to the needs of the community and can accommodate however many units are needed to support the mission of the U.S. military. Another major advantage is the reduction of vulnerability to threats on our networks and weapon systems.

CSLA Fort Huachuca has all the tools needed to support the COMSEC Custodians and answer their questions. The help desk has been expanded and more military and civilian personnel billets acquired. With new training programs in place and cutting edge technologies being developed, there are new opportunities for COMSEC Custodians military-wide to excel.



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some time with God," he reminded.

Campbell also learned lessons in technology and tactics.

"Speed helps. Speed is a defense. There are many times when you are traveling in and around the Baghdad area, in and around different areas and it's harder to hit a moving target," Campbell said with a laugh.

Technically, "it's all about communication. Commo, commo and more commo."

Believe it or not, war is also a good time to advance your self professionally, Campbell revealed. "Even though you're engaged in a war, you still have to manage your time so you can manage your career." He urges his Soldiers to take classes while deployed and instead of playing video games or doing cross-word puzzles on guard duty, study.

"There's always down time in war, use it to the best of your ability to enhance yourself professionally and personally."

Campbell also explained how important it is to stay connected with family during deployments.

"Keep in contact with the family," he began. "Even though you know that you're doing o.k., send an e-mail or a note, whatever it is, just to say 'honey, kids, I love you and I'm doin' fine'."

Since Campbell returned to the states on Jan. 11, he's only had a weekend pass while coming through the Conus Replacement Center at Fort Benning, Ga. to see his family.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the kids again, to spending some time... a lot of time with my family."

His oldest daughter graduated from college while Campbell was deployed. "She's in law school now, maybe I'll catch that graduation."

For Campbell, the deployment to Iraq meant more than fighting a war, it was a great show of camaraderie by the active duty Soldiers, the National Guard, Reserves and IRR.

"There are a lot of people in IRR who have gone 10 or 12 years without putting on a uniform or doing any active drilling. In my case it was 7 years. The military gains by bringing these people on board because they bring their civilian skills with them. That's what's beautiful about the Reserves."

"Like with any place, you've got those who it's like they never left active duty, some that had trouble adjusting and some were stellar. It was a good feeling to be surrounded by people who are of that caliber."

## Ongoing aviation review producing results

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The Army announced today the initial results of its ongoing review of Army aviation. The comprehensive review has produced several strategic recommendations that will be acted on now to ensure Army aviation meets the current and future challenges of an evolving operational environment and incorporates lessons learned from the Global War on Terrorism.

The review and lessons learned from the last two and a half years of war, reinforce recent decisions to make the Army more joint and expeditionary with balanced and integrated capabilities between the active and reserve

components.

Army formations are currently transforming into more lethal, agile, modular, strategically flexible and cohesive units that can train, deploy and fight together in full-spectrum operations.

Lessons learned and the aviation review also reemphasized the importance of maintaining versatile and survivable aviation formations that are effective in both combat and stability operations. Therefore, the Army must replace and recapitalize its current helicopter fleet to increase aircraft survivability, sustainability and operability.

Army aviation will restructure in order to: accelerate air crew

protection and aircraft survivability equipment initiatives to meet the evolving threat and provide every aircraft with the best possible equipment; modernize approximately 1,400 helicopters to extend aviation capabilities beyond 2020; transform reserve component aviation; purchase approximately 800 new aircraft; accelerate the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program to add platforms that extend battlefield awareness and strengthen manned-unmanned teaming; and balance current and future Army aviation capabilities.

The president and the secretary of defense have approved the Army's recommendation to submit a budget amendment to Congress

for the fiscal year '05 budget request that would allow the Army to terminate the Comanche program and reallocate approximately \$14.6 billion [fiscal years 04 - 11] to restructure and revitalize Army aviation to meet current and future needs.

This important Army recommendation was made after months of comprehensive studies and consideration of numerous alternatives.

Reallocated funds and aviation restructure will also allow the Army to pursue Joint aviation programs, modularize and standardize aviation formations across the Active and Reserve Components, and accelerate the resourcing of the

Army's tactical UAV programs.

This also requires the industrial base to increase its production capability to meet the Army's requirements for new and modernized aircraft. The net result of this reallocation will be the new purchase, upgrade, recapitalization, or modernization of over 70 percent of the rotary winged fleet.

Strengthening Army aviation reaffirms and energizes the Army's commitment to Department of Defense and Army Transformation and Future Combat System.

Using resources currently allocated for 121 Comanche platforms, the Army can accelerate transformation through the next two decades to meet its aviation needs.

## Looking for NCOs for attache duty

DEFENSE ATTACHE SYSTEM  
NEWSRELEASE

Army Attaché non-commissioned officers serve around the world in United States embassies providing staff support within a Defense Attaché Office. The DAO represents the Department of Defense to the host-nation government and military, assists and advises the U.S. Ambassador on military matters, and coordinates other political-military actions within their area of accreditation.

The duties and functions vary slightly depending on location assigned, but are primarily administrative in nature, performing many of the functions normally associated with a brigade or division staff section [S1-S6; G1-G6].

Army Attaché NCOs will also be called upon to perform other functions, such as coordinating congressional, joint staff or presidential visits, supporting U.S. Navy ship visits, arranging overflights of U.S. military aircraft, or even presenting briefings and information to senior host-nation officials in the absence of the military attaches.

The changing situations and varied nature of the responsibilities provide for a challenging and enjoyable tour of duty for most soldiers. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis from well-qualified soldiers for this highly selective, nominative, joint-duty assignment.

The Attaché NCO Recruiter / Career Manager, Master Sgt. Jeff Williams, will provide briefings on Attaché duty from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., March 8 at the NCO Academy.

For more information, call Williams at DSN 622-2134, ext 2633 or e-mail him at [jeff.williams@us.army.mil](mailto:jeff.williams@us.army.mil).



## Retiree comp Web site in action

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

A new Web site designed to assist disabled military retirees in applying for Combat-Related Special Compensation went online in January.

The U.S. Army CSRC Web site, located at [www.crsc.army.mil](http://www.crsc.army.mil), provides information a disabled military retiree needs to apply for this special compensation, said officials from the Human Resources Command. The site provides program guidelines used to determine eligibility for combat-related disability benefits and application procedures for the program.

"The site includes an application form, which can be downloaded, and it gives detailed instructions of the application process, said Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee, the Army Adjutant General. "It also contains supporting documentation required to substantiate a claim and helpful tips on how to enable the timeliest application processing."

The Web site also provides:

- Guidance on how and where to file an appeal for retirees who previously submitted applications that have been determined ineligible or have been declined.

- A detailed listing of specific information and documentation that is frequently overlooked by applicants in their initial applications, as well as procedural and timing considerations.

- Phone and e-mail points of contact in the event customers have difficulty navigating the site or need specific information about the CRSC program.

As a provision of the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act, CRSC allows eligible disabled military retirees to collect payments for both their military service and their service-related disability.

According to the legislation, a veteran with "combat-related" disabilities is any 20-year military retiree with at least a 60 percent combined disability rating, with injuries as a "direct result of armed conflict" or as a result of "hazardous" military service, while serving in "conditions simulating war" or were incurred "through an instrumentality of war."

Automatic qualifiers include any military retiree with at least 20 years of service who is rated as at least 10 percent disabled by injuries related to the award of a Purple Heart, officials said. Payments are retroactive to June 1 for those whose disability occurred before that date. Those who apply and are approved will begin receiving payments about 60 days after approval. Payments are deposited currently with standard military pay.

CRSC eligibility was expanded to include disabled military retirees with 10 to 100 percent VA disability rating and Reservists and National Guard retirees eligible at 60 who are receiving retired pay.

The Scout is doing an article on spanking as a form of child discipline, and we'd like your input. Please submit your opinion, pro or con, to [thescout@hua.army.mil](mailto:thescout@hua.army.mil).

## Community Updates

### Range Closures

Today – AC, AD, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2  
 Friday – AA, AF, AM, AN, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2  
 Saturday – AA, AI, AL, AM, AR, T1, T1A, T2  
 Sunday – AA, AM, AR  
 Monday – AA, AM, AR  
 Tuesday – AA, AL, AM, AR, T1, T1A, T2  
 Wednesday – AA, AH, AK, AL, AP, AR  
 For more information, call Range Control, 533-7095.

### 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 began Monday and is expected to be finished by April 9. The contractor is A & S Paving Inc.

Housing occupants will be able to have vehicular access to their quarters during construction.

For more information, call 533-1443.



### Sibling preparation class

Would you like to prepare your child to become a big

brother or sister? Attend the new “super sibling” class 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. today at Army Community Service. The class is geared for children, 2 - 8. A parent must accompany the child during the class.

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

### Teen AFAP conference

Army Community Service's Army Family Advocacy Program will hold a conference for teens 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., March 6 at the Fort Huachuca Youth Center.

Teens wishing to participate in the conference should attend training at 6:30 p.m. March 1 and 3 at the Youth Center. For more information or to register, call Andrea Sovern at 533-3686 or ACS at 533-2330.

### Volunteers needed for conference

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Army Family Action Plan Conference to be held March 9 - 11 at the Main Post Chapel. Please call Andrea Sovern at 533-3686 or the Installation Volunteer Coordinator, Kimberlee Bridges at 533-6885.

### Wildlife office needs volunteers

The Fort Huachuca Wildlife Office is seeking volunteers to maintain the 32 watering devices on post. All parts

for maintenance will be provided. Volunteers only need to donate their time to adopt and examine a wildlife drinker a minimum of twice a year, preferably at six-month intervals.

For more information, call Karl Welker, program coordinator, at 533-2603 (days) or 378-3391 (evenings).

### 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.

Call Wendy Breen at 378-1763 for membership information or sign up at an FHCS event.

### 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 to become a member of the recruiting team.

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



## BDUs on back order; AAFES tells status

### AAFES NEWS RELEASE

Back orders from the military supply system are affecting Army & Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales Stores. Both Army and Air Force MCSSs are out of stock on selected sizes of Enhanced Hot Weather and Temperate Battle Dress Uniform coats and trousers.

The military supply system advised AAFES that the get-

well date for the temperate BDUs will be August. “AAFES continues to be in constant communication with DSCP,” said Military Clothing Divisional Merchandise Manager Dave Lumbley. “The information we received from DSCP indicates AAFES will be experiencing shortages on



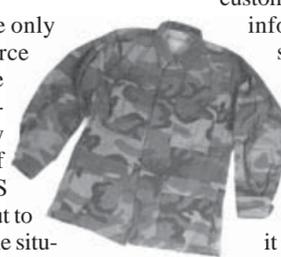
temperate BDUs through the end of summer 2004.”

Representatives from DSCP said the current supply position is due to the allocation of BDU production from woodland to desert to support the tremendous increase in desert requirements as a result of the war in Iraq.

The military supply system provides routine support for AAFES requirements. Recruits/units and other higher priority requirements such as Operation Iraqi Freedom

and Recruit Induction Centers receive first priority.

Since DSCP is the only authorized BDU source as directed by the MOAs with the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force, AAFES has no other choice but to continue to monitor the situation. Lumbley advises that AAFES continually requests updates on the backorder status. “We



remain committed to providing customers with the latest information and fix shortages regarding the situation. Until such notice is received, AAFES is asking for customers' patience as it continues to work with the military supply system to find a solution to the BDU situation.”

## Education office offers aids in career planning assisted by online Web site DISCOVER

BY JOAN KRAAK  
 EDUCATION OFFICE

Do you need help planning a career? Will you be getting out of the Army? Do you want to change jobs and you are not sure what you want to do? Maybe you know what you want to do, but are not sure what schools offer degrees in that field. There is a Web site that can help you decide what you might be interested in for a career or look for a school that offers what you want to study. The program at this Web site is called DISCOVER.

The DISCOVER program offers help in five different areas. These areas are: Inventories, Occupations, Majors, Schools and Job Search.

The Inventories section gives you three different types of inventories. The interest inventory helps you find a career which best suits your interest. The abilities inventory compares what you estimate your abilities to be. The values inventory suggests which

careers are likely to contribute to your work satisfaction.

The Occupations section lets you search occupations by Alpha List, Keywords, Major, Military Experience, Characteristics, Hot Occupations, Military Occupations and Military Information.

In the Hot Occupations, you can look up careers by Highest Salary, Fastest Growing, or Largest Number of New Openings.

Military Occupations lists the different occupations and tells you which Armed Services you can find that field in. And if you are getting out of the military you can find what civilian occupations are equivalent to the job you had in the military.

In the Majors section, you search for majors by Alphabetical List, by keyword or by Occupation. One part of the Majors section is a list of schools that offer degrees or certificates in the field you are interested in.

For the Schools section you can list schools by state, specific major, or keyword. If you are looking for a school that offers a specific

type of degree, you can do that by degree type. Or if you are looking for a type of school, you will do that by school type. You can also search for a school that meets specific needs. There is also a section to learn about scholarships or financial aid.

In the Jobs Search section you will learn how to write a resume, cover letter, and prepare for a job interview. There are also sections for finding job openings, internships or apprenticeships.

In order to use this program, you need to get a User ID token so that you can sign into the DISCOVER Web site. You can get this User ID token at the Army Education Center, Building 52104.

When you check in at the front desk, ask to see the computer specialist. The computer specialist will assign a token for you and give you instructions on accessing the DISCOVER program.

You can use the token wherever you have access to the Internet for 90 days. If you are going to be using the computers at the Educa-

tion Center, you will need to read the rules and regulations for using government computers. After reading the rules and regulations, you sign in and we place you on a system.

There you can access the Internet and go the DISCOVER Web site.

If you want to print out any of your results or information, please bring your own paper.

Or you can save your results to diskette or usb. If you bring a diskette or usb, we will need to scan it for viruses.

The Web site to go to for the DISCOVER Career Guidance Program is <http://www.act.org/discover/login>. Once you get to the login page, you will type in your User ID token and submit it. Once you are in you will be asked to create a password. You will type the password in twice and then submit that. You are now in the DISCOVER Career Guidance Program. Have fun looking through this Web site.

For more information, call 533-1019.

## Fort's water usage decreases over past year's

BY JOAN VASEY  
 MEDIA RELATIONS SPECIALIST

January water use on Fort Huachuca was 33,461,000 gallons or 103 acre-feet. This was 5.5 percent less than the

amount of water pumped in January, 2003, and 37.2 percent less than the 22-year, month-of-January average of 164 acre-feet.

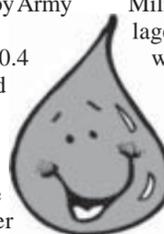
Additionally, water pumped last month is the lowest amount pumped during the 22-year period from 1982

through January, according to Mike Shaughnessey, real property manager, Directorate of Installation Support.

There was no aerial fire suppression support needed during January, and therefore, no water was pumped at the USDA Forest Service

air tanker base at Libby Army Airfield.

Approximately 10.4 acre-feet of treated effluent were re-used during January to irrigate the golf course and Chaffee parade field and the Prosser



Military Intelligence Village. Treated effluent is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer, and represents a water and energy savings.

“The lower wa-

ter use in January 2004 is due to the continued aggressive water leak repairs, water conservation conversions with low flow fixtures, and the efforts of the WaterWise program,” Shaughnessey said.

### AWARENESS, from Page 2

Truman, attended the 1948 Saint Patrick's Day parade. This was a proud moment for the Irish-American community that until that point had faced prejudice and stereotypes in their search to find

American community that until that point had faced prejudice and stereotypes in their search to find acceptance in America. Like the Irish, the descendants of other groups of people who immigrated to America from many other European countries also tend to maintain some traditions or observances from “the old country” and have often faced discrimination and prejudice while doing so.

While there is, perhaps, less need for a specific White History Month celebration, we must certainly continue to recognize the diversity of white Americans and remain cognizant of the fact that history as it is taught in school may not reflect the experiences or history of the different ethnic groups that make up white Americans. So, even though there is not a specific DOD requirement for a White History Month, units are certainly encouraged to hold such events at the unit level.

Here is a possible answer to the third question, concerning unpopular topics at

observances. For example, what if we kept everything on a “feel good” level? Would that help us truly understand anything? Questions such as why did so many black Americans applaud O.J. Simpson's acquittal – wasn't he obviously guilty? What are the economic and societal consequences of single-parent families or failing to gain a high school diploma? Discussing topics such as these help us learn, and understand, those things that are frequently at the root of how we interact as people.

It is important that as an Army of One, we enhance our potential and effectiveness

by using cultural awareness as one of our tools. If we fail to accept the challenge of knowing and understanding each other, our Army will never advance past the point of dissent and division within our ranks. If, however, we increase cultural awareness and help Soldiers understand and value each other's diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds, we will have a stronger Army: one that can maximize the potential of each and every Soldier; one that recognizes the diverse talents that a multi-cultural organization has at its disposal—an Army strengthened by diversity.

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Lack of training facilities is not an issue, Whealy said. "We just secure our own training sites."

When the Soldiers reach the field training exercise, it will be a challenge to get 90 Soldiers through the training in 24 hours, Whealy said. They are currently trying to

figure out how to get more troops through the FTX.

Another obstacle possibly encountered in the training is holding attention spans for 12 hours. Yet with all of the Soldiers wearing desert battle dress uniforms, it is no secret where they will be going following training. For this reason, they

listen real well, Whealy said.

There was an initial shock over the monumental amount of things to do, but with the assistance of the active duty instructors, the reservists were able to ease into a real nice system to make the Soldiers' training productive, Whealy said.

The reservists have chosen the army as a 'part-time' profession, Whealey said. However, the active duty instructors do the same thing all of the time.

"I think we like to go out and show what we've got," Whealey said in reference to being on board for the intense training.

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sary by the commander," Schweitzer said. "One example might be translating a local newspaper or proofreading a contract for precise and correct language usage. Another example would be assisting a purchasing officer with face to face translation on the price of goods with a local seller."

Soldiers will be called on as determined by DA, Schweitzer said. "Some may be called fairly quickly to support ongoing operations."

Once qualified, 09L who get placed on active duty status will receive Foreign Language Proficiency Pay based on the results of their Defense Language Proficiency Test, Schweitzer said. Also, translator aides may be eligible for

accelerated possibility of citizenship.

Any applicant who can speak, read or write Arabic, Dari and Pashto is desired, Schweitzer said. "The ethnic background or method an applicant learned the language does not matter."

Training must consist of at least 12 weeks of basic training and advanced individual training combined, as per U.S. Code, Schweitzer said.

Right now, the Army is looking at Fort Jackson, S.C. for basic training and possibly AIT, Schweitzer said.

Also in consideration for an AIT location are the Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center in Monterey,

Calif. and Fort Huachuca. Contract Arab linguists will be hired to assist in the AIT portion of training, Schweitzer said.

Currently, the proposed career field model for the 09L MOS gives Soldiers an E-1 rank upon enlistment with an Arabic DLPT score of 3/3, Schweitzer said. Soldiers will receive E-2 at completion of basic training and E-3 at completion of AIT, if eligible. After completion of two years and pending DLPT score, Soldiers will be pinned with E-4. Once a Soldier is an E-5 and has the appropriate clearances and citizenship, their MOS rolls over into a 97L MOS, a translator/interpreter. From there, Soldiers will proceed along the 97L career model.