



Scout reports

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School board meets

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools' board meeting is at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Smith Middle School. For more information call Diane Chinon at 459-8199.

Awards banquet

Fort Huachuca will host its awards banquet honoring the top civilian, Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines of the year, beginning at 6 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Cost is \$19 and tickets are available from unit reps. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call Tracy Laventure at 533-5635.

Flu shot makeup

Soldiers who have not had their flu shot this year, must report for the makeup day for active duty Soldiers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday at Murr Community Center. Soldiers must bring their yellow shot book.

For children between 6 months and 5 years: walk-in at the Pediatric Clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

For all others: walk-in at the Allergy and Immunization Clinic from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday, from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday or from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Patients must bring their military identification card and medical record

Department of the Army civilians must pick up their medical records and report to Occupational Health to get an order to get the flu shot.

Call 533-9139 for more information.

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Relaxation



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New home Military Clothing Sales moves closer to students

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Fort Huachuca's Military Clothing Sales Store has moved two buildings down in Prosser Village to the old Ozone building.

Clothing Sales moved out of Bldg. 80503 so the space could be transformed back into a dining facility due to the increase in troop strength, said Rosie Jackson, Clothing Sales manager. "The mission of Clothing Sales is to support our troops and provide services and merchandise for our troops," Jackson said.

The new location was chosen with the troops in mind, Jackson said.

Soldiers in training were having a hard time getting to the

store when it was located near the military police station, she explained.

Just down the block from its old location, the new Clothing Sales was placed for easy accessibility for the military intelligence Soldiers in training.

"We've had a very positive response from our customers," Jackson said.

"They like the location and the layout of the store. They can see where all the merchandise is and it looks more like a store than a dining facility."

Clothing Sales is now open in Bldg. 80501 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. For more information call Clothing Sales at 533-5523.

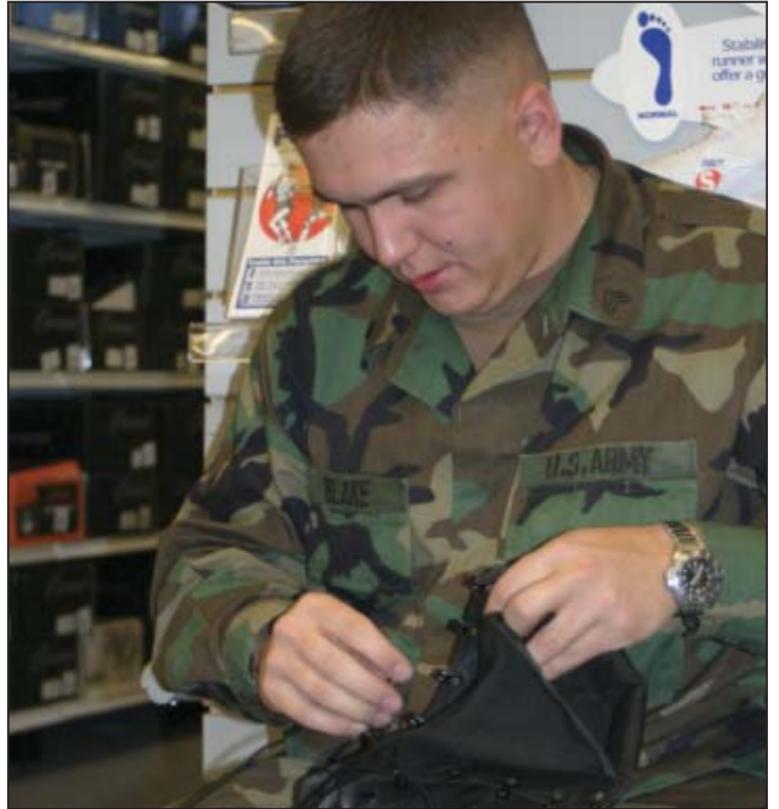


Photo by Pfc. Joy Pariente

The new location for the Military Clothing Sales Store in Prosser Village in Building 80501 makes it easier for Soldiers like Sgt. Lucas Blake, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, to shop for uniform items.

Department of Homeland Security Customs aiding US-VISIT program launched

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY RELEASE

On Monday the U.S. Department of Homeland Security launched US-VISIT, a new program to enhance the nation's security while facilitating legitimate travel and trade through our borders.

New entry procedures took effect today for most foreign visitors with non-immigrant visas at 115 airports and cruise ship terminals at 14 seaports.

The system utilizes biometrics, which are physical characteristics unique to each individual, to verify identity. Biometric technologies are the basis of an extensive array of highly secure identification and personal verification solutions.

"Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in our government's commitment to securing our nation while upholding America's ideals about freedom of travel and the spirit of welcoming foreigner visitors," said Tom Ridge, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, while greeting passengers at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. "US-VISIT is an important new element in the global war against terrorism and will serve as a catalyst in the

growing international use of biometrics to expedite processing of travelers. We want to show the world that we can keep our borders open and our nation secure."

US-VISIT requires that most foreign visitors traveling to the United States on a visa have their two index fingers scanned and a digital photograph taken to verify their identity at the port of entry.

The US-VISIT program will enhance the security of U.S. citizens and visitors by verifying the identity of visitors with visas. At the same time, it facilitates legitimate travel and trade by leveraging technology and the evolving

use of biometrics to expedite processing at our borders. "US-VISIT represents the greatest improvement in border inspection in more than three decades, and is a shining example of what we can achieve when government works together," said Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Border and Transportation Security of the Department of Homeland Security. "US-VISIT is actually a continuum of security measures that begins overseas, at the U.S. consular offices issuing visas, where biometrics will be collected to determine if the applicant is on a database of known or suspected

criminals or terrorists. "When the visitor gets to our border, we use the same biometrics – these digital "fingerscans" – to verify that the person at our port is the same person who received the visa or to see if we have learned new information about any involvement in terrorism or crime. This type of identity verification helps our Customs and Border Protection Officers make better admissibility decisions and enhances the overall integrity of our immigration system."

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Stop Loss keeps Soldiers in fight

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS
MARCIA TRIGGS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The Army is expected to announce this week that active-duty Soldiers currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan will not be allowed to separate or retire until after their unit redeploy.

Under the latest Stop Loss iteration, 7,000 Soldiers will be required to stay in the theater for the duration of their unit's deployment and up to a maximum of 90 days after the redeployment, said Col. Elton Manske, the chief of Enlisted Division, G1.

The 7,000 Soldiers to be affected includes Soldiers who will not be allowed to change duty stations or exit the Army.

"The Army understands that this will probably create hardships or disrupt some plans, but this supports the interest of the United States and directly impacts our ability to win," Manske said.

Leadership in the theater and the Army staff continue to review Stop Loss, because there is no intent to keep Soldiers from moving on in their careers any longer than is necessary, he added.

Soldiers will be retained in the Army up to 90 days after the redeployment because the Army has their best interest in mind, officials said. The time should be used by Soldiers to ship their personal belongings and properly clear the Army or the installation, officials added.

In November the Army announced that active-duty Soldiers would not be allowed to voluntarily leave the Army or change duty stations if they were assigned to units that had been selected to participate in the second rotation of Operation Iraqi Freedom or the fifth rotation of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The November Stop Loss announcement also lifted the last two specialties affected by the 12-Month Skill-Based Stop Loss Program.

"We have evaluated the entire program, and we realized that putting individuals under Stop Loss based on their skills was not providing us what we needed at the unit level," Manske said. "Unit cohesion is what drove our decision to move away from skill based to unit based."

The force rotation policy that is being implemented will do away with individual replacements and serve as a

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Commissary officials: No 'mad cow' beef



BY BONNIE POWELL
DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

Officials at the Defense Commissary Agency are closely monitoring the ever-changing situation involving

a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, also known as "mad cow" disease, identified Dec. 23 in a single cow in Washington.

Since Dec. 23 the U.S. Department of Agriculture has conducted a limited recall of 10,000 pounds of beef that may originate from the infected cow and from cows slaughtered at the same time and location.

"No beef in any of our 275 commissaries worldwide has been involved in a USDA recall," said Col. Mark Wolken, chief of public health, safety and security for DeCA.

"The USDA has stated that the U.S. beef supply is safe and that the beef recall resulted from an abundance of caution, not fear that the meat is infected. Should the USDA make a determination that there is a danger, DeCA would be first to react to protect the health of our customers," he said.

Since the first U.S. case of BSE was identified Dec. 23, commissary customers have raised questions about the safety of beef purchased

at their local commissary. Questions range from "should I return the ground beef I bought last week?" to "has my commissary received meat from the infected cow?"

The answer to both questions is "no" said Wolken, an Army veterinarian.

"As is always the case, customers who wish to return commissary products for a full refund may do so without question. The brain, spinal cord, and lower intestine – where the protein or 'prion' that is believed to cause BSE is found – is not

generally used in food consumed by Americans. Those parts were removed from the infected cow before any of it could enter the meat supply."

USDA investigators have determined that the recalled meat went to a few commercial markets in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana and Guam as well as Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada. "No commissaries received any of those shipments," Wolken emphasized.

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TeamTalk

Ring in 2004... A look at the year ahead



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

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope the holiday season brought the best for you all and hope that time with friends and family has energized you for 2004. Let's all get off to a great start in this New Year!

Fort Huachuca is such a great place to live and work! Our super staff excels in implementing quality of life programs that make this a community of excellence. However, what makes this truly an exemplary Army post is that we don't rest on our laurels. Instead, this place is a beehive of innovative activity, with everyone constantly striving for further improvement. That's what it takes, folks, and I can't say enough about how much I appreciate this creative, "can do" attitude!

Let's take a moment to recap some of the highlights of 2003 on Fort Huachuca. This installation and community have a lot to be proud of!

First and foremost, the caliber of soldiers trained here continues to be top-notch. The importance of what we do has been demonstrated time and time again, and the superbly trained men and women who learn and hone their military intelligence skills here at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center are proof that what we do here truly matters. My thanks to all of you involved in this training for your dedication, professionalism, and desire to pass on your knowledge and skills to America's fighting men and women.

Another big change this year has been our reorganization of the garrison in line with the Installation Management Agency. As always, when any reorganization occurs, there are growing pains. However, under the guidance of our Garrison Commander, Col. Larry Portouw, you all have shown remarkable flexibility and determination to help this process go smoothly and in a manner which is quite transparent to most of us, knowing that it will improve the way the Army does business in the end.

Highlights from last year go on and on - accreditation of Army Community Services, completion of our new School Age Services building, the accomplishments of our super volunteer "corps," a week of fantastic All-Army boxing championships, numerous environmental awards, recognition of employees dedicated to doing their jobs efficiently and effectively, a delicious barbecue for our families (sponsored by the Arizona Beef Council), the popular Lonestar concert on the airfield, just to name a few...

This new year promises to be just as exciting; we already have some major events lined up that will be of interest to many of you.

The Army Family Action Plan continues to be a very important means to identify critical issues that affect the Army family - and, just as important, to work toward resolution of the problems. Fort Huachuca's AFAP conference is set for March 9-10 at the Main Post Chapel. We need delegates from every demographic set represented here on Fort Huachuca. This conference is a great experience and a great way to be involved in the AFAP process. If you would like to be part of this dynamic program, contact your Family Readiness Group representative, or call the Army Community Services Point of Contact, Andrea Sovern, at 533-3686.

Construction continues to bring better homes and better facilities for all of us. Of course, I'm sure you've all noticed the construction going on just inside the main gate - a gas station, shoppette and fast food restaurant. The beautiful new houses on post are rapidly heading toward completion, and we just broke ground on an expansion for our world-class unmanned aerial vehicle training facility. The Directorate of Community Activities will be going through some big changes this year, as well. We'll renovate La Hacienda to make it a top-notch, multi-function facility that this post and this community are proud of.

A world-class sporting event will happen here this October, when Fort Huachuca will host the 2004 Conseil International du Sports Militaire world boxing championship. That's right...world championships right here at Fort Huachuca! Countries from around the world will participate in seven days of international boxing right here at Barnes Field House. This is truly a world-class affair that we are privileged to host. It's a lot of work for everyone involved, but the folks at the Directorate of Community Activities are up to the task and, with support from all the rest of us, this will be a super event. Be sure and mark your calendars now to attend this "mini-Olympics" of world-class boxing.

Finally, as 2003 ends and 2004 begins, let us never forget all the great Americans who have served and who continue to serve in the war on terrorism around the world. A Soldier's first duty is to remember. Let's remember them in all we do, everyday.

Our best wishes go out to each and every one of you for health and happiness. And, from Marty and me, thank you all for everything you have done and will continue to do to make Fort Huachuca the best it can be.

Editorial

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ADVISOR

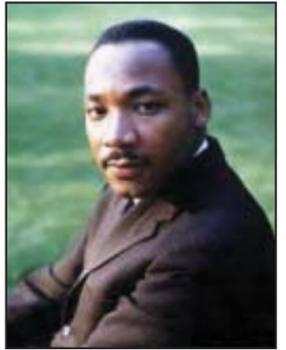
"Like any man I would like to live a full life. Longevity has its place." The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke these words on April 3, 1968, during a speech at Clayborn Temple in Memphis, Tennessee. King was there to support the Sanitation Workers who were on strike against the city. The next day King was assassinated.

King's death did not end the Civil Rights Movement. His assassination began an entire series of events. These events led to the formation of several organizations that further supported this cause. One of these organizations, the Defense Race Relations Institute, was formed because of the tense race relations in the military during the late 1960s. The foundation of the DRRI and its successor, Defense Equal Opportunity Institute, is that all personnel should be treated with dignity and respect. This is without

regard to race, sex, color, religion, or national origin. These are the same principles that King taught during his work with the Civil Rights Movement.

Jan. 15 will mark the 75th anniversary of King's birthday. Jan. 19 will mark the official holiday. Many Americans on that day will remember the life of King by delivering excerpts from many of his famous speeches. Arguably his most famous and most quoted speech is the "I Have A Dream" speech. In this speech King outlined one of his visions for America by saying, "I say to you my friends, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal."

King's many writings and teachings taught that everyone should be treated with



Martin Luther King Jr.

infinite dignity and respect because all men and women are created equal. This is the same goal and objective of the Department of the Army's Equal Opportunity Program.

In 1963, King eulogized the four little girls that were killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. In his eulogy, King spoke words that still resonate today about how we as human beings can learn through education and training focused on the fair treatment of one another;

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Chaplain's Corner Past creates road map to future

BY CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.)
JAMES R. STEPHEN
DEPUTY INSTALLATION CHAPLAIN

In Roman mythology, Janus is the god of beginnings, the deity responsible for the New Year. As custodian of the universe, he holds sacred the first hour of the day, the first day of the month, and the first month of the year - January - which bears his name. He's represented with two bearded heads set back to back - one looking at the past, the other looking ahead to the future.

Janus is a fitting model for this season of reflection and renewal. Just as his opposing faces see the past and the future simultaneously, we would do well to ponder over the past year as we make plans for the next twelve months.

Many people set aside some time every January to reflect. They ask themselves questions like: "What have I learned?" and "What will I do differently?" Remembering obstacles overcome and hardships endured, they cherish happy times, are invigorated by nearly forgotten triumphs and humbled by the goodness around them. Their written list of blessings and accomplishments renews their resolve and puts present problems into the perspective of passing time.

Of course, learning and benefiting from the

past is vastly different from living in the past. The former strengthens our commitment to growth and improvement; the latter stifles growth and stops progress. We simply cannot grasp the hope of the future if we're holding on to the hurt of the past.

One thing is certain; the New Year comes. C. S. Lewis described the future in these terms: "...something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is."

Regardless of the fixed speed at which we travel to another year, the future can be paved with lesson learned. But, if we neglect the wisdom of yesterday or are blinded to the possibilities of tomorrow, we may continue to travel a dull and dusty highway. The past can serve as a road map of sorts, guiding us over rough spots, reminding us of detours, and even preparing us for more scenic routes. By remembering how we made it to where we are right now and consciously deciding where we would like to be next year at this time, we can make better decisions and achieve a greater measure of happiness.

The unknown of the future becomes less threatening and more promising as we adopt the wisdom of Janus.

Let us look to the past and learn and look to the future and live.

Scout On The Street

What was the most significant event of 2003?



"That they finally caught Saddam Hussein."

Anthony Dancy,
Stock clerk
Central Issuing Facility



"The Vikings lost to the Cardinals."

Selene Romero,
Supply clerk
Central Issuing Facility



"All the 11th Signal Soldiers leaving at one time."

Morrison Hilton,
Stock clerk
Central Issuing Facility



"When they caught Saddam Hussein."

Jorge Sosa,
Stock clerk
Central Issuing Facility



"Pfc. Lori Piestewa and the lives lost in 2003."

Manuel Vasquez,
Stock clerk
Central Issuing Facility



"They caught Saddam Hussein."

Gary Terlisner,
Supply Technician
Central Issuing Facility

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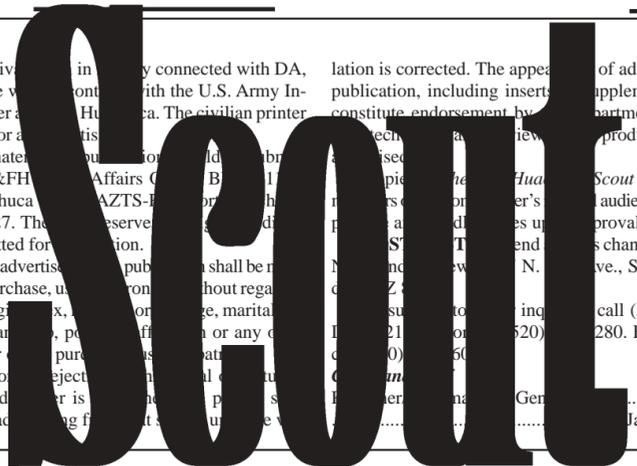




Photo by Spc. Matthew Chlosta

Aim high

The Libby Army Airfield is certified annually. Air Force Lt. Col. Al Steffes from the 162nd Fighter Wing flew two simulated emergency landings in his F-16 Dec. 29 to assist in the barrier certification. The two barriers at the airfield work similar to cables on aircraft carriers by braking a plane rapidly during an emergency landing. Steffes and fellow Air National Guardsmen gave a helping hand to the Army.

Flu hits nation knowledge is power

MEDICAL ACTIVITIES COMMAND RELEASE

Just thinking about “the flu” brings on feelings of fear and dread.

This year’s data seems to show that people in the United States are getting sick with the flu earlier than usual and according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

There are ways to prevent the spread of the flu and the best defense is to get your flu vaccine. While the predominant virus isn’t an exact match and flu viruses change, research has shown the vaccine will provide protection to this strain of the influenza virus. Below are some facts and answers to common questions along with information on prevention and what to do if you get sick.

What is the flu?

Influenza (commonly called “the flu”) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses.

Symptoms of flu

Symptoms of the flu include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, are much more common among children than adults.

Influenza symptoms may mimic the symptoms of a common cold. A good guideline to follow in determining the difference is to remember that while they are similar, influenza symptoms are much more severe.

Spread of flu

Influenza viruses are spread when

a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes, or speaks and spreads virus into the air, and other people inhale the virus. The viruses can also be spread when a person touches a surface with flu viruses on it and then touches his or her nose or mouth.

A person who is sick with the flu can spread viruses – that means they are contagious. Adults may be contagious from one day before developing symptoms to up to seven days after getting sick. Children can be contagious for longer than seven days.

Preventing flu

Vaccination: The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each fall. But remember, the vaccine protects individuals against the most severe strains of the flu, it will not protect against the common cold and mild strains of influenza.

Antiviral medications: Three antiviral drugs (amantadine, rimantadine, and oseltamivir) are approved and commercially available for use in preventing and treating the flu.

All of these medications are prescription drugs and are available only by prescription for specific, high risk patients.

Preventing the spread of flu

Avoid close contact – avoid close contact with people that are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others.

Stay home when you are sick – if possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick.

Cover your mouth and nose – cover

your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

Clean your hands — wash your hands often, this will help protect you from germs.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth — germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

What to do if you get sick

If you develop the flu, it is advisable to get plenty of rest, drink a lot of liquids, and avoid using alcohol and tobacco. Also, you can take medications to relieve the symptoms of flu (but never give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms – and particularly fever – without first speaking to your doctor.)

If, however, your flu symptoms are unusually severe (for example, if you are having trouble breathing), you should consult your health-care provider right away.

If you are at special risk from complications of flu, you should consult your health-care provider when your flu symptoms begin. This includes people 65 or older, people with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, or children. Your doctor may choose to use certain antiviral drugs to treat the flu.

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center currently has an adequate supply of the flu vaccine, but supplies are limited nationwide.

It is important to remember certain high-risk, immuno-suppressed patients must receive their vaccine as a priority along with our active duty soldiers.

KING from Page 2

“Somehow we must believe that the most misguided among them can learn to respect the dignity and worth of all human personality.”

As the reflections, of King’s life and death continue throughout January, the message that all people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, sex, color, religion, or national origin should not be forgotten or taken for granted.

Soldiers, DA civilians and family members should not forget that we have the responsibility to ensure all people are treated fairly in all of our daily activities, whether these activities are on or off duty or on and off our installation. We are members of a diverse military that is a model of social change in our country. We should strive to draw strength from our diversity instead of letting it tear us apart.

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“But I can certainly understand customers having concerns and questions. We’re all affected by this – we’re all concerned.”

Mad cow is a fatal disease that destroys the brains of the infected animal.

It is caused in cattle by misshapen proteins called prions and is thought to be spread from animal to animal through contaminated feed.

A rare form of the disease in humans known as variant Creutzfeldt-

Jakob Disease has been linked to the consumption of contaminated beef products. The approximately 140 deaths linked to “mad cow” since the mid-90s have mainly been in Britain.

For the latest developments on the current situation as well as for links to the USDA and other information on recalls and food safety, commissary customers should check the food safety link at www.commissaries.com.

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land Security has been testing the new entry procedures since Nov. 17 at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

The test showed that the new procedures add an average of 15 seconds to the entry process at primary inspection for foreign nationals traveling with visas. More than 20,000 passengers from Central and South America, Europe, Asia and South Africa participated in the voluntary test, which confirmed the program’s ability to verify identity without adding significant time to the process.

The Department of Homeland Security today also began a pilot test of exit procedures for departing passengers holding visas. A departure confirmation program using automated kiosks is being tested at Baltimore-Washington International Air-

port and at selected Miami Seaport cruise line terminals.

Foreign visitors exiting the United States from those locations will be required to confirm their departure at the kiosk. US-VISIT officials will evaluate the tests and consider alternatives to the automated kiosks for departure confirmation throughout 2004.

Congress has mandated that an automated entry-exit program be implemented at the 50 busiest land ports of entry by Dec. 31, and at all land ports by Dec. 31, 2005.

A Request for Proposal was issued in November to engage the private sector to help the US-VISIT program develop the optimum solutions for entry and exit processing. The contract will be awarded in May.

For more information, visit www.dhs.gov/us-visit.

Renovations close salons, barber shops on post

The Beauty Shop and the Post Exchange and Mini Mall Barber Shops will close on the following dates for renovation:

Beauty Shop
Mini Mall Barber Shop
Main Barber Shop

Sunday and Monday
Tuesday and Wednesday
Jan. 15-17

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means of evaluating the effectiveness of unit manning, according to Manske.

In October of last year, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter Schoomaker announced that unit manning was one of 16 focus areas that would get his immediate attention. Army leadership will look for concepts that will provide greater stability to troops and their families, Schoomaker

said during the annual Association of the United States Army symposium.

“There is no question that Soldiers who train and deploy together are a better fighting organization,” Manske said.

Unit manning leads to unit cohesion and studies have said it leads to combat effectiveness and reduced casualties, Schoomaker said.

Oh, what a year! 2003 in review

January

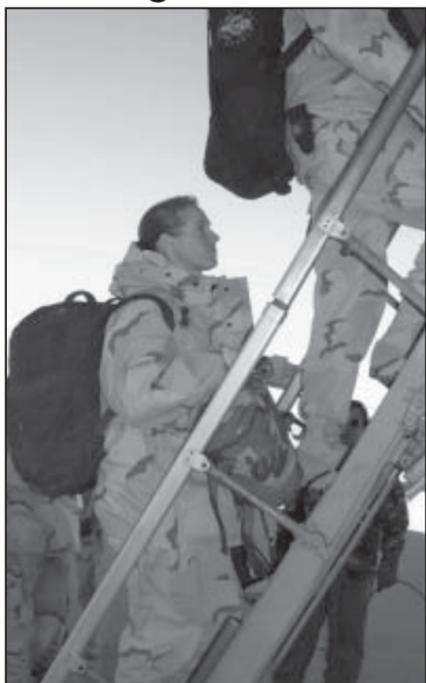


Photo by 1st Lt Traci Gift

Stop movement stabilized deploying troops' readiness in January 2003.

One son's journey to the Army

Spc. Ronald L. Bucca, son of former Fire Marshal of the Fire Department of New York, Manhattan Base, Ronald P. Bucca, joined the Army in January 2003.

His father's death on Sept. 11, 2001, was a factor in his change of career.

Suspicious letter, evacuation

Five families were evacuated from post housing Jan. 7, 2003, when a suspicious package was received in the mail.

The incident was cleared when FBI agents, who were dispatched to the scene, determined the package wasn't threatening

to housing residents.

Rocky assisted with War on Drugs

From Jan. 6 to April 4, Spc. Patrick Riley, 18th Military Police Detachment, and his dog, Rocky, helped fight the War on Drugs at the U.S. border.

Rocky sniffed out more than 1,700 pounds of narcotics during their rotation, his biggest find being 297 pounds of marijuana on Jan. 26.

Members of the K9 team on post rotated out on 90-day rotations working with U.S. Customs Service and U.S. Border Patrol.

Pets could be microchipped

An update to Fort Huachuca regulation 40-116, Control and Care of Pets, Horses and Transient Animals implemented that pets on post with biting incidents or who had been impounded more than twice in a 12-month period would be microchipped at the owners expense.

Goliath remains "online" forever

Goliath, one of B Troop, 4th U.S. Army Cavalry's horses, was given full military burial honors on Jan. 24, to include a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps.

Goliath passed away due to poor health from a lacerated heart valve.

UDI apprehensions increase

The effort and dedication of the six Military Police officers who made up Fort Huachuca's Environmental Protection Office resulted in a significant increase in the detection and apprehension of undocumented immigrants on post.

Within the first quarter of fiscal year 2003 the total number of UDIs apprehended were already 73 percent of the total UDI apprehended in FY 2002.

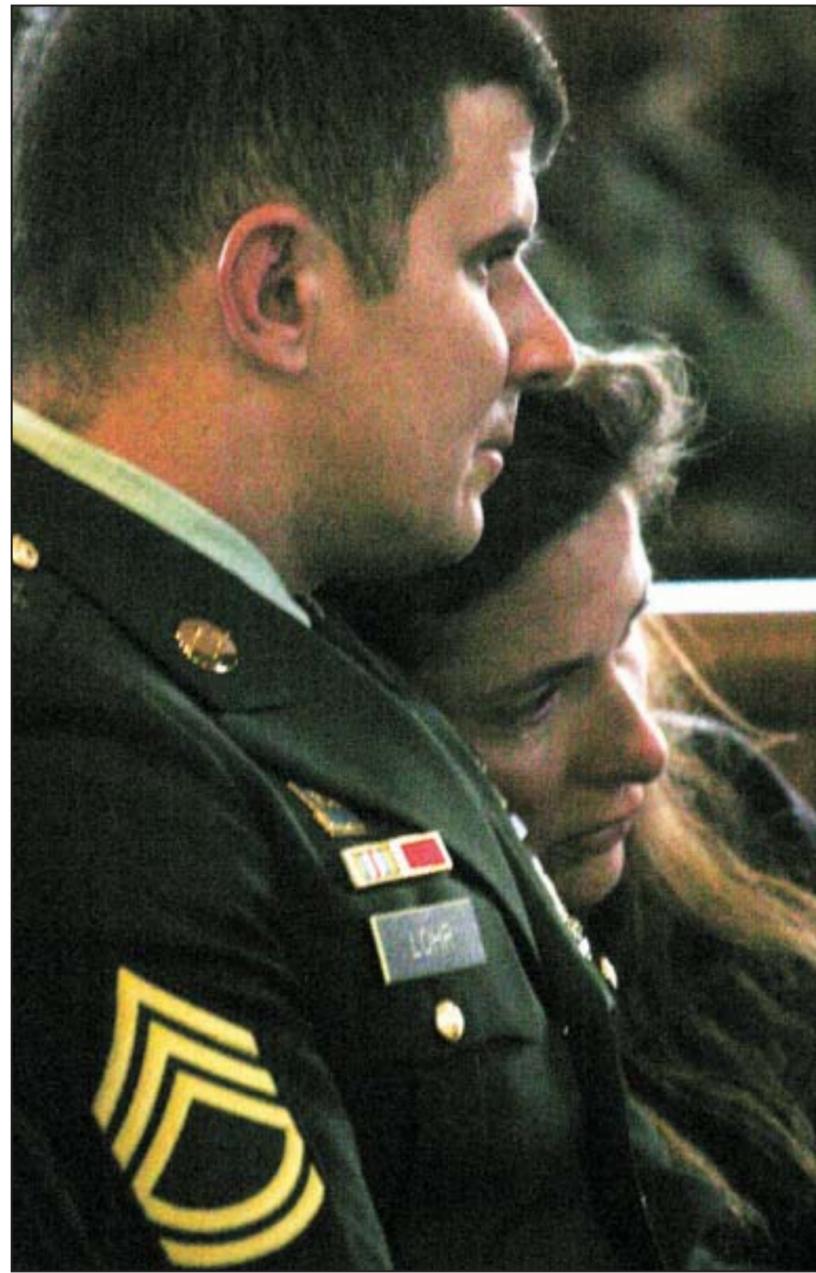


Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Sgt. 1st Class Charles Lohr, Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, was the usher who assisted and comforted Nason's sister, Gena Nason, through the memorial ceremony for Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Nason Dec. 3.

February

Aerostat tears, cause may be wind

The Tethered Aerostat Radar System experienced a fabric tear Feb. 25 which caused the aerostat a complete loss of lift.

Environmental specialists successfully cleaned up 15-20 gallons out of the 80 gallons of fuel in the tank at the time of the rupture.



Photo by Jeff Porter

March

IMA insignia part of garrison attire

On Mar. 1 all military members of the Installation Management Agency began to wear the IMA shoulder sleeve insignia patch and distinctive unit insignia crest in accordance with the Secretary of the Army's General Order #4.

The order applied to garrison Soldiers on Fort Huachuca as well as garrisons on Army installations worldwide.

AFAP conference held

The Fort Huachuca Army Family Action Plan Symposium was held March 11-13 at the Main Post Chapel.

Delegates, ranging from middle school age to World War II veterans, met and discussed issues including childcare, retiree benefits, housing, leave policies and the

Uniform Code of Military Justice.

MI Brigade inactivates

Fort Huachuca quietly inactivated the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade on Mar. 27.

Although there were no honors rendered to give closure to the unit's contributions to the Army and MI Corps, the unit's legacy was carried on as it was reorganized with the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade.

'Smart card' is new standard ID

The Identification Card Section prepared to begin issuing the Common Access Card in March.

The CAC, also known as the "smart card," will eventually replace the current ID cards, DD forms 1173.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Pfc. Tammy Darby, Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, ensures her line of sight is correct as she employs the M18A1 Claymore mine during 'hip-pocket' training May 16 at the Rappel Tower.

Her drill sergeants conducted the training to reinstall common tasks the soldiers learned in basic training.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Jasmine Gonzales, 8, whispers a message to her playmate at the new playground at Fort Huachuca School Age Services June 2.

April

Fort's Honor Guard serves

Soldiers from the Fort Huachuca Honor Guard provided full ceremonial honors to Pfc. Lori Piestewa, 507th Maintenance Company, on April 12 in Tuba City, Ariz.

Piestewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe, was the first Native American military woman to die in combat.

Volunteers save taxpayers money

From Jan. 21 to Apr. 22, volunteer tax preparers at the Fort Huachuca Tax Center helped prepare nearly 3,000 income tax returns.

The volunteers saved the fort community more than \$430,000 in fees and services they would have paid off post.

Local lifesavers are real heroes

Two Joint Interoperability Test Command contract employees were recognized on April 25 by the American Red Cross as Real Heroes. On Sept. 16, 2002 Lyn Farbo and Trish Blake saved the life of their co-worker Ralph Handley. That's when Farbo entered and started to immediately clear his airway and perform CPR because he wasn't breathing and had started to choke.

New shuttle bus schedule released

The Sierra Vista Public Transit System shuttle bus for Fort Huachuca released a new schedule in April, to include a bus which circulates around the post Mondays through Saturdays from 6:30 a.m. to 7:35 p.m. and a seven-day service from post to commercial areas downtown.

11th Signal Brigade's new digs

Soldiers from 11th Signal Brigade provided satellite communications support for U.S. forces operating in Iraq from a former presidential palace near Baghdad, Iraq in April.

Paramedics join fire department

As of April, three paramedics were stationed at the post fire department to provide an advanced level of care 24-7.

Prior to the paramedics being stationed on post, the fire department relied on their civilian counterparts for post emergency care.

Teleconference links soldiers, pals

Students from Smith Middle School were able to ask questions of their pen pals, 11th Sig. Bde. Soldiers currently deployed to Kuwait, via teleconference Apr. 14.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Sgt. Sean Burke, 19th Signal Company, hugs his five-year-old son Felix after returning to Fort Huachuca Aug 2, following his deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Staff Sgt. Angel DeJesus, 40th Signal Battalion, returns to Fort Huachuca Dec. 10, culminating a six-month deployment to the Iraqi theater. His daughter, Alexander, 2, holds on tight.

May

Mammoth tusk found

A fossilized tusk was discovered on Fort Huachuca April 17 by Larry Braden, chief of surveys, Electronic Proving Ground/New Tec. The tusk appeared to belong to a

Colombian Mammoth. The tusk was successfully excavated May 6. The tusk was then processed for curation at the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona.

SMA Tilley to meet soldiers

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley met and talked with the soldiers of Fort Huachuca May 1 at Cochise Theater.

Environmental awards given

The White House Closing the Circle Award for water resource management process and system was awarded to Fort Huachuca in April. Fort Huachuca received a 2002 Secretary of Defense Annual Environmental Award in recognition of its natural resources conservation program. Garrison Commander, Col. Lawrence J. Portouw, was at the Pentagon May 14 with Tom Cochran, chief of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, to accept the award. Fort Huachuca also received the Secretary of the Army Award for energy and water management on Dec. 3.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Lisa Rockwell pays tribute to her father, Sgt. 1st Class Paul Adlesic, on Memorial Day, May 19.

June

Center 'oodles of fun' for kids

A new facility opened June 2 for Fort Huachuca's School Age Services. The facility provides more room and better equipment for children in grades one through five.

National Guard supports post

Fort Huachuca bid farewell to Battery B, 2nd Battalion of the 142nd Field Artillery of the Arkansas National Guard, who had been on Fort Huachuca since September 2002, and welcomed the 259th Engineer Company of the Arizona National Guard, both units serving in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

Hall of Fame

The Military Intelligence Hall of Fame induction at Fort Huachuca was held June 26 and 27. The annual event recognizes Soldiers who have made significant contributions to the Military Intelligence Corps and its profession.

Recycling up for grabs

June 30 was the last day the Beacon Foundation operated the Sierra Vista recycling facility. The city's Public Works Department initiated a pilot project to try to keep the public drop-off sites open for Sierra Vista residents.

July

New general comes, goes

Fort Huachuca's new Deputy Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Barbara G. Fast, was welcomed on post July 18. Fast left for a six-month tour in Iraq the same week.

Fort's juvenile curfew policy

A new post Juvenile Curfew policy was implemented by the garrison commander.

August

Army's newest fire truck tested

The United States Army Operational Test Command put the Army's new Tactical Fire Fighting Truck through a wild land firefighting test-burn Aug. 1 at Range 6.

The mission for the two TFFTs and their crews was to extinguish, contain and control a wild land fire using the TFFTs.



School uniforms are at AAFES

Beginning Aug. 13, all Col. Smith Middle School students were required to wear school uniforms. The specific uniform was available at the main Post Exchange in a special section.

Army, Air Force train together

A joint test pilot Staff Weather Officer course was completed by a team of both Army and Air Force servicemembers in August.

The course was designed to teach Air Force weather forecasters, who will be assigned to Army units, Army 101, said Air Force Forecaster, Bill Simcox, SWO course administrator.

Building dedications

The Joint Interoperability Test Command dedicated their Key Management Infrastructure Building to the Navajo Code Talkers at 10 a.m., Aug. 27.

The Prosser Village Troop Medical Clinic was dedicated in a ceremony on Nov. 14 at to honor a Navy Medal of Honor recipient and Vietnam veteran, Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class David Ray.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Rachel Custer takes a moment with her father, Brig. Gen. John Custer, who departed in July, to reflect on their time on Fort Huachuca.

September

Quality of life sessions resume

Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks resumed his Quality of Life sensing sessions in September as part of an ongoing effort to improve the quality of life for members of the Fort Huachuca community.

Marks began conducting sensing sessions with groups of 10-15 randomly-selected members of the Fort Huachuca team shortly after taking command.

The sensing sessions had proven to be a valuable tool, allowing Marks to identify and improve numerous issues impacting the quality of life at Fort Huachuca.

Some of these concerns included lack of adequate signs informing personnel about on-post bus routes and cost, post office hours, vehicle registration hours and on-post daycare.

Two years, memories still strong

On the second anniversary of Sep. 11, the personnel of Fort Huachuca remembered and honored the innocent men, women, and children who perished in those senseless acts of terrorism in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. The observances on Sept. 11 also served as a reminder of the heroes who have lost their lives in operations in the war against terrorism.

AFAP committee meeting

Col. Lawrence Portouw, garrison commander, chaired the Army Family Action Plan commander's steering committee meeting Sep. 29, reviewing the progress on all active local AFAP issues.

Major directorates, senior commanders, sergeants major, subject matter experts, and family members participated in the meeting.

October

Rocky delivers K-9 punch

A military police dog discovered drugs during a random vehicle search at the East Gate, Oct. 7. The vehicle was impounded by the Criminal Investigation Division.

Canopies over post gates

Canopies were installed over the inbound lanes of traffic at the Main and East gates Oct. 20-24 as one of several ongoing construction projects designed to enhance safety and quality of life at Fort Huachuca.

ACS awarded accreditation

The Army Community Service on Fort Huachuca received recommendation for accreditation with commendation by the assessment team from the Installation Management Agency's Southwest Regional office as one of the Army's best communities.

Firefighter of the year named

Matt Petrowski was named firefighter of the year for both Fort Huachuca and Cochise County.

November

Ideas shared at conference

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca hosted the fifth annual Language Conference in cooperation with the Defense Language Institute on Nov. 5 and 6.

259th engineers end adventures

The 259th Engineer Company, Arizona National Guard, who began their mission on Fort Huachuca June 10, demobilized Nov. 13. Soldiers in the 259th are from all over the state of Arizona, but their unit's base is in Phoenix.

Class preps troops for new threat

The 306th Military Intelligence Battalion's Intelligence Support to Counterterrorism class took already qualified interrogators and analysts to a whole new level in November. The soldiers received "cultural awareness" training to better prepare them for the situations they may face in Iraq.

Passage good news for the river

Fort Huachuca, the San Pedro River, and

surrounding communities all benefited from passage of Section 321, of the fiscal year 2004 Defense Authorization Act signed by President George W. Bush on Nov. 23. The new law reaffirmed the fort's responsibility for some water use in the local community while changing the way that water use is evaluated under the Endangered Species Act.

Two men become Soldiers

Spc. Matthew Portonova, Company E, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, was working in Capitol Hill in his second year as a legislative aide when he heard about the attacks on the World Trade Center towers.

Spc. Alex Vershinin, Company E, 309th MI Bn. was at work as vice president of production for an apparel manufacturing company, at the corner of 36th and Broadway in New York City when he heard about the attacks on the WTC towers. As a result of the attacks, both men decided to join the military. Portonova enlisted in June and Vershinin enlisted in November.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt

Sgt. John Buscher of B Co 86th Signal Bn, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., uses an air drill to dig holes in order to sink anchor cables that will anchor a heavy tropo antenna at an undisclosed location in Iraq on April 1.

Community Updates

Soldiers' pay issues

The defense military pay office has established an e-mail account, DMPO@hua.army.mil, for pay inquiries. This account will allow Soldiers who are serviced by the DMPO to submit pay inquiries without going through their S1 Personnel Action Center. The S1/PAC is the primary point of contact for military pay issues for Soldiers assigned to their units. The email account is to be used as an additional source to resolve pay issues. Keep your S1/PAC advised of any pay concerns. Once received by the military pay office, a Soldier should expect an answer within 3 to 4 business days. Due to privacy acts concerns, the DMPO will only accept emails from AKO, Fort Huachuca exchange accounts, or other government e-mail accounts.



Range closures

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

Tax volunteers needed

Community volunteers are needed to provide free tax assistance to Southern Arizona residents next tax-filing season. Volunteers prepare federal and state returns for those who need help the most - the elderly, disabled, non-English speaking and those with limited incomes.

To volunteer or obtain more information, please visit the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona's Web site at www.volunteersoaz.org or call the United Way at 520-903-9000, ext. 310, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Members of the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona include the United Way, Catholic Community Services and the IRS.

WBU recognizes honor students

Dr. Jeff Barnes, dean of Wayland Baptist University's Sierra Vista campus, announced recently that 11 students ex-

celled in their studies and were named to WBU's Dean and President's Honor Roll lists for the fall semester.

Dean's list (grade point average for semester of 3.5 or higher) - Thomas Davis, Alberto Lopez, Erik Lownsberry, John Marcus and Joseph Perry.

President's list (grade point average of 4.0) – Juliet Blevins, Steve Hartjen, Scott Hinson, Linda Klein, Charlotte Nucci, and Joseph Pedone.

Mileage reimbursement changes

Effective Jan. 1 the mileage reimbursement rates for advantageous use of privately owned automobiles, motorcycles, and airplanes increased to the following amounts: privately owned automobile, 37.5 cents; privately owned airplane, 99.5 cents and privately owned motorcycle, 28.5 cents.

Green to Gold

The Green to Gold briefing will be held from 11 a.m. till noon Friday at the Education Center.

For more information, call Sharon Lewis at 533-2390.

Child care training

The Fort Huachuca Family Child Care training class begins Monday. Training is Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is for family members 18 and older interested in caring for children in their home.

The training is free of charge to all interested parties. For more information, call the FHFCC program at 533-2498 or stop by and visit their office in Murr Community Center. The FHFCC Office is opened Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Further information may also be obtained from the FCC director via e-mail at fcc@hua.army.mil.

Habitat for Humanity meeting set

Habitat for Humanity will meet at 7 p.m. on Jan. 13 in the Fellowship Hall of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church on the corner of St. Andrews Drive and Buffalo Soldiers Trail. For more information call Elise Raschke at 378-3701.

MLK Commemoration Breakfast

The Fort Huachuca Martin Luther King Commemoration Breakfast will be held from 7 to 8:15 a.m. on Jan. 15 at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Hancock will be the keynote

speaker. Tickets are \$8. Call the Military Equal Opportunity Office, 533-1717/3696 for more information.

Emergency Planning Committee

The Cochise County Local Emergency Planning Committee's regular monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 pm on Jan. 16, in the Science Building Room 200 at Cochise College, 901 Colombo Street, in Sierra Vista.

The public is invited to attend. For additional information call Bob Bobar at 432-9550.

FRG kickoff planned

The Headquarters, Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison will hold its Family Readiness Group kickoff from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan 22 at the Murr Recreation Center. Call 533-0939 or E-mail beanj@hua.army.mil for more information.

Electronic Proving Ground celebrates 50 years

The U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground will celebrate its 50th anniversary by hosting a tour, open to the local community, of EPG facilities Feb. 11, and a dinner Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre, on Fort Huachuca. All former EPG employees are encouraged to support and attend this historic event.

Please R.S.V.P. for the dinner and tour by Jan.30. Dinner tickets cost \$20 and can be paid by cash or check. Please make checks payable to the EPG Activity Fund. Payments can be delivered or mailed to the Electronic Proving Ground, CSTE-DTC-EP-CO-PAttn: Protocol Office, 2000 Arizona St., Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613.

For four times or more information call the EPG Protocol Office at 533-8267 or 538-7029.

Suicide prevention

Suicide prevention is a commander's program but we are all responsible for one another. Points of contact in our community for help include the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Clinic, Behavioral Health Services at 533-5161 or 533-7030; Sierra Vista Regional Health Center, emergency room at 417-3060; the Family Life Chaplain at 533-4748 for suicide awareness and prevention training to assist commanders with the identification of at-risk personnel and the Army Substance Abuse Program/Risk Management and Employee Assistance Services at 538-1286.

Tax Season

Some pay earned while serving in a combat zone can be excluded from federal taxes

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE RELEASE

Editor's note: The post tax assistance office, Building 22324, is open Feb-Apr., Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call, 533-3090.

If you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who serves in a combat zone, you can exclude certain pay from your income. You do not have to receive the pay while you are in a combat zone, are hospitalized, or in the same year you served in a combat zone. However, your entitlement to the pay must have fully accrued in a month during which you served in the combat zone or were hospitalized as a result of wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving in the combat zone.

Enlisted personnel, warrant officers, and commissioned warrant officers can exclude the amounts listed below from their income.

* Active duty pay earned in any month you served in a combat zone.

* Imminent danger/hostile fire pay.

* A reenlistment bonus if the voluntary extension or reenlistment occurs in a month you served in a combat zone.

* Pay for accrued leave earned in any month you served in a combat zone. The Department of Defense must determine that the unused leave was earned during that period.

* Pay received for duties as a member of the Armed Forces in clubs, messes, post and station theaters, and other nonappropriated fund activities. The pay must be earned in a month you served in a combat zone.

* Awards for suggestions, inventions, or scientific achievements you are entitled to because of a submission you made in a month you served in a combat zone.

* Student loan repayments that are attributable to your period of service in a combat zone (provided a full year's service is performed to earn the repayment).

If you are a commissioned officer, you may exclude your pay according to the rules just discussed. However, the amount of your exclusion is limited to the highest rate of enlisted pay (plus imminent danger/hostile fire pay received) for each month during any part of which you served in a combat zone or were hospitalized as a result of your service there.

Any questions?

Question: I am a member of the U.S. Armed Forces performing services in a combat zone. Is any part of my military pay for serving in this area excluded from gross income?

Answer: Yes, if you serve in a combat zone as an enlisted person or as a warrant officer (including commissioned warrant officers) for any part of a month, all your military pay received for military service that month is excluded from gross income. For commissioned officers, the monthly exclusion is capped at the highest enlisted pay, plus any hostile fire or imminent danger pay received.

Question: My husband and I are both enlisted personnel serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in the combat zone. Are we each entitled to the income tax exclusion for

military pay?

Answer: Yes, each of you qualifies for the income tax exclusion for your respective military pay.

Question: I am a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed on a ship outside any combat zone. I fly missions over a combat zone as part of the military operations in that combat zone. Is any part of my military pay excluded from gross income?

Answer: Yes. The combat zone includes the airspace over it, so you are serving in the combat zone.

Question: If I am injured and hospitalized while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in a combat zone, is any of my military pay excluded from gross income?

Answer: Yes. Military pay received by enlisted personnel who are hospitalized as a result of injuries sustained while serving in a combat zone is excluded from gross income for the period of hospitalization, subject to the 2-year limitation provided below. Commissioned officers have a similar exclusion, limited to the maximum enlisted pay amount per month. These exclusions from gross income for hospitalized enlisted personnel and commissioned officers end 2 years after the date of termination of the combat zone.

Question: My wife is currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in a combat zone and will be eligible for discharge when she returns home. If she is discharged upon her return, will the payment for the annual leave that she accrued during her service in the combat zone be excluded from gross income?

Answer: Yes. Annual leave payments to enlisted members of the U.S. Armed Forces upon discharge from service are excluded from gross income to the extent the annual leave was accrued during any

month in any part of which the member served in a combat zone. If you wife is a commissioned officer, a portion of the annual leave payment she receives for leave accrued during any month in any part of which she served in a combat zone may be excluded. The annual leave payment is not excludable to the extent it exceeds the maximum enlisted pay amount for the month of service to which it relates less the amount of military pay already excluded for that month.

Question: I am an enlisted person serving in a combat zone. If I reenlist early while I am in the combat zone and receive my reenlistment bonus several months later when I am stationed outside the combat zone, is any part of my reenlistment bonus excluded from gross income?

Answer: Yes. The reenlistment bonus is excluded from gross income although received in a month that you were outside the combat zone, because you completed the necessary action for entitlement to the reenlistment bonus in a month during which you served in the combat zone.

Question: My brother, who is a civilian in the merchant marine, is on a ship that transports military supplies between the United States and the combat zone. Is he entitled to the combat zone military pay exclusion?

Answer: No. Those serving in the merchant marine are not members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The combat zone military pay exclusion applies only to members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Neither federal civilian employees nor civilian defense contractors deployed with U.S. forces qualify for an exclusion of income earned while working in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area.



They may, however, qualify for an extension of deadlines to file and pay taxes.

The U.S. Armed Forces include all regular and reserve components of the uniformed services that are under the control of the Secretaries of Defense, Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard.

Question: My husband is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces performing services related to a combat operation but he is not in the combat zone and he is not receiving hostile fire/imminent danger pay. Is he entitled to the military pay exclusion?

Answer: No. U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving outside the combat zone are not entitled to the military pay exclusion unless they are serving in direct support of military operations in the combat zone for which they receive hostile fire/imminent danger pay. The Department of Defense certifies areas that meet these requirements.

Question: How do I certify my entitlement to the military pay exclusion?

Answer: Your service branch must certify your entitlement on the Form W-2 it provides you. If you believe you are entitled to the exclusion, but it is not reflected on your Form W-2, ask your service branch to issue a corrected Form W-2.



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December

Cost Warriors

Cost Warriors was an addition to the Scout recognizing post personnel who have found unique ways to save money spent on things such as facilities, training, supplies and equipment on Fort Huachuca.

Education Center awards

Awards won by the Army Education Center on Fort Huachuca were the 2003 Council of College and Military Educators Institution Award, both won by the Cochise College MOS Credentialing Program.

School Recognition

Col. Smith Middle School eighth-grade

students scored the highest math marks in the state on Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards. The school was among the highest ranking schools in Arizona according to the Arizona Department of Education. Smith received a designation of "Excelling," under the state's accountability system, commonly referred to as Arizona Learns.

Warrant Officer dies in Iraq

Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Nason, Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, died in a traffic accident between Mosul and Dihok, Iraq on Nov. 23. Nason was honored Dec. 3 during a memorial service at the Main Post Chapel.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

A Shadow 200 unmanned aerial vehicle experienced engine failure and crashed 50 feet south of the Rugge-Hamilton runway Feb. 7.

On Mar. 18 the Defense Department unveiled a billion dollar roadmap for unmanned aerial vehicles during the next 25 years.

The Army's newest warrant officer military occupational skill, 350U Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operations Technician, was created primarily because of the increasing demand of UAVs intelligence collection on the battlefield.

The first RQ-5A Hunter UAV took its maiden flight in Germany during a ceremony on the Hohenfels Army Airfield Aug. 15. Fifteen Army unmanned aerial vehicle opera-

tor students from Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, participated in a live field training exercise, the "capstone" of UAV training, at Wren Arena, Sept. 24.

The Thunder Mountain Evaluation Center here hosted an unmanned aerial vehicle demonstration Oct. 6-10 to evaluate the potential use of UAVs for homeland security.

The United States Army Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Training Center began excavations for their \$10.4 M expansion Dec. 11 with a groundbreaking ceremony at Black Tower.

Fort Huachuca's Joint Interoperability Test Command, in conjunction with several other organizations on post, assisted in a Silver Fox unmanned aerial vehicle demonstration for the Secretary of the Navy on the morning of Dec. 16.