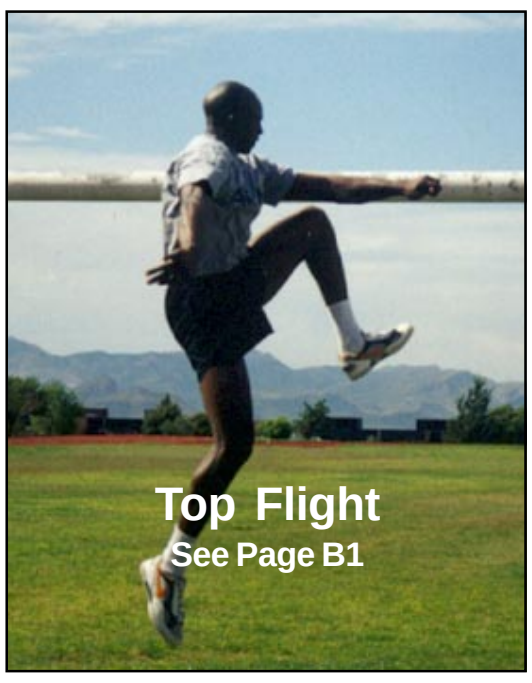

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Change of command

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade (Provisional) will conduct a change of command today at 7 a.m. at Brown Parade Field.

Lt. Col. Eileen M. Ahearn will relinquish command to Col. James V. Slavin in the ceremony.

USAIC&FH Organization Day

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade will host the 2002 U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca's Organization Day Aug. 9 at Sentinel and Warrior Fields.

Opening ceremony is 7:30 a.m. at Warrior Field. There will be numerous sporting events and children activities for participants. Closing ceremony is 2 p.m. at Warrior Field.

Any units wishing to provide food booths/vendors must contact the 112th MI Bde. for select personnel to attend the Food Handler's Course by close of business today. For more information on the event, contact Sgt. 1st Class Charles Patterson at 598-1046.

New school bus stop

The City of Sierra Vista has announced they have added a new Saturday bus stop at the Smith Middle School/Youth Center. The bus will stop at this new location 11 minutes after the hour, every hour from 9:11 a.m. - 7:11 p.m.

Back to school physicals

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will provide School Readiness Physicals for youth Saturday and Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If your child needs a physical call 533-9200 to make an appointment. Tricare Prime or Standard patients will also be accepted. Please call for an appointment soon, as they are available on a first come first served basis. For more information, call Capt. Jeff Blakewell at 533-5575.

Preschool screening

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District will be conducting a preschool screening Aug. 22, for all 3, 4, and non-kindergarten 5-year-olds residing on Fort Huachuca.

The screening instruments we intend to use are designed to survey gross and fine motor skills, communication skills, cognitive development and socio-emotional development. In addition, we will be testing hearing and vision.

Through the screening process, we hope to identify those children in need of any type of early childhood special education services. If you suspect a disability in your preschool age child, please call 458-5082, or 459-8399 to make an appointment (please call prior to Aug. 15).

Hazardous waste meeting

The next Hazardous Waste Management Board meeting will be held Wednesday at the Quality Training Center, Building 22420 from 8 - 9 a.m.

New and changing environmental issues will be covered in the meeting. For more information, contact Becky Lenthardt at 533-0547.

Committee luncheon

The Military Affairs Committee's monthly luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. Aug. 7, at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Col. Mary Beth Shively, commander, U.S. Army Information Systems Command will be the guest speaker.

Cost of the buffet lunch is $8.50 with reservations and $9 at the door. For reservations call the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

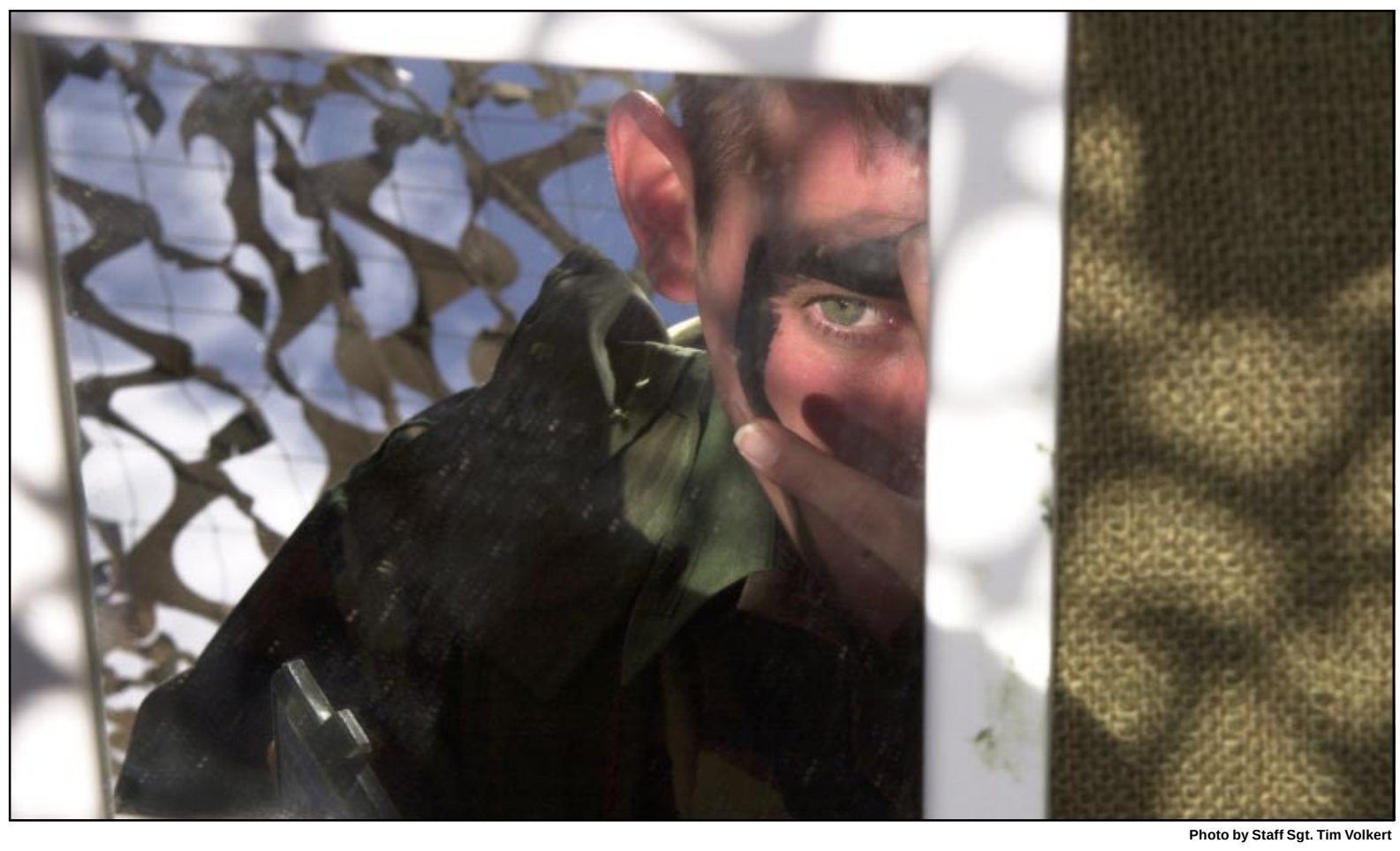

Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Eye gotcha!

Spc. Stephen Vitkovic, of the 1111th Signal Battalion, 1108th Signal Brigade, applies camouflage during Common Task Testing testing of the Army Signal Command NCO and Soldier of the Year competition held July 22-26 at Fort Huachuca. See related article and photos on Page 4.

Teens survive vehicle accident

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Staff Sgt. Victory Trujillo, Military Police Traffic section NCOIC, checks the accident scene after a vehicle rollover involving three post teens.

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Three Fort Huachuca teens survived an auto accident when their sports utility vehicle flipped and rolled down Huachuca Canyon road July 25.

The teens, all 16 years old, are identified as Richard Laszok, Cassandra Aspeytia and Savanna Shearer, escaped with minimal injuries as a result of the accident.

"This could have been a lot worse if they weren't wearing their seatbelts," said Staff Sgt. Victor Trujillo, Military Police Traffic section noncommissioned officer in charge. "They could have easily been ejected from the back window or severely injured with the broken glass and loose articles in the vehicle."

Two of the teens were treated and released by Fort Huachuca Fire Department emergency personnel and one was evacuated to Sierra Vista Hospital and released the same day with only minor head injuries.

Trujillo said preliminary investigation results revealed the cause of the accident was the driver driving too fast for the road conditions.

"The vehicle was speeding as it was entering a curve and the gravel gave way which forced it to slide," Trujillo said. "The driver eventually lost control and it ran into a bank and rolled down hill."

Trujillo mentioned the fact that the teens were able to get out and walk away on their own from the accident was a miracle. Capt. Brian McGrew, Company A, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, who gave them a ride to the MP station for medical assistance, discovered the teens.

The accident is the most recent in a series of accidents recently on Fort Huachuca. Military police officials urge post residents to obey all traffic regulations, especially speeding. Despite the latest increase in accidents, Fort Huachuca lags far behind Army-wide statistics of privately owned vehicle fatalities.

"I can't reiterate how lucky the driver and passengers of this accident are for wearing seatbelts," Trujillo said. "As they now know, seatbelts can save lives."

School registration kicks off for upcoming academic year

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

The long days of summer — with kids sleeping in, playing video games, riding bikes, sun bathing, family vacations and swimming — is coming to an end as the doors to schools are getting ready to open Aug. 14 on Fort Huachuca.

In fact, Fort Huachuca Accommodation School registration began Tuesday and ends Friday.

Myer Elementary School registration and Johnston Elementary School is from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and ends today. Parents can reach Myer Elementary School at 459-8986 or Johnston Elementary School at 459-8798.

Smith Middle School registration was from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, and will continue today, and Friday. Parents can contact Smith Middle School at 459-8892.

All new students on Fort Huachuca are required to provide birth certificates, shot records, and school records are recommended, or at least an address of previous school if applicable.

For parents who pre-registered their children in the spring for FHAS, there will be a special registration area where they can pick up the 2002/2003 School/Student Handbook, district information sheets, free/reduced lunch applications, class and/or locker assignments. They can update any emergency contact information as well.

Buena High School registration will begin Tuesday and run through Friday, Aug.16. Seniors will kickoff registration this year at Buena early Tuesday morning from 7:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Juniors will follow on Wednesday, then with sophomores Aug. 8 and Aug. 9, and then freshmen Aug. 12 - 13, with school starting with a freshmen only day on Aug. 19.

The times are listed in alphabetical order listed as follows:

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Biological Assessment now online, in libraries

By Angela Moncur
Environmental Public Affairs Specialist

Fort Huachuca's new programmatic Biological Assessment is available online at http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/DIS/DISHOME.HTM#ENRD.

It is also available to the community at the public libraries in Sierra Vista, Benson, Bisbee, Tombstone, Huachuca City and Fort Huachuca.

On July 15, Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, signed the Biological Assessment and it was forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Commander's Hotline

The commander's hotline is designated for the patrons of the Fort Huachua area who reside or work on post. If you have a concern or complaint feel free to voice your opinion so that it can addressed; call 533-BOSS (2677).

All comments will be issued a response either directly via phone or email or in cases such as the following, published with a reponse.

Caller:

My concern is with the "Colonel's Row" road (Grierson Avenue). I live on Mason St., and there's plenty of traffic that travels Mason St. to go to the health clinic, etc.

This road — Mason St. — is a high traffic area, which I think should not be a high traffic area, since it is a residential area. There should be speed bumps in place on the road. So, what is good for the officer housing areas, should be good for the enlisted housing areas.

Another concern is segregation of officers' residential areas and enlisted residential areas. If there's going to be segregation, then it should be across the board, the officers should not be allowed to live in enlisted neighborhoods, since they're taking up housing that should go to enlisted.

If there are going to be signs in the officers' residential areas advising people they can't drive on those roads, there should also be signs in the enlisted residential areas. It makes us feel inadequate, as far as the level of officers, when we're all supposed to be a "team of one." This is not good, because then what's the next step, what are we going to have (next), our kids being segregated in school?

If there are going to be signs restricting access, then they should go across the board, across the whole fort. This is the only installation I've been on that has signs like that.

Response:

A recent traffic survey conducted in various locations on the installation indicated that their is a traffic problem on Mason, although the survey indicated the problem is minor and occurs sporadically during a typical work week.

The Post Master Traffic Plan calls for widening Lawton Road to four lanes starting at the intersection from Smith Avenue to Lawton Road. When this is completed it should alleviate minor traffic congestion on secondary roads in this area.

The military police in conjunction with DIS continually work towards relieving traffic congestion which may occur on secondary roads. These include routinely enforcing traffic rules and regulations and ensuring traffic control signs indicating speed and restrictions are placed where they can best benefit the safety of the residents. Of course, as in many cases, limited resources and available manpower requires us to focus on areas of the installation that may require greater attention.

As always quality of life is critically important and we will strive to ensure unnecessary traffic congestion is reduced on all secondary roads.

Maj. Dan R. Ortega
Director of Public Safety

Response:

I will address the callers comment, *"If there's going to be segregation all across the board, the officers should not be allowed to live in our neighborhood, since they're taking up housing that should go to enlisted."*

While it is true that company grade officers live in the vicinity of this enlisted neighborhood, they are not in it. Further, of our total housing assets, 88.7 percent or 1462 houses are allocated to enlisted, while only 11.3 percent or 187 houses are allocated to officers. In the future, after all the enlisted housing in Pershing Plaza and Miles Manor are rebuilt, the enlisted housing on the Mason site will most probably be revitalized as necessary and become additional officer housing rather than the other way around.

Sylvia M. Pete
Chief, Housing Division
Directorate of Installation Support

Readers' comments on Sept. 11 sought

Sept. 11 left an enduring mark on our nation.

The *Fort Huachuca Scout* is compiling comments from our readers on how they remember that day and how they feel America has changed since the attacks.

To offer your comment, send it by mail to the Public Affairs Office, Attn: Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks, 21115 Adair Ave., Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000 or e-mail it to thescout@hua.army.mil. Please include your name, where you live and a daytime phone number so that we may verify your submission.

Your comments may be edited and chosen to appear in our special Sept.12, 2002 edition. Comments will be accepted through Aug. 30.

Soldiers' Lawyer

What can a Fort Huachuca legal assistance attorney do for me?

The Army Legal Assistance Program was designated in 1943 to provide legal services to soldiers, family members and retirees. The scope of this program is broad, as it encompasses virtually all areas of the law. The Fort Huachuca Legal Assistance Office offers the following types of legal services: notary services, legal counseling, legal correspondence, legal negotiations, legal document drafting and preparation, electronic filing of tax returns, pro se assistance and civilian attorney referrals. A brief description of each service follows:

Notary Services

Attorneys and paralegals can witness signatures to documents and can provide notary services for these documents. These personnel can also certify copies of some (but not all) documents such as DD 214's, wills, or Powers of Attorney.

Legal Counseling

Attorneys can provide legal advice to eligible clients on a wide range of civil matters. If you're unsure about a problem, come talk to an attorney.

Legal Correspondence

Legal Assistance attorneys also draft correspondence to be sent to others to help resolve legal problems. Such correspondence include letters signed by the attorney on behalf of the client, or a letter prepared by the client, and reviewed and edited by the attorney. Examples include rebuttals to Letters of Reprimand and Reports of Survey, and OER and NCOER appeals.

Legal Negotiations

This service involves discussions between an Army attorney representing a client with another adverse party (or his or her attorney), e.g. car dealerships, landlords, etc. This service is often the quickest method of resolution to a legal matter, but it often includes follow-up correspondence.

Legal Document Drafting

This service includes the drafting, completion, and execution of documents such as wills, powers of attorney, military lease clauses, federal and state income tax returns, and other legal papers.

Electronic Filing of Tax Returns

Every year the Fort Huachuca Legal Assistance Office sponsors the Tax Assistance Program that aids eligible clients in the preparation and filing of their state and federal income tax returns. The tax center opens the second week of January and closes on the final filing day of the tax year. Soldiers who have been deployed or need further assistance with filing federal returns may seek guidance from the Legal Assistance office.

Pro Se Assistance

Pro Se Assistance aids client by helping them file their own legal documents. For example, Fort Huachuca Legal Assistance attorneys can aid in the preparation of uncontested divorces, and can give guidance on filing procedures and fees within the local courts.

Civilian Criminal Proceedings

While Legal Assistance attorneys cannot provide in-court representation to clients in civilian criminal court proceedings, they can advise clients on general court procedures and provide referrals to appropriate civilian counsel.

Attorney Referrals

When legal needs go beyond the scope of the Army Legal Assistance program, the attorneys and paralegals at the Fort Huachuca office will provide a list of qualified civilian attorneys and firms.

Legal Assistance attorneys cannot provide legal advice on matters outside the scope of the Legal Assistance Program. However, we do offer referrals to other agencies, such as Army Community Services, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Better Business Bureau. We are a customer-oriented office and always try to help those who require assistance.

The Soldiers' Lawyer is provided by your JAG Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the web at http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/la.html or contact us at 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.

Scout on the Street

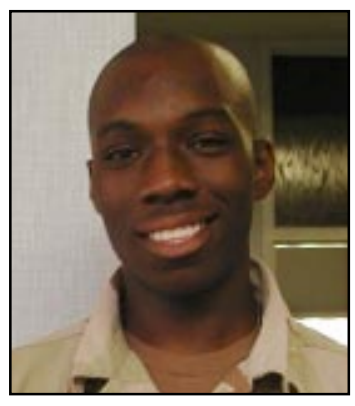
What has been the most memorable event in your military career?

Being an intelligence analyst, assigned in Munich, Germany and transferring an entire organization from Munich to Augsburg.

Marvin Wooten, retired Army

Just the traveling, going places. I would have never gone if I hadn't joined the Army, like Korea and Japan.

Spc. Michelle Williams, A 40th Company, 40th Signal Battalion.



Being stationed overseas, in Camp Humphreys, Korea. It was a culture shock.

Spc. Omar Johnson, 19th Sig. Bn.

Traveling, getting to see more of the world, seeing other people's culture.

Pvt. William White, 69th Sig. Co.

I got awarded a regimental award, a bronze order of mercury. It's a nomination by a lieutenant colonel or higher for the job of a Signal Corps.

Sgt. 1st Class Scot Sherwood, 269th Sig. Co.

An overseas tour to Korea.

Sgt. Gene Duenas, 86th Sig. Brig.

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111th MI Bde. bids farewell to Carrington, welcomes Flynn

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Col. Michael T. Flynn, new commander of 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, holds the colors of his unit during a change of command ceremony Thursday at Chaffee Parade Field. Flynn assumed duties from outgoing commander Col. William A. Carrington.

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Family, friends and colleagues said their goodbyes to Col. William A. Carrington and welcomed Col. Michael T. Flynn during the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade change of command ceremony held Thursday on Chaffee Parade Field.

While soldiers stood in formation in honor of the incoming and outgoing commanders, Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, commanding general, was on hand to give the crowd insight on what the brigade was losing and gaining.

In his speech, Marks described the impact Carrington and his wife, Paula, had made to the fort and the military intelligence community during his term as commander of the brigade.

"What do you say to a soldier and his family who have such deep roots here at Fort Huachuca and have significantly influenced so many of us?" Marks asked. "What do you say to a soldier and his leadership who touched soldiers everyday in positive and influential ways and then with pride and confidently sent those soldiers to the field all over the world?

"Well, the best, the highest reward, the most significant praise any soldier can get comes in the form of two words – well done."

Marks explained Carrington's presence was felt throughout every corner of the brigade through accomplishments such as improving quality of life for soldiers, establishing three mobilization teams, linking his brigade to the fight in the ongoing global war on terrorism and establishing noncommissioned officer integration into key positions within U.S. Army Central Command.

In accepting the colors of the brigade, Marks reminded Flynn to be humble for the responsibility he gained as the new commander.

"Every intel soldier that every commander and every intel professional at every level get in their formations from today forward will carry with them the influence, the imprint, the enthusiasm of both you guys of 'Team Flynn,'" Marks said.

Carrington, departing to Hawaii where he will assume duties as the J-2 for Pacific Command, expressed the joy and fulfillment of serving the soldiers in his brigade during his farewell to the troops.

"I started this journey over two years ago by declaring that command was the best job on earth," Carrington said. "I have been reminded every day since then that truer words have never been spoken. I have truly enjoyed every day I have been in command."

Carrington particularly praised the young Initial Entry Training soldiers for their service and commitment to the Nation by joining the Army.

"Most of the IET servicemembers in formation entered the service after September 11," Carrington said. "They didn't come in for the college money, they didn't come in for the bonuses, they came in to support and defend this great country of ours. I love them all."

Not excluding the permanent party soldiers assigned to the 111th, Carrington expressed gratitude and thanks to the many officers, noncommissioned officers and soldiers who made his time in command enjoyable.

For Flynn, who served as a company commander and instructor here in 1989, he felt what he described as a sense of déjà vu returning to Fort Huachuca.

"From this command springs the leadership, vision and success of any future endeavor our Nation commits itself to," he said. "Without the commitment to excellence in education and training, disciplined leadership, and high standards across the board, the success of our Army and our Nation would not be where it stands today."

Flynn has served in a variety of assignments, with his most recent as the assistant chief of staff, G-2, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is married to the former Lori Andrade of Middletown, R.I., and they have two sons, Michael and Matthew.

Unit housing sponsorship program boosts quality of life, morale of residents

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

The Unit Housing Sponsorship Program, initiated by U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca Commanding General Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks earlier this year, established a greater role of partnership between several post entities to improve the quality of life for housing residents.

Partnerships between the Housing Office, Military Police, units and residents of the community came together addressing issues to make coming home more enjoyable.

Each housing area has brigade-level oversight, with sponsorship of specific housing areas covered by specific battalions.

One battalion in particular, the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, has taken on this initiative on through the efforts of Staff Sgt. Kelvin Jones.

Jones, the housing area coordinator for 306th MI Bn., has worked diligently since the beginning of the year to raise the morale and attitudes of the residents assigned to his unit's sponsorship.

The unit sponsors residents of Hall Circle and Hanna, Patch and Fuller Streets (officially known as Gatewood 1, 2 and 3).

"The Housing Office was already doing a lot to help boost the morale of the residents by installing new siding and windows on the quarters to beautify the area," Jones said.

Jones expressed that although the Housing Office stepped up to the plate, he wanted the residents to do more in taking ownership of their neighborhood.

Despite the good efforts of a few, Jones mentioned more was needed to revamp the attitude of the community.

After listening to several complaints Jones held a town hall meeting in April to discuss issues and concerns of the residents and try to work a solution through the battalion's leadership.

"We came up with an incentive for yard of the month," Jones said. "But at the same token, the command's philosophy was not to focus on 'this is what you're going to get, but rather this is your area and you should take pride in it.'"

Jones said he was careful not to persuade the residents to go spend extra money for a major landscape project in their yard, but to do the simple things like cutting grass, raking debris and cleaning up clutter from the front yard.

Most importantly, Jones didn't want to rub residents the wrong way and be misconstrued as the Housing Police.

"I told the residents, as the representative of the 306th who is sponsoring the area, we're not here to measure your grass or things of that nature. We're here to improve the quality of life," Jones said. "Part of that may mean you just have to adhere to the housing regulations.

" I can't and don't have the authority to give citations. I'm simply the go-between to assist the residents on their housing concerns."

From reporting speeding vehicles to stray animals, to participating in cleanup activities, to painting playground equipment, through Jones' efforts, the residents of Hall Circle were determined to change the image of their housing area into one they can all be proud of.

Even more impressive, Jones himself doesn't live in Hall Circle, yet he is a fixture in the residency to serve and take care of the needs of those who reside there.

Photo by 1st Sgt. Edie Spekhardt

Hall Circle resident Tyler Campbell helps remove glass and debris from the playground during cleanup Saturday. Hall Circle is sponsored by the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion.

"My family is willing to give up our time on the weekends to pitch in and help," Jones said. "I do that because my unit is the sponsoring unit of that housing area. I treat that literally as if that's where I reside."

This was a surprise to the residents who assumed Jones also lived in their community.

Jones related a story of receiving an e-mail from a resident who just came off of a 24-hour staff duty shift, but came out to participate in the cleanup of the playground.

"He said Sergeant Jones, I didn't feel like coming out here, but when I looked out my window and saw you and your wife out here, it motivated me," Jones said. "So I see what we're doing is having an impact on the people who live here."

Army changes NCO promotion board sequence

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

In a move designed to allow more lead time for permanent-change-of-station notification and best use advanced NCO training course seats, the Army is changing the dates it traditionally holds promotion boards for sergeant first class through sergeant major.

The Office of the Deputy Chief Staff, G1, sent an All Army Activities message, commonly referred to as an ALARACT to the field on the subject July 10.

Promotion boards for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 will be held as normally scheduled with the date changes occurring in FY 2004 and 2005.

Specifically, the sergeant major promotion board will meet in June 2004, instead of October; the master sergeant board will convene in both February and October 2004 and meet in October thereafter; and the sergeant first class board will convene in February 2005, rather than June.

While the first board date change does not occur until 2004, the impact will be felt sooner. The FY 2003 sergeant first class board will select enough NCOs to meet the Army's sergeant first class promotion needs for a 19-month period instead of the normal needs for 12 months.

In order to transition to the new board dates, there will be no sergeant first class promotion board scheduled in FY 2004, said Sgt. Maj. Gerald Purcell, a personnel policy integrator with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1.

"This will obviously be tumultuous for some, but it is about correcting some unfavorable situations out there that have been created by the timeframe the results of these boards traditionally come out," Purcell said. "This is about what is best for soldiers and the Army."

What is best for both, according to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, is reducing turbulence created by short-notice PCSs, Purcell said.

With sergeant major promotion boards historically meeting in October and a command sergeant major review board the following December, the sergeant major promotion list gets released in mid January.

Personnel managers at the Total Army Personnel Command then need several months to determine who goes where, often giving Sergeant Major Academy graduates a 60-day or less notification of where they are going after a May graduation, Purcell said.

Likewise, those master sergeants selected to attend the sergeant major Academy often get short notification. Both situations place undue stress and turbulence on the soldiers and their families, he said.

Moving the sergeant major promotion board to June allows for sergeant major academy graduates to receive their PCS notifications six months out, Purcell explained.

Likewise, it will give those selected to attend the academy a nine-month notice.

Another unfavorable situation the board date changes are designed to fix is low advanced NCO course attendance during the first quarter of each fiscal year, Purcell said.

With sergeant first class boards meeting in June and the selection list released in late August, PERSCOM has had little reaction time to best use existing first-quarter training seats.

Moving the sergeant first class promotion board to February will allow PERSCOM more time than the current system allows to more fully use available ANCOC training seats throughout the year, Purcell said.

Having one large sergeant first class board in FY 2003 and none in FY 2004, does have a drawback to those approaching a retention control point.

Under a policy implemented in October 1995, soldiers who are within 12 months of their retention control point are not eligible for consideration by a centralized promotion board.

Under that policy, an initial analysis showed a little more than 2,000 staff sergeants -- with a basic active-service date between June 1, 1985 and Jan. 31, 1986 -- would have one less promotion board consider them with the re-sequencing of the boards, Purcell

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Volkert

Staff Sgt. Jose Leon Jr. of the 78th Signal Battalion, 516th Signal Brigade at Camp Zama, Japan, evaluates a casualty during the Common Task Training portion of the Army Signal Command NCO and Soldier of the Year competition. Leon was named the Army Signal Command NCO of the Year Friday.

From east to west to victory

Army Signal Command's NCO/Soldier of the year winners cross Pacific to garner title, top honors

By Staff Sgt. Gary Watson
ASC Public Affairs Office

Two Far East duty stations produced this year's winners of the U.S. Army Signal Command's NCO and Soldier of the Year.

The ASC NCO of the Year is Staff Sgt. Jose Leon Jr. of the 78th Signal Battalion, 516th Signal Brigade, at Camp Zama, Japan.

The ASC Soldier of the Year is Pfc. Robert Vandenberg of the 275th Signal Company, 41st Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, at Camp Market, Korea.

The winners of the weeklong ASC board were announced Friday night at a dinner at La Hacienda. Thirteen participants from seven signal brigades and commands competed.

"We're all winners," Leon told the crowd of more than 100 in remarks at the end of the ceremony, referring to the 13 candidates.

He said the day and night land navigation events were the toughest part of the competition because of a minimum of terrain features to use as reference points.

He called the overall competition very challenging. "It gave us a chance to measure ourselves," he said.

Leon said he has competed in 11 boards.

For Vandenberg, the competition had a unique reward. His wife, Joyce, and 9-year-old son, Dylan, live in Arizona, so the trip from Korea, where he has spent more than half of his time in the Army, to Fort Huachuca gave him a chance to be with his family for the week of the board.

"I thank the Lord for taking me as far as he has," he said.

He said he has been competing in boards since basic training. He has been stationed in Korea for 11 of his 21 months in the Army.

Vandenberg agreed with Leon that the land navigation events were the most difficult part of the competition.

He said he prepared for the ASC board with "a lot of prayer and a lot of study and a lot of PT."

In addition to the land navigation, the candidates were required to perform several common soldier tasks, take an Army Physical Fitness Test, take a 50-question written examination and appear before a board of sergeants major.

"This is one of the best boards that I have ever had the opportunity to put together," said ASC Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Desjardins.

He praised all those who helped run the ASC boards. "It was done professionally throughout," he said.

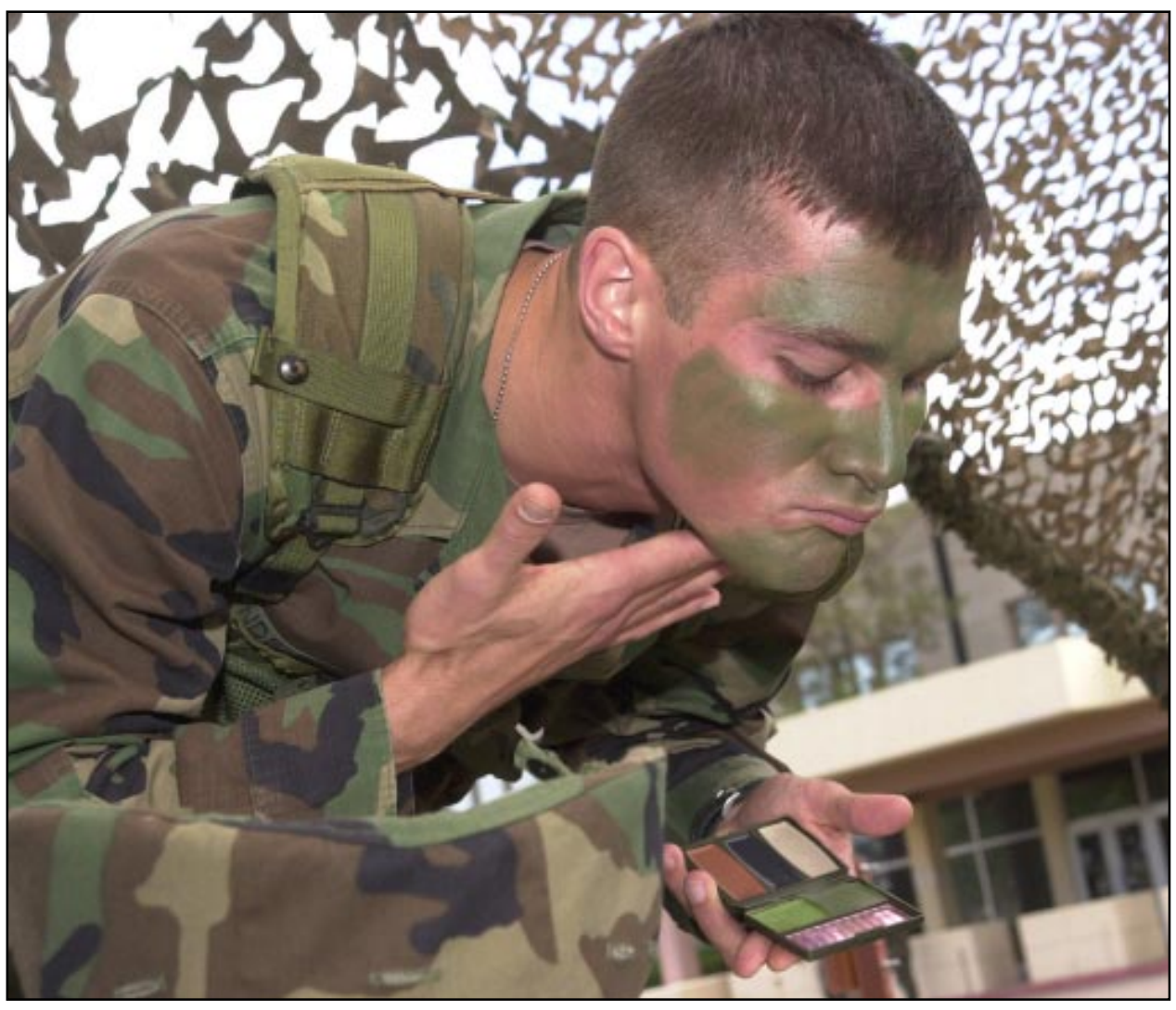
Desjardins agreed that the land navigation events at Fort Huachuca provided a unique challenge to the candidates. "Perception in the desert is totally different from anywhere else," he said.

Next week, the two soldiers head to the U.S. Army Forces Command boards at Fort McPherson, Ga. The winners of that event will compete for Army NCO and Soldier of the Year.

Desjardins said he and others at ASC will be helping the winners this week prepare for the competition at FORSCOM.

The runner-up for ASC NCO of the Year was Sgt. Ricky Collier of the 293rd Signal Company, 36th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, at Camp Carroll, Korea.

The runner-up for ASC Soldier of the Year was Sgt. Edward Herlitz of Company C, 63rd Signal Battalion, 93rd Signal Brigade, at Fort Gordon, Ga.



Pfc. Robert Vandenberg of the 41st Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, applies camouflage during CTT testing July 23. Vandenberg was named the Army Signal Command Soldier of the Year Friday.

Above: Sgt. Ricky Collier, 36th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, grimaces as he tries to squeeze one more sit-up repetition during the APFT. Left: Spc. Heather Rozyczk, 59th Signal Battalion, 516th Signal Brigade, simulates the process of evaluating a casualty.

BDUs to beauty queen

Fort Huachuca soldier transforms herself into beauty queen contestant

By Spc. Jeffrey J. Lacap
Scout Staff

Pfc. Sarah Pechin shines like a star in and out of her BDUs.

The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Training Center in Fort Huachuca is the home of UAV training for the U.S. Army. It is where a soldier can become a Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operator.

This is also the workplace of 19-year-old Pfc. Sarah Mae Pechin, an aviations operations specialist at the site. During the day she is a soldier, but at night she trades in her BDUs and combat boots for an evening gown and pumps.

Pechin was the first soldier in pageant history to go after the Miss Sierra Vista crown.

The whole experience was a 180-degree turn from her normal life.

"I was totally way out of my comfort zone," Pechin said. "I barely wear make-up. And my biggest fear was falling on my face. A lot of the girls wear heels all the time. I'm used to running shoes or boots."

Her road to the crown was long and tough. For the last four weeks leading up to the pageant she had to juggle work, family, school and rehearsals.

Like many soldiers, she gets up at 4:30 am to get ready for physical training. After getting off work at 4:30 pm, she quickly gets dressed for pageant rehearsals. On most nights she wouldn't come home until 10 p.m. While practicing the marimba an hour a night for the talent part of the contest, she also made arrangements for her parents, five sisters and one brother visiting from Orem, Utah. On top of all that, she had finals a week prior to the pageant.

Even with the burden of so many commitments, she was able to handle it all. She credits a lot of her success to a supportive cast of UAV soldiers.

"I couldn't have done it without them [the UAV Training Center]," Pechin said. "They collected money to help sponsor me. But more important than that, they gave me the moral support I needed. They were always wishing me luck and motivating me. I'm so grateful for everything they've done."

While she was appreciative for all the help the UAV Training soldiers gave her, everyone was proud of all she was trying to do. Staff Sgt. Samuel Lynon, Pechin's supervisor at the UAV Training Center, believed in his young soldier.

"Pfc. Pechin is a self-motivated soldier," Lynon said. "All of us here are very proud of her. I know I'm not her father, but I feel just as proud as a father would. She really pushed herself."

Even with the backing of fellow soldiers, family, and friends, pageant night was just as hectic as the days leading to it.

She started the night dancing and singing Broadway numbers with the other six contestants. Afterwards, Pechin changed for the swimsuit competition. Then she danced and sang some more.

After that production, she changed into a new wardrobe for the talent part of the contest. Pechin stepped in front of the audience and played Johann Sebastian Bach's "Concerto in A Minor".

After her marimba performance, she changed into her best dress for the evening gown competition.

The whole time Pechin tried to maintain her poise for questioning about her platform on the American Cancer Society and cancer prevention awareness.

Pechin makes waves during her marimba performance in the contest.

Photos by Spc. Mike Galloway

Pechin gives a great smile and wins the attention of the crowd.

Pechin has been a member of ACS since she came to Fort Huachuca in March. As part of the organization, she drives cancer patients to appointments, helps with support groups and educates the community on how to prevent cancer. She decided to be apart of ACS because of a personal experience.

"I decided to join the American Cancer Society because they supported my family when we learned my father had brain cancer. They were really great to us and I wanted to give something back to them," Pechin said.

At the end of the night, Pechin wasn't crowned Miss Sierra Vista. But she won a couple of awards: non-finalist interview and non-finalist talent, along with $600 scholarship money. All of her efforts and hard work paid off.

"I'm very pleased how it turned out," Pechin said. "I did a lot better than I thought I would. The scholarship money will really help out. This past semester I took two classes and the books came out to $140. The money should pay for all the books I need next semester."

Pechin will now proudly return to her BDUs and boots.

"I'm not sure if I'll do it again next year," she said. "It was a lot of work and very time consuming. But overall, it was a wonderful experience."

EEO offers valuable training for civilians, soldiers

EEO spokesperson

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, is presently recruiting individuals interested in serving as collateral duty EEO counselors. These individuals play a vital role in the Department of the Army's discrimination complaints process.

It is their responsibility to serve as an unbiased party gathering the facts surrounding the issues of the complaint. Counselors serve as a bridge between management and the employee in an attempt to resolve complaints of discrimination at the lowest level possible.

Any individual interested in serving as a counselor should first advise their supervisor of their interest to such an assignment and then contact the EEO office.

Minimum requirements include that the interested party must have at least one year remaining in the current assignment, hold a minimum of a GS-07 or equivalent (or active duty E-7 or above), have good verbal and written communication skills, and be objective. With a well staffed resource pool, each counselor should be required to conduct two to three inquires per year, thereby imparting minimally on their primary mission.

In order to meet Department of the Army requirements, prospective counselors will attend a four-day training program which must lead to certification. This training is scheduled for August 13-16 , from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

EEO counseling provides an excellent avenue to develop skills which are required in many career fields. It enables an individual to plan and organize an inquiry, to work and communicate effectively with all levels of employees and management, to prepare required reports, to review regulations and policies regarding personnel management, to interface with various organizational elements, and to negotiate resolution of complaints in innovative manners.

Every federal employee plays a role in the success of the Equal Employment Opportunity program. Counseling is just one way – an important way – of contributing to the program's success and the overall readiness of the Army's mission.

For more information, please contact the EEO office at 533-2028, or via email: atzs-eo@hua.army.mil, no later than

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treated equitably and fair. The only way to re-sequence the boards is for one to be delayed and to be preceded by a larger than normal select objective. We decided to make this adjustment with the sergeant first class board."

To ensure the Army still selects the "best-qualified" for promotion, he said, it will need to expand the zone of consideration for the FY 2003 sergeant first class board.

"The sergeant first class board is the best one for this because military occupational specialty-qualifying jobs are not as stringent as those competing for master sergeant and sergeant major," Purcell said.

Time-in-grade requirements for the FY 2003 sergeant first class board are still being determined, but they will allow for those considered to have at least two completed and filed NCO evaluation reports as a staff sergeant.

"About 2,800 staff sergeants will be considered earlier than they normally would have — June 2003 instead of June 2004, and about 8,000 will be delayed —February 2005 instead of June 2004," Purcell said. "These are tough calls, but we simply just can't move everyone up to the earlier board. We have to ensure that when we provide an opportunity for a soldier to be considered, that we are providing them a realistic chance for selection."

Pets of the Week

Hi! My name's Flash and I'm an adorabe female, four-month old boxer puppy. I'm very cute and I need some TLC because I just got over a round of parvo. I almost died, but now I'm back to normal and need someone to love me. My adoption fee is $52, which includes vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip, spaying and deworming.

I'm Xena the Warrior Princess, but I'm very gentle. I'm a beautiful gray/black brindle smallish five month-old mixed breed dog. I love to play ball and go hiking. I would be an excellent addition to your family. I love kids and other dogs. My adoption fee is $52, which includes vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip, spaying and deworming.

My name's "Whiskey" and I'm a wonderful, playful, calm dog. Even though I'm a pit-bull mix, I love people. I need to be the only dog in the family, however, because I get jealous of other dogs. I love kids, I'm housebroken, and I love to play. I've been in the stray facility for a long time, and I REALLY need a home, so come and meet me! My adoption fee is $22, which includes vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test, spaying and deworming.

I'm Sammy, and I'm a gorgeous four month old calico kitten. I was hit by a truck outside the commissary, and the nice people at the vet clinic saved my life. I'm still a little sore around my mouth, so I can only eat canned food for now. Otherwise, I'm very healthy and sweet and need a new home. My adoption fee is $42, which includes vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, a microchip, spaying and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.

Community Updates

Students needed to utilize scholarships

The Naval Science Historically Black Colleges and Universities National ROTC Scholarship Program has 120 scholarships available that need to be filled!

The scholarships are no longer race based. Everyone is invited to participate. If you know of any young men and women who might be interested, please get the word out at churches and any other organizations you affiliate with. This is an opportunity for a 4 year scholarship!

All HBCU's that host NROTC units will provide these scholarships.

The schools are:
Southern University
Morehouse College
Spellman University
Morris Brown University
Hampton University
Norfolk State University
Florida A&M University
Savannah State University,
and Prairie View A&M.

There are 120 scholarships available in all, but they must be filled prior to August 2002. Only two are filled, 118 scholarships remaining. Contact Craig Krusemark, the Educational Advisor for the Fort Huachuca Educational Center at 533-2047 for more information.

Language lab has moved

The Military Intelligence Foreign Language Center, commonly referred to as the Language Lab, is in its new home and open for business.

The Language Lab moved from its past location in Alvarado Hall to O'Neil Hall (Bldg. 61809), room 175. VTC language classes will be conducted in the Fort Huachuca Distance Learning Center in room 1046, Classroom 1 at Greely Hall (Bldg. 61801).

All Defense Language Proficiency Testing will be conducted at O'Neil Hall in room 230 every Monday and Thursday from 7:30 –11:30 a.m.

The point of contact for any questions pertaining to the movement of the language lab is Sgt. 1st Class Mark Stephens at 533-2360. Stephens can be located in room 253 at O'Neil Hall.The VTC classes in Greely Hall is Kermit Robinson at 533-9476.

Recreation services division / DCA marketing temporarily relocates

The Recreation Services Division and the Marketing Division of Directorate of Community Activities have relocated to temporary offices in the Jack Rabbit room of the Murr Community Center from MWR Rents.

All of the phone numbers will remain the same, as well as email. To visit us, please use the Cushing Street Entrance, there you will find two large double doors with MWR Logos on them. The following employees are located there:

Lewis Onley, Chief,
Recreation Services Division, 533-2374
Paula German,
DCA Marketing Director, 538-0836
Sue Higgins,
RSD Admin,
538-1690 James Thomas,
Special Events, 533-3354
Wendell Hurlock,
DCA Commercial Sponsorship Manager, 533-1351
Spc. Pueschold (Rigdon),
Special Events, 533-2947
June Bishop,
DCA Marketing, 533-4471

2002 Fun Fest fund Raising opportunity

The 2002 Fun Festival is just around the corner. Family Readiness Groups and units wishing to have a fund raiser booth should contact the Recreation Services Division, Directorate of Community Activities.

Applications are available, and Unit/FRG costs are extremely reasonable.

Register early, and pick a prime location. We are looking forward to a festival crowd this year. Dates for the festival are Sept. 13-15 2002.

For more information call Ms. Sue Higgins at 538-1690, or stop by the RSD Murr Community Center.

WANTED: Children for military contest

We invite the children of active duty and retired military personnel, national guard and reservists, law enforcement officers, fire and rescue personnel, DoD and federal workers to submit their original artwork to the 2002 Reflections on Hope and Courage Art Contest for Children and Young Adults.

The contest, sponsored by the DoD's Deployment Health Clinical Center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, is being held in conjunction with a national conference on risk communication and terrorism and activities to commemorate the anniversary of Sept. 11.

Hurry, the deadline for submitting entries is Aug. 23. If your child is between 6 and 18 years of age, have them enter and compete for wonderful prizes and the chance to receive national recognition for their work. For more information and to obtain an entry form, please visit www.PDHealth.mil or call (202) 782-6563; DSN: 662.

Mirage: Call for literary, arts submissions

Cochise College is now accepting submissions for the 2003 *Mirage* literary and arts magazine. The deadline is Sept. 1.

Submissions of artwork, photographs, short stories, poetry and essays are sought from Cochise County residents and Cochise College students. Contributors will take part in a reception upon publication of the 2003 issue. Past issues of the *Mirage*, as well as submission guidelines, may be viewed online at www.cochise.edu.

The *Mirage* will be produced this fall by students enrolled in Journalism 257/English 257 - Literary Magazine Production. To obtain detailed submission guidelines or to find out more about serving on the *Mirage* staff, call 515-0500 or (800) 966-7943.

Deployment/reunion coping skills seminar

Invest an hour of your time to attend a deployment/reunion coping skills seminar conducted by the 11th Signal Brigade chaplains.

Information will be offered along with skills for soldiers, spouses and children to help cope with the pressures that develop from separation and to help reunite families. There will be a special presentation by the "Kids on the Block" puppets.

It will be held at the Kino Chapel Sanctuary and activities room, Monday from 6-7 p.m.

Anyone who is going through a deployment/reunion experience, or will soon is encouraged to come. This also includes those separated due to unaccompanied one year assignments.

Just one hour of your time, your family is worth the investment! For more information call Kino Chapel at 533-9507 or 533-2388.

Generation Revelation rally

This year's biggest youth Christian rally, Generation Revelation is being held and sponsored by One Heart Ministries This year's theme is "Regeneration."

There will be awesome Christian bands playing, a great block party to kick the rally off (with a rock wall, laser tag, and all kinds of games and a barbecue if you get there early enough).

The speaker for this year is Aaron Dailey, and just like last year the "All Star Praise Band" is gonna lead the worship.

It's open to youth from junior high through college and is going be an awesome time!

Generation Revelation will be Aug. 7- 9 at First Baptist Church in Sierra Vista, located on the corner of 7th street and Golf Links at 1447 South 7th St.

The Block Party is on Aug.7 and starts at 4:30 p.m. and wraps up around 6:30 p.m. The rally will last from 7-10 p.m.

We are having this event to get kids acquainted with God. Have you ever actually sat and listened to how amazing God is? Don't let another year go by without hearing about Him. It's not like your grandma and grandpa's church meeting. This is different!

Esther 4:14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will rise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Shrubs and plants need a home

Another family housing demolition project is soon to be awarded. The houses are being emptied in preparation for the bulldozers. Many of the houses have shrubs and bushes that need a new home.

If you reside on Fort Huachuca and would like to have some of these items, please contact Ed VanKirk at 533-5711. He will give you a permission slip and addresses where they may be removed and replanted at your home.

This opportunity is only for families residing on Fort Huachuca and on a self-help basis. So get your shovels and planting mix ready, then contact VanKirk.

Fencing available

Several of the houses being vacated in preparation for renovation or demolition have chain link fencing. This fencing is available to on-post residents to be removed and installed on a self-help basis.

Digging permits will be required and parts such as posts, cement or gates that may not be available from the government, will be the responsibility of the resident to purchase. If you are interested in fencing material, details on locations and permission for installation, please call Ed VanKirk, 533-5711.

Insurance benefits

A representative for the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shields will be available to answer your questions pertaining insurance benefits on Aug. 14 from 9-11 a.m. in Room # 3, at the Murr Recreation Center.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Eva M. Dixon at CPAC, 533-5735.

Stress reduction class

The next stress reduction class will be presented on the following Wednesdays: Aug. 14, 21, and 28, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. These three sessions make up one class. The class is open to active duty, dependents, retirees, and civilians. It's held on the second floor of the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center in the conference room.

If interested, please call 538-0625. Leave your name, duty phone, and message regarding the class on our voicemail, or with the person who answers the phone.

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6970.

School begins!!

Huachuca City/Tombstone District on August 8, for Ft. Huachuca Accommodation on August 14 and for Sierra Vista District on August 19

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 • ***Protestant Youth Program "Teen Desert Disciples" meet at 7 p.m. Call Chaplain Jesse King at 533-6731 for details.*** • National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details. • Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. • **Come listen to the 36th Army Band presented by SV Parks & Leisure t 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.** • SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.	**2** • The SV Youth Center is hosting Nintendo 64 Tournaments and the fun begins at 3 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 – 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details. • ***Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.***	**3** • ***Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 – 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.***
4 • ***The Wild Bunch at the OK Corral in Tombstone at 2 p.m.***	**5** • Huachuca Welcome Briefing mandatory for all in-coming military and their spouses at MCC. This event starts at 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. call Pam Allen at 533-2330 for info. • San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647. • Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883. • Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild meetings for their evening meeting at OYCC beginning at 7 p.m. All are welcome.	**6** • ***PWOC Bible Study from 9:30 – 11 a.m. at MPC. Childcare is available for children 5 and under on a first come basis to ID card holders. Class is also available for school age children.*** • National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. • Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502. • Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m. • Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.	**7** • La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details. • SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m. • ***Protestant Youth Program "Teen Desert Disciples" meet at 7 p.m. Call Chaplain Jesse King at 533-6731 for details.***	**8** • SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. • National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details. • Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. • The Cove "cranks up the waves" on Tsunami Nights. Come join the fun, ride the rafts, body surf, enjoy free pizza & soda or just boogie the night away with DJ "Berry Boy" It all begins at 8 p.m. and costs $8.50 per person.	**9** • ***Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.***	**10** • ***Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 – 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.***
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MCC = Murr Community Center | MPC = Main Post Chapel | OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330

Off the rack:
Take those clothes back, they may be cool, but not for school

These latest fashions have plenty of room in the real world but are taboo in the classroom. Starting clockwise from the top; students must wear their pants over their underwear. Also no chains of any kind so keep the spike collars at home. No lewd or profane words are allowed on clothing. Bandanas can project gang affiliation. The only spaghetti allowed in school is in the cafeteria so no spaghetti straps. The slit shoulder is very styish, unfortunately you'll get sent home if you wear that to school.

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

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

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

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

But racks of clothes are loaded with gauzy peasant blouses, lacy short shorts, sexy sheer shirts, spaghetti strap shirts, and for the males also, holey clothes with slits and tears, baggy pants and tank tops. These are all clothes that are popular and reflect the actors and music stars that are kids are trying to mirror, and the clothing manufacturers know it, said Javier Barrone, School Liaison Officer for Fort Huachuca.

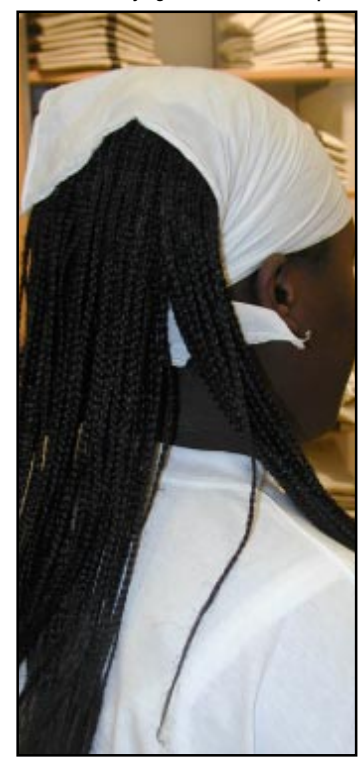
Diane Chinen, secretary for the Superintendent's Office for Fort Huachuca said that clothing with inappropriate or immodest, vulgar, profane slogans or pictures pertaining to subjects such as alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, illegal substances, or indecency are not allowed. Spiked collars are not allowed.

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

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

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

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks



It's your move:
Packers may face household good challenges

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

The day you have spent so much time preparing for is here, the packers are ready to put not just your household goods, but also your cherished belongings into boxes and take them away.

What is the best way to prepare for this day and are there certain things you should know and do before hand to make sure your precious possessions and the things you have worked so hard for are taken care of?

Sherry White, Supervisor of Support Services Division and Tom Sochan, Installation Transportation Officer for Fort Huachuca stress the importance of planning, and more planning—visit transportation office early, estimate weight of household goods, and filling out an inventory of all your belongings.

These two tell servicemembers that the most important thing for them and their spouses is to attend "transportation and port call counseling" as soon as they get their orders.

"Even if it is two months out," urges White, "We are better prepared to get you a carrier to pack and get you off on the day that you requested if you get in to us as soon as you get your orders. If you wait, a week, two weeks, three weeks prior to your movement takes place, all our carriers may be booked up and you may not get moved in time."

Be prepared when you go to the transportation office to take six copies of your orders, to have an idea of when you want to move, have a date when you plan to arrive at your new duty station, have an idea of the types of shipments and a list of large or unusual items.

These counseling periods are a time when the service member and his/her spouse are given a DD 1701 Inventory Form, are told how much weight they are allowed, are told how to prepare for the packers and movers, and are also informed of different types of insurance.

Dan Berry, Manager of Supply and Services Division, Fort Huachuca, said, "It is imperative the member and the spouse put all their thinking caps on at the counseling sessions because there is going to be a lot of paper work."

He continued by saying although he realizes couples may not have a choice other than to bring their kids, the information received at these counseling sessions is vital and with nothing for the children to do, the parents will be unable to focus on the counseling session.

Another important factor is estimating the weight of your household goods. Rick Naas, Transportation Coordinator for Fort Huachuca said, "We don't expect you to know an exact weight for your household goods; we have a formula to work that out."

"Since being overweight can be such a costly adventure when it comes to moving," said Sochan, "it may be more cost effective to sell something now and buy it later than to try ship it and have to pay excess transportation costs."

Army Community Service suggests that you donate your items to the Turn Around Point, or sell them on consignment at The Thrift Shop.

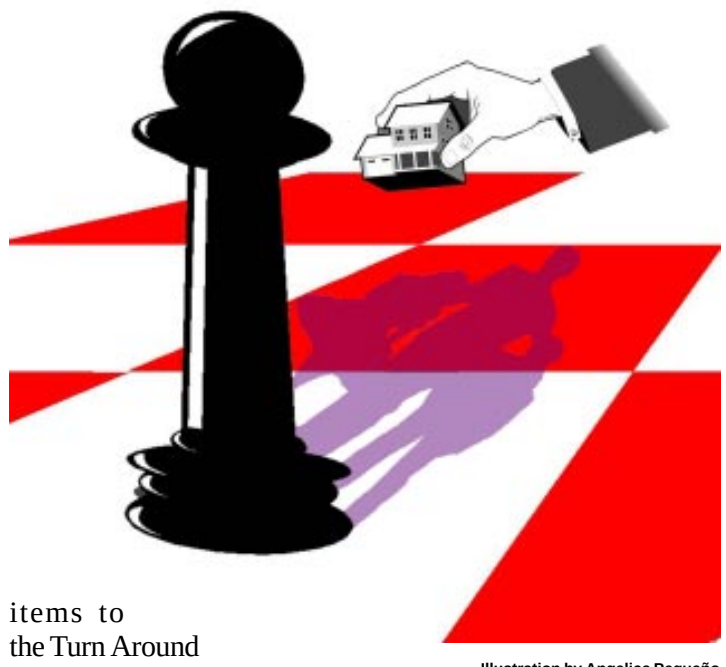


Illustration by Angelica Pequeño

Also, nothing you buy after you receive your orders can be shipped as part of your household goods.

The military does provide moving insurance that you can purchase, or you might want to have renters insurance through your automotive insurance carrier. Your moving counselor will provide more information, but the type you buy will be up to you.

Another question people often have is what do you do about the coffee pot? Do you let the packers pack it do without, or leave it and other last minute things to pack and ship yourself?

The answer is neither. ACS's Lending Closet has many items to see you through see this transitional period. For more information call 533-2330.

About the only thing left is the big day. When the packers and movers are there make sure there are two people available. White said, "It really takes more than one person. There is going to be packers in the front of the house and back in the bedrooms and you are going to need people in both places."

White also urges to pay close attention to all important documents, making sure you have put passports, wills, jewelry, collector coins, airline tickets, immunization records, and any other important paperwork into your car, a locked room, or into a suitcase as packers will pack everything in there path.

"At the end of the day, when everything is done and it is time to sign off on all the paperwork, if you have any disagreements with the inventory list the packers have made, or the damages that have been listed, "Please do not argue with them," said White. "Call us and let transportation intercede for you."

All in all, this is your move. It is up to you to take a proactive role so that your move moves as smoothly as possible.

Assignment online program reaches 100K milestone

Army News Service

More than 100,000 soldiers have now posted assignment preference information on the Assignment Satisfaction Key, a web-based application that allows soldiers to submit preference information directly to their assignment managers through the Total Army Personnel Database.

"ASK is one of the first Army-wide personnel transformation initiatives," said Col. Jeff Redmann, deputy director of the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate. "The volume of use of this new service to soldiers and the initial feedback from them indicates we are answering a need and providing personnel e-service to the field."

The Internet tool has assisted assignment managers in making their job more efficient by reducing paperwork and eliminating requests for unrealistic assignments, Redmann said.

Only realistic location options are provided through ASK, giving EPMD assignment managers the ability to match Army readiness requirements with a soldiers' preference.

"I like (ASK) because it's reality," said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Shaffer, motor sergeant for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Jacksonville, Fl.

Shaffer submitted his preference in April, via ASK, for an overseas assignment in Germany. Within two weeks of submission, he received a call from his assignment manager fulfilling his request.

"(ASK) isn't like the 'Dream Sheet', I don't know how many different locations I tried before and never got," Shaffer said.

ASK's availability and convenience is what attracts most soldiers, said Sgt. Maj. Lee Deardorff, NCOIC for the electric maintenance facility at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Soldiers can change their assignment preference at anytime without having to submit new paperwork, Deardorff said.

Deardorff selected his preferences using ASK in January. His branch manager called two months later to notify him of his orders to Germany.

"I had no hopes of being assigned to Germany," Deardorff said. "I've been trying to get there for 16 years."

ASK cannot guarantee 100 percent success, but it represents a fundamental change in assignment management that allows the soldier to be a continuous participant at their convenience, Redmann explained.

"Our commitment to solders is to consider their assignment preferences and, where possible, assign them to a preferred location," Redmann said.

Soldiers must have an Army Knowledge Online account to log onto ASK. ASK requires soldiers to select six locations, three stateside and three other preferences outside of the continental United States.Soldiers may also volunteer for assignment locations. By doing so, they are telling their assignment manager that if a requirement exists at one of their locations, they would like to move.ASK can be accessed online at https://www.perscomonline.army.mil.

Summit suggests 50 ways to help mobile students

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

The Army's summit on secondary education last week resulted in more than 50 recommendations, ranging from creating a commander's handbook to providing schools with soldiers' family care plans.

Delegates from 22 states came up with suggestions briefed to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki July 10 at the end of the summit.

One work group focused on approaches to help Army families gain favorable in-state college tuition policies. Six others came up with strategies to implement a memorandum of agreement on secondary education.

The Army began a study in 1999 to better understand the effects of mobility on high school students and provide recommendations to ease the impact.

Out of the study came a memorandum of agreement, which officials said is the framework for establishing common practices among school systems.

"There were no recommendations made to improve the Secondary Education Transition Study and Memorandum of Agreement," said Dr. Elaine Hinman, director for DoD's Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools.

She explained rather that the focus was on strategies to "institutionalize" the SETSMOA initiatives among the 92 school districts that have signed it and others that have yet to sign.

Change happens through professional development, said Hinman, who oversees schools in seven states along with Guam, Puerto Rico and Cuba. School counselors and school district leaders need consistent high-quality training on the highly mobile military child, she said.

Adding SETSMOA instruction to regular training for both military leaders and civilian educators was one summit recommendation. Others included: establishing a SETSMOA handbook for installation commanders; providing schools a copy of soldiers' family care plans; and creating practices that are consistent among all who sign the memorandum of agreement.

Some inconsistent practices among school districts are: how school records are released to students, criteria for extracurricular activities and grading practices, Hinman said. This can be resolved by SETSMOA partners sharing their best practices, she said. The challenge is going to be communicating standard practices when personnel changes take place, she added.

During the summit, when Shinseki asked how many installation commanders were aware of the Army's memorandum of agreement, only half raised their hands. Continuity dies after personnel changes because the word isn't get out to new parents or commanders, said Lt. Gen. James Hill, the I Corps and Fort Lewis, Wash., commanding general.

"Out of the nine commanders who originally pushed for the memorandum, only two are here today - including myself," said Hill. "Which goes to the heart of the problem. So as we move forward, we need to address how to keep the momentum going as installations change personnel."

Not only do people change, but school district policies frequently change also, said the spokesman for the SETSMOA workgroup.

"Each school district has its own set of polices, and they often get in the way of successful transition for school children," Hill said.

The Education Summit is a way the Army is taking care of it's own, but parents have the primary responsibility for managing their children's education, Shinseki said.

Students who attended the conference recommended that the best way to get the word out to parents on the SETSMOA is through a commercial.

Forces Command volunteered to get started on creating a video that would highlight the SETSMOA, to get more parents educated on its existence.

The SETS study was started to benefit the transitional high school student, officials said. Summit recommendations, though, covered grades beginning with kindergarten and extending through college.

Recommendations on how to obtain in-state college tuition rates for more military families was briefed by Michael Tevnan, a program manager in the Education Division at U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

He said ideally, military familiy members should have in-state status in both their state of legal residence and the state in which they are residing. In addition, he said students should also retain in-state status if they are enrolled in a school and their family moves.

"Soldiers are working in these states, raising their kids in these states, but they never qualify for the benefits of living in these states," Shinseki said. "This is a problem, and we're hoping that it can be solved."

The largest problem is that criteria vary for determining the eligibility for in-state tuition, Tevnan said.

"The Army is not trying to dictate education policies for the states," Tevnan said. "Research must be conducted to clarify the actual policy for each state and determine if it is uniformly applied throughout the state."

State policies can be viewed at the following web sites: http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/refpubs/index.htm and http://www.collegeboard.com/about/association/international/residency.html.

To keep the momentum going on the tuition initiative, Shinseki assigned a general officer to organize a steering committee.

"I envision an organization made up of commanders from all services, civic leaders and educational representatives making recommendations to steer everyone in the right direction," said Brig. Gen. Antonio Taguba, commanding general for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

William Wheeler plays the role of a Bible leader as 12-year-old Amanda Hupp looks on during Vacation Bible School held at the Main Post Chapel.

Vacation Bible School gives children chance to bug out

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

On Monday, approximately 200 students registered at the Main Post Chapel for Vacation Bible School, with anticipation of bugging their schoolteachers – after all is was part of the school's agenda.

"This year's week-long event was built upon the theme of 'Bug Safari,'" said Karen Huntley, director of volunteers for this years VBS. "Beginning with a stick bug today, and ending with a firefly on Friday, every day will have its own bug to represent a certain Biblical theme and a Bible story to go with it."

With M&Ms on the lawn, leaders who had five students each had their kids pick ten candies each. Each color represented a certain area of their life that only God knew about. Brown M&Ms represented "what I don't like to do" and kids answered all over with the answers, "homework, cleaning my room, doing dishes"— all typical kid answers.

A very special kid attending VBS that wasn't quite so typical was Kyle Devine. He suffers from Cerebral Palsy, and although he can walk short distances in a walker, he attended Monday through Wednesday in a wheel chair. He wasn't going to be able to attend the entire week as he was leaving Thursday on vacation, but just after attending one morning of "Bug Safari," he was able to say it was, "awesome."

Days consisted of students going from classrooms to different stations. Each station had a daily adventure into the bug world and filled with Bible verses and themes. Kids participated in Sing and Play Buzz, and Doodlebug Crafts and Missions, including making a fun bug bungalow that gave them a place to collect their daily Bible Bugs, huggable helpers, flutter-bys, glow bug necklaces, and other buggy treats.

With all themes being bases around the Biblical themes and stories, Monday's story was about Samuel anointing David, and how through God searching him, he knows everything about David, finding him worthy.

Other Bible themes and stories were God's forgiveness shown by Jesus' death on the Cross-and his rising again, and how God shows people to love others with the story of Abigail and David.

Bug adventures included Bug Blast games built around the Bible themes, Chadder the Chipmunk's Bible Bug Theater, a trip on a bug safari with a bug detective named Ace Shoofly, Bible Exploration, and Firefly Finale, a time of sharing where they participate in skits, songs and a review of the day.

Huntley and other volunteers hope that as kids take a closer look at their Bible bugs and other crafts made during VBS so they will be able to remember that, "God knows us because he made us and that just as he loves us, we are to love others spreading his love and light just like the firefly spreads its light in a dark world."

Used & Abused

Government vehicles for official business only, not personal errands

By Capt. Nathan Johnson
Scout Staff

Photo by Capt. Nathan Johnson

An increase in abuse of Government Services Administration vehicles have led the Installation Transportation Office to alert violators of repercussions.

Users of government vehicles must negotiate a maze of guidelines and regulations to stay out of trouble, but the basic rule is simple: Army and Government Services Administration vehicles are for official business only.

Recent efforts by the Installation Transportation Officer Tom Sochan, to publicize the guidelines for using government vehicles have led to an increase in the number of reports of abuse coming into his office.

"I really appreciate the help, but the first thing you have to do is determine if the individual is on official business," Sochan said.

Many times, he said, what might at first seem like unofficial business becomes official when the individual is on Temporary Duty orders, or actually conducting official business at a commercial establishment.

"That could include trips to on or off post establishments for dining," Sochan said, "but never to a bar." Even when an individual is on TDY orders, a trip to a recreational or entertainment facility is considered unofficial and is unauthorized, according to Department of Defense regulation 4500-36-R.

When reports of abuse come do come in, the ITO checks the license plate number against the vehicle assignments or Transportation Motor Pool logbooks.

Army Regulation 58-1 includes penalties for misusing government vehicles. A military offender usually faces counseling from his or her chain of command, though serious or repeated offenses could result in punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Department of Defense civilians can be suspended without pay for a month or more, and civilian contractors are disciplined by their company.

"The TMP conducts briefings and unit Transportation Coordinator training to make sure units have all the information pertinent to the use of government vehicles," Solon Mobley, assistant post ITO explained.

"Organizations on post are supposed to appoint a TC and identify them to the TMP," Mobley said. Units can schedule TC training by calling the TMP at 533-3671.

The current guidelines for Army and GSA vehicle use:

Official use of Army owned (tactical) or controlled vehicles leased from GSA are restricted to official purposes only.

When in doubt follow these guidelines:

a. Vehicles will not be provided when the justification is based solely on reasons of rank, position, prestige, or personal convenience.

b. Official motor vehicle transportation requirements do NOT include; transportation to private social functions, personal errands or side trips for unofficial purposes; transportation of dependents or non-DOD visitors without an accompanying official and approval of installation commander.

c. Vehicles must not be used for transportation to or be parked at commissaries, post exchanges (including all concessions) i.e. Burger King, Popeye's, bowling alleys, officer and noncommissioned officer clubs, or any nonappropriated fund activity unless personnel using the vehicles are on official business or temporary duty travel .

d. Vehicles will not be used to transport personnel over all or any part of the route between their domiciles or places of duty.

e. Vehicles will not be used to transport personnel and their family members to, from, or between U. S. Government facilities or commercial establishments for the purpose of conducting personal business or engaging in other activities of a personal nature. For example; vehicles will NOT be used to transport personnel or to pickup or deliver any items or supplies that are required for any unofficial function or activities such as office coffee funds, office luncheons, etc.

For more information or questions concerning the use of GSA vehicles, call 533-5873.

SCHOOL from Page 1

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Staff Sgt. Brian Peacoe, U.S. Army Medical Activity, and his wife Cheryl register their child for kindergarten class at Myer Elementary School.

listed as follows:

Buena High School,
Sierra Vista Public School System

Registration Dates:

Seniors, Tuesday

Time	Last Name
7:30-8:30 a.m.	A - C
8:30-9:30 a.m.	D - G
9:30-10:30 a.m.	H - J
10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.	K - M
11:30-12:30 p.m.	N - P
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Q - S
1:30- 2:30 p.m.	T - Z + Open

Juniors, Wednesday

Time	Last Name
7:30-8:30 a.m.	A - C
8:30-9:30 a.m.	D - G
9:30-10:30 a.m.	H - J
10:30a.m. -11:30 p.m.	K - M
11:30-12:30 p.m.	N - P
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Q - S
1:30- 2:30 p.m.	T - Z + Open

Sophomores, Aug. 8

Time	Last Name
7:30-9:15 a.m.	A -C
9:15-11 a.m.	D - F
11 a.m. -12:45 p.m.	G - I
12:45-2:30 p.m.	J - L

Sophomores, Aug. 9

7:30-9:15 a.m.	M - O
9:15-11 a.m.	P - R
11-12:45 p.m.	S - U
12:45-2:30 p.m.	V - Z

Freshmen, Aug. 12

Time	Last Name
7:30-9:15 a.m.	A -C
9:15-11 a.m.	D - F
11-12:45 p.m.	G - I
12:45-2:30 p.m.	J - L

Freshmen, Aug. 13

7:30-9:15 a.m.	M - O
9:15-11 a.m.	P - R
11-12:45 p.m.	S - U
12:45-2:30 p.m.	V - Z

A hearing screening will be completed at the time of registration and counselors will be available for each child's academic needs.

Yearbook photos will be taken at no charge during registration for students in ninth to eleventh grades.

At the time of registration locks must be purchased as only school-issued locks may be used to secure lockers.

Other fees for sports, student parking permits, fine arts fees and other course fees may be due at time of registration.

Elementary, middle school or high school students whose immunizations are not up to date will not be allowed to attend any school as Arizona State Law requires that all students entering Arizona Public School be immunized against measles, rubella (German Measles), diphtheria, poliomyelitis, hepatitis and that these immunizations be up-to-date upon enrollment.

Failure to comply will cause student to be excluded from school until the school nurse checks verification.

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to begin formal consultations. Information contained in the BA is evaluated by USFWS to develop a Biological Opinion.

By incorporating the conservation measures committed to in the Biological Assessment, the Army expects a Biological Opinion that will result in a quantifiable, measurable and time-sensitive plan to address all relevant effects of water usage associated with the fort in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

In addition, the Army remains committed to achieving zero balance between water use and conservation efforts, including recharge, so that by the year 2011 the fort's water usage will have "no effect" on endangered species in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

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