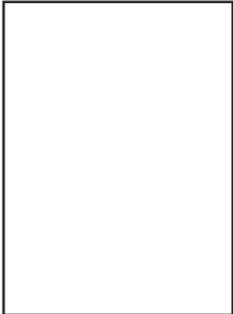




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Fort Carson night
at Sky Sox

Members of the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard open Fort Carson night at Sky Sox Stadium Tuesday. For more on the All-American fun see page 9.

Monitoring begins Monday; MPs to man gates at night

Post not closed to public; checks intended to

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office
To enhance security and provide added safety for post residents, the Fort Carson Provost Marshal will have military police manning the major access gates through the night, beginning Monday.

Gates 1, 3 and 20 (the Main gate, the B Street gate and the Back gate) will be manned from 10 p.m. through 4 a.m. daily. All other gates are closed to after hours traffic during this period.

According to the Fort Carson Provost Marshal, Lt. Col. Gerald A. Moello, the intent is not to close the Mountain Post, but rather to monitor who enters the post during these periods of low activity.

This measure in no way closes Fort Carson, he said. It is simply a measure to help ensure the safety of the soldiers and family

members who live here and enhance their quality of life.

The Provost Marshal stressed the post won't be closed but access will be monitored.

The new change in policy makes the reservation similar to gated communities in Colorado Springs and other areas of the country.

Admittance to the Mountain Post during these hours will be limited to those who possess a valid Department of Defense Identification Card, including retired military and Department of the Army civilian employees, and their guests.

Guests of active duty service members, their family members, as well as retirees and their family members must be accompanied by the ID card holder. A telephone will be available for visitors who do not have a valid ID card so they may contact their Fort Carson sponsor.

Sponsored visitors and vendors will be issued a special pass once signed onto the reservation. This pass will be valid from the time it is issued until the gates are no longer manned the following day.

All sign-in procedures and passes will be issued by the military police in the buildings

Crouch visits Carson to speak, present awards

by Cpl. MK Garrott
Mountaineer staff

At the Armed Forces Day Luncheon May 8, Army Vice Chief of Staff General William Crouch had nothing but good things to say about the Fort Carson and Colorado Springs communities.

The long-standing relationship of this community with the nearby

military installations is among, if not the best, I have ever known, said Crouch, who has been to Fort Carson twice during his career.

Crouch also noted that the U.S. Armed Forces are admired by foreign powers as talented, bright, patriotic, dedicated and truly remarkable.

The luncheon was held at the Broadmoor International Center and each year is held to honor the top enlisted airmen and soldiers in the Colorado Springs area. Crouch praised the nominees from each branch and category.

These are outstanding representatives of our Armed Forces. This is a prestigious award which is hard earned. The competition was keen, said Crouch.

More than 900 members of both military and civilian community gathered to honor the awardees.

The winner in the junior enlisted category was Cpl. Shane Trecha, 84th Combat Support Company. Trecha is his unit's mental health noncommissioned officer, responsible for unit cohe-



Photos by Cpl. MK Garrott

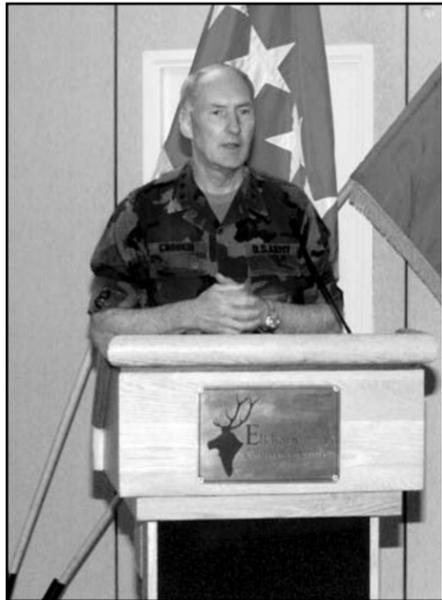
The Air Force Band of the Rockies performs at the Armed Forces Day Luncheon.

sion, stress management, suicide prevention and team building.

In the junior Noncommissioned officer category, the winner was another Army soldier, Staff Sgt. Thomas Tuttle, Howitzer Battery, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Tuttle serves as a gunnery sergeant and is in charge of unit reconnaissance,

emplacement of batteries and communication with fire support elements

The Air Force won the senior NCO category. Senior Master Sgt. Ralph Thomas of the 10th Communications Squadron at the Air Force Academy is the supervisor of 65 personnel who maintain and operate the Academy's \$32



General Crouch speaks at the ACOE award presentation.

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Mountain Post Team MVP



There is a big drawback in the age of technology the system can go down. After having the Mountaineer computer system go down twice on Monday, and losing the entire newspaper, the system completely went down totally Tuesday. The Mountaineer's Most Valuable Player of the Week is Dennis Ingmire and Gowdy Printcraft, the newspaper's printer. Gowdy Printcraft sent Dennis to the Mountaineer office for two and a half long days, where he troubleshot and rebuilt the Mountaineer's computer network. Hats off to Dennis Ingmire and Gowdy Printcraft the

This feature in the Mountaineer will spotlight a soldier, Department of the Army civilian, retiree, family member or volunteer each week for an outstanding act or performance. We need nominations to run this feature every week. Each week, the MVP will be selected from nominations from the Fort Carson community. Nominations should include the person's full name, rank or title, what they did that resulted in the nomination and a phone number where they can be reached. The deadline for nominations is 3 p.m. Thursday for the following week's Mountaineer. Nominations can be faxed to 526-1021 or mailed to:

Mountaineer
Public Affairs Office, Building 1430
Fort Carson, CO 80913-5000.
For more information, call 526-4144.

MEDEVAC pilot saves life, wins award

by Cpl. MK Garrott
Mountaineer staff

Medical evacuation pilots at 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance) have a grueling mission: semi-weekly duty of 48 hours on and 24 off, with two weeks a month of temporary duty doing the same at Fort Bliss, Texas. The duty consists of standing by in case an emergency mission comes in, but Chief Warrant Officer Michael Teelon doesn't mind it too much.

It can be very satisfying we get to save lives. But just ask my wife about the TDY, said Teelon.

Formerly an enlisted Air



**"...a
great place
for leaders
to lead"**

Force tail gunner, Teelon is the Army's winner of the American Legion Aviator Valor Award. This prestigious award is given year-

ly to a pilot in the Army, Navy and Air Force by the American Legion, who goes out of its way to pay tribute to these pilots.

Teelon was the pilot in command of a rescue mission last July involving an escaped prisoner who, after a standoff with police, shot himself in the head and was stranded in the mountains southwest of Pueblo. Teelon's Black Hawk crew hovered above the scene of the accident, lowered two medics and their gear to the site and stabilized the patient.

During one medic's ascent back to the aircraft, the hoist became tangled and was unusable for the other medic and patient. Teelon and his crew determined they had to return to Fort Carson to exchange the hoist.

We just knew we had to get another. We couldn't leave our medic and the patient on the mountain, said Teelon.

In under an hour, Teelon was back on the scene and extracted



Photo by Cpl. MK Garrott

Chief Warrant Officer Michael Teelon, 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance) is the winner of the American Legion Aviator Valor Award.

the final medic and patient from the mountain. The mission was completed by transferring the patient to a Pueblo hospital.

Teelon was presented the

award, along with a coin from Army Chief of Staff General Dennis J. Reimer, Saturday night during a banquet in Fort Hamilton, N.Y.

DECAM awarded for pollution prevention

by Susan C. Galentine
Directorate of Environmental
Compliance and Management

Nurturing the environment through pollution prevention recently garnered The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management a top Department of Defense distinction award the DoD Pollution Prevention Award for Non-Industrial Installation.

The category that Fort Carson won, according to Richard Pilatzke, Pollution Prevention Team member and DECAM Water Program manager, recognizes pollution prevention measures by a non-manufacturing installation, such as Fort Carson, where mission support is the function of the installation.

Fort Carson DECAM has garnered numerous environmental awards over the years, but this honor was the first time the installation was recognized for its all-encompassing pollution prevention program. The award nomination included Pollution Prevention Projects, Energy, and Recycling

and Environmental Assistance Training on Fort Carson.

Several pollution prevention measures put DECAM at the forefront in this category. Innovative programs which contribute to their success in winning were measures taken within the last half year.

One such measure is the implementation of the Hazardous Material Control Center (building 400) as part of an Army pilot program a year ago. The pharmacy is in charge of controlling inventory of vehicle maintenance materials, such as petroleum, oils, lubricants, sealants, adhesive and antifreeze. Previously, individual unit motorpools would order and inventory these substances. This led to overstockpiling materials which have, like many household items, expiration dates. Many expired and needed disposal as hazardous waste before they could be used.

The pharmacy, said Anju Chugh, the HMCC site coordinator, has proven successful with

the units, which end up getting what they want, when they want it.

It is so customer service based, it is easy for them to use, she said.

The post has saved considerable amounts of money through the pharmacy. In the first year of operation, with only 20 percent participation, the HMCC has recovered more than \$360,000 of excess products; has approved the shelf life of 7,145 items at a cost savings of approximately \$260,000; and through product reuse, had a disposal cost avoidance of \$560,000.

The HMCC wasn't the only new innovation implemented at DECAM this year. Also critical in earning the pollution prevention award, was the conception of the pollution prevention team. With this new team in place the last six months, the ECD became more efficient in its pollution prevention mission.

We have a P2 (Pollution Prevention) Program by accident, said Pilatzke. We were already doing pollution prevention in

everything we were doing.

Pilatzke explained the pollution prevention process amounts to a feedback loop that examines the hazardous waste stream (how much hazardous waste is produced) and finding ways of reducing output. To Pilatzke, the award, in terms of P2, doesn't just recognize the pollution prevention program itself, but the overall environmental excellence of DECAM earned from what they turn in which is added to the unit's Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund on a quarterly basis.

Fort Carson couldn't have earned the P2 award without the support of all individuals who work at Fort Carson. And crucial to that support is the knowledge gained through training on how to deal with all facets of pollution prevention.

DECAM's active training program has been instrumental in keeping individuals and the environment safe.

According to Robert Mullins of Training Programs and

Community

Sky Sox salute Fort Carson

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

A near capacity crowd at Sky Sox Stadium was treated to an outstanding evening of family fun and excitement as the Colorado Springs Sky Sox, in conjunction with General Mills, honored the soldiers and their families from Fort Carson Tuesday.

Leading the Fort Carson contingent at the stadium were Brig. Gen. John K. Schmitt, deputy commanding general, Col. Michael Kazmierski, garrison commander and

Command Sgt. Major George D. Ponder, post command sergeant major.

The national anthem was sung by Harmony In Motion as members of the Mounted Color Guard stood behind them at home plate.

Also joining the Fort Carson contingent was Gary Boyle, corporate development manager, military, for General Mills and 37 International Fellows, who are visiting the Colorado Springs area from the Army War College.

Carson night is one event that everyone associated with the team considers a high point.

We always look forward to this day because it gives us a chance to honor our service men and women in a fun family atmosphere. We are grateful that General Mills can sponsor an evening for our soldiers and their families. After all, what is more American than baseball, mom, apple pie and the U.S. Army? This is an event just made to happen.

Ponder also said the evening was more than a chance to see a baseball game for the people at Fort Carson. It was a chance for the soldiers and their families to interact with a community that embraces them so well.

We share the community with the people of Colorado Springs and it's always nice to be able to share an evening like this with them. This is another way to show the mutual respect and great working relationship between the people of Colorado Springs and the soldiers at Fort Carson. That relationship is evident whether it is supporting each other during disaster relief or at a baseball game, Ponder said.

Spc. Joe Derrico, 43rd Engineers, said he was delighted to be sharing a night at the stadium with the people of Colorado Springs and his fellow soldiers. In fact, it left him wanting

This was the seventh consecutive year the Sky Sox and General Mills have hosted Fort Carson night with the Sky Sox. The idea began during the Desert Storm conflict when the Sky Sox and General Mills hosted Yellow Ribbon Day in honor of our soldiers. According to Rai Henniger, vice president of Marketing for the Sky Sox, Fort

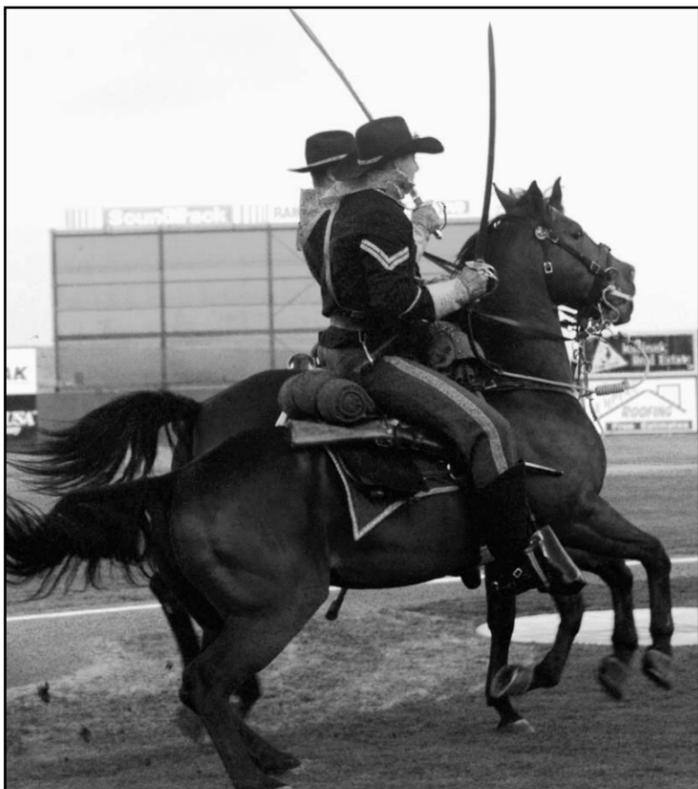


Photos by Cpl. MK Garrott

Sky Sox third baseman Mike Coolbaugh warms up before the game.



Thousands of fans stand and cheer for the Sky Sox.



The Mounted Color Guard rides off after the National Anthem.



Harmony in Motion prepares to sing the National Anthem.

Helmets mandatory for post bicyclists

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Anyone who rides a bike on Fort Carson must wear a bike helmet. According to Staff Sgt. Larry Ford, Fort Carson Regulation 190-5 applies to anyone riding a bike on the post.

The regulation does not stipulate helmets or pads are required for roller blades or skateboards. However, Ford strongly recommends roller bladers and skateboarders wear helmets and, at a minimum, wrist and elbow pads.

What happens when a blader or boarder falls? He usually falls

backward, and the elbows or wrists are the first to hit the ground, Ford said.

He especially urges inexperienced skaters to use the protective equipment.

Ford pointed out it is the military sponsor's responsibility to ensure the family members wear helmets while biking.

Any citations issued for not wearing helmets will go through the military member's chain of command, said Ford.

According to Fort Carson Regulation 190-5, bicyclists will:

Wear approved bike helmets

while riding on or off the installation.

Ride as near to the right of the roadway as practical, and exercise caution when passing a vehicle.

When emerging from a driveway or alleyway, come to a complete stop and yield right of way to immediate approaching traffic.

No riding two abreast.

Bicycles used between sunset and sunrise shall have a headlight visible at 500 feet in front and a red reflector on the rear which can be seen from 300 feet. Also, every bicycle must be equipped with working hand brakes or pedal



Evans Army Community Hospital offering school physicals

It's that time of the year again when sports and school physicals are in demand, and Evans Army Community Hospital is gearing up to meet the challenge. Starting in June, Evans will offer school physicals (by appointment only) to Evans Tri-Care prime enrollees. Those enrollees desiring an appointment for their child should contact Tri-West. Appointment dates and times are listed. Evans is anticipating

2,000 students this year and is preparing to commit entire clinical staffs to accommodate the load. The clinics involved this year will be Pediatrics, Family Practice and Internal Medicine. The staff at Evans is asking only two things from parents and students. They ask that every attempt is made to keep the appointment, and if unable to keep the appointment, they should notify Tri-West 24 hours in advance so

The following dates are available for physicals:

June 10, 17; Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2 12:30 to 4 p.m.

June 18; Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Mountain Post unites during spring clean-up

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

The Mountain Post cleaned up Monday and Tuesday as part of post cleanup. According to Sgt. Maj. James Mallette, garrison sergeant major, spring cleaning was especially important since there was no fall cleanup last year.

Mallette said the cleanup started Monday as post residents cleaned housing areas. Barracks residents cleaned up areas around units and barracks, he said.

Cleanup included picking up trash, cleaning yards, mowing, raking and edging. Unauthorized fencing and unsightly items were removed in the

quarters area.

Residents worked as teams, under village mayors. Each housing area was supported by a major support command, with trucks and drivers hauling away trash and debris, Mallette said.

The emphasis of the second day, was on special projects on the main post, such as signage or plantings.

Housing areas, unit areas and the main post were inspected at 1 p.m. Thursday. An awards ceremony honored the best looking housing area with an award of \$1,500 for the best village. The second place village was awarded \$1,000 and the third place winner received \$500. The money will

DECAM

Weed-n-Feed herbicide which controls dandelions and other broad-leaf weeds is now available at the self-help store. The equipment and materials are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at building 3708, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., family housing occupants must know the total square footage to be treated. All equipment must be signed out to the housing resident. The equipment must be returned within 48 hours.

Tips for effective use of Weed-n-Feed:

- Best results are obtained when weeds are growing rapidly
- Do not mow the lawn prior to application of Weed-N-Feed
- Apply the Weed-N-Feed when the grass is moist
- Do not water until 48 hours after application
- Do not apply Weed-N-Feed to newly seeded or sodded lawns until the area has been mowed three times
- Remove toys and pet dishes from the area before applying Weed-N-Feed
- Keep children and pets off all treated areas for at least four hours after application



Photo by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

Warrant Officer Minh Le, 1st Bn., 8th Inf., 3rd Maintenance Co., digs the weeds out of the corner of his lawn during spring cleanup.

Lost and found: find it here

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Wondering where your lawn mower went? Or what happened to junior's bicycle? How about that cellular phone or beeper you haven't seen in a while?

You might try the Provost Marshal's Desk. According to Staff Sgt. Jerry Armstrong, non-

commissioned Officer of the Military Police Desk, the MPs would like to link up the found items with their rightful own-

ers.

Armstrong said he is amazed that people never seem to miss their telephones and wallets, or the dozen bicycles in storage. There's even an antique rifle which was turned in, and a machete. Car keys, license plates, a bat and bicycle helmet are also among the items turned in.

Armstrong asks that people who might be the rightful owners come by the MP desk in building 2700. The building is between Barkley and Magrath on Christie



Photo by Sgt. Shaun Herron



**"...a great
place for
families
to grow"**

Chapel

Sunday worship services normally held at Soldiers Memorial Chapel will be conducted at McMahon Theater. Catholic Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and Protestant worship is at 11 a.m. Child care is provided.

Sunday School and Catholic Religious Education classes are held at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. Protestant Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and CCD is at 10:45 a.m.

An account has been established to receive donations toward the replacement of sanctuary furnishings destroyed during the January fire. Send checks or money orders to Soldiers Memorial Chapel or the Installation Chaplains Office.

A new liturgical worship service is being planned for Fort Carson as a result of needs expressed by several families. Those who have traditions such as Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist may be interested in this new service. Time and location have yet to be determined. Call Chaplain Brock at 526-1473 for more information.

The Rocky Mountain Military Discipleship Conference will be May 15 to 17 at Horn Creek Ranch in Westcliff, Colo. For more information call Chaplain Cooper at 526-8011.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Chapel	Service	Day	Time	Location	Contact Person
Healer	Mass	Sunday	11 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Healer	Mass	M-W-F	Noon	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Provider	Mass	Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769
Soldiers	CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Feldman/526-0478
McMahon	Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 1517	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769
Veterans	Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	Magrath & Tibus	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769

Changes in worship services due to the fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel are denoted in bold type

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Healer	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Tarvin/526-7387
Prussman	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Rev. P.S. Taito/572-6879
Provider	Sun. School	Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Duvall/526-4416
Provider	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stephen/526-4416
Prussman	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Giles/526-4206
Prussman	Prot./Samoan	Sunday	11 a.m.		Barkeley & Prussman
Chap. Giles/526-4206					
Soldiers	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.		Nelson & Martinez Dr.
Scheck/526-5626					
McMahon	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Bldg. 1517	Chap. Cooper/526-8011
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Magrath & Tibus	Chap. J. Hartranft/524-1822
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Magrath & Tibus	Chap. Simo/526-8890

For additional information contact the Installation Chaplains Office, Bldg. 6227, at 526-5209. For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at (719) 333-2636. Normally, free child care is available for infants and preschool age children during on-post worship services. Some worship services offer a children's church for ages 6 to 12.

Daily Bible Readings

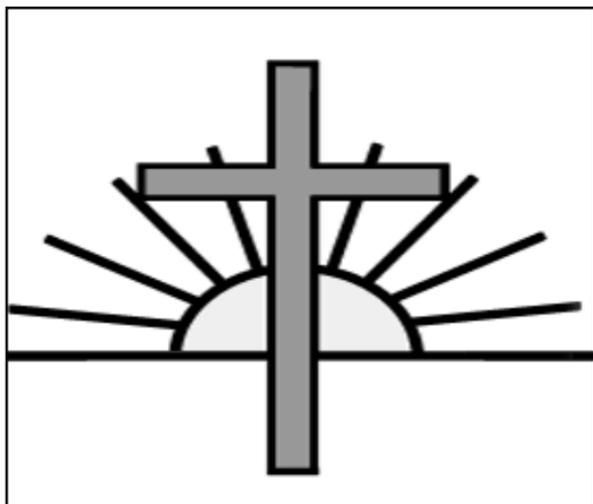
In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

Saturday, Psalms 135 & John 5-6
 Sunday, Psalms 136 & John 7-8
 Monday, Psalms 137 & John 9-10
 Tuesday, Psalms 138 & John 11-12
 Wednesday, Psalms 139 & John 13-14,
 Thursday, Psalms 140 & John 15-16

Chaplain s

by Chap. (Capt.) Macky R. Giles
3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery
Change sometimes causes most of us to feel uncomfortable and maybe out of focus.

The world is changing. Families are changing. The military is changing. Our life has been carefully planned. Our schedule is in place. Others have great expectations of



us. So far so good, everything has gone well. Then suddenly it may be that we are called to serve three months, six months, perhaps 12 months in a remote area. It may be that war has been declared.

The fact remains that our planned journey of stability has been interrupted. How do we expect to cope with the detours in our lives? How do we maintain stability in a changing world? How do we handle converting from a traditional spouse to, perhaps, a geographical spouse or divorced spouse? How do we deal with changing from a happy couple to a lonely widow? How do we cope with new additions to the family?

January 29, 1998, Gale and I had a major change in our lives. A change that will impact us for the remainder of our lives. We had a new baby boy. This is change indeed! It has been rewarding, and yet it has been challenging. We are still dealing with the changes within changes as we care for our

new addition to the family. In my life, each day as I find time to reflect and focus, there are some factors that assist and give me comfort in the midst of change.

First, I realize that some of the changes I encounter are a making of my own. I take sole responsibility for dealing with the change(s).

Secondly, I accept the fact that some changes I experience are not of my own making. With these factors in mind, I am encountering glimpses of truth in the words of Norman Vincent Peale, Focus, change your thoughts and you change your world.

Thirdly, in the context of negative change(s), it is helpful that I never view a change as the end of the world for me.

Fourthly, I try intensively not to wallow in self-pity. All of us encounter unpleasant changes in our lives.

Fifthly, instead of seeing the changes as something destructive, I strive to view the

Program gets recruits ready for Army

by Cpl. MK Garrott
Mountaineer staff

Almost 300 potential soldiers were on Fort Carson Saturday, climbing on armored personnel carriers, sitting in the pilot's seat of an Apache helicopter and learning more about the Army they've joined.



Photos by Cpl. MK Garrott

DEPers get a class on the Blackhawk.

The Denver Recruiting Battalion hosted a Delayed Entry Program orientation showcasing aircraft, tanks and engineer equipment, among other displays so recruits could experience first hand these types of equipment.

Richard Rivera, who enlisted

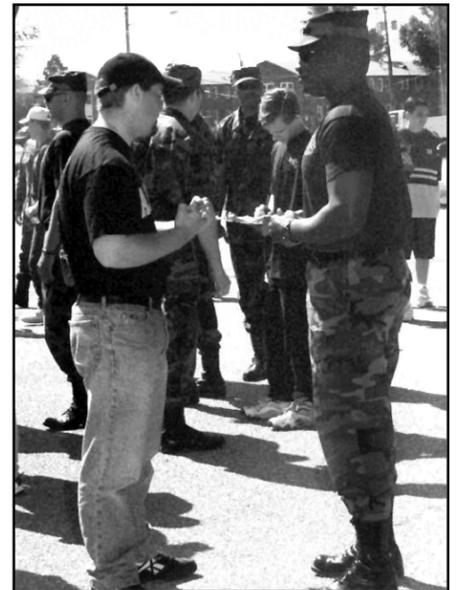
as a UH-60 Black Hawk mechanic, has always liked helicopters and said it is a family thing for him to enter military service. Both of his parents were in the Army and he has grandfathers and uncles who served in other branches of the military.

I'm interested

in working in a technical field. I think there won't be a single dull moment. There will always be something to do, he said.

The purpose of the Delayed Entry Program is to get potential enlistees ready for the Army, whether that be by waiting for them to graduate high school, getting them in shape or learning the rank structure, said Capt. Greg Grzybowski, Colorado Springs Recruiting Company commander.

A person wanting to enlist who is already a high school graduate, or has a general education diploma, might not enter the military right away. Their reporting date is determined by the availability of training slots. If there is not an opening in an advanced individual training class for several months, they



Josh Lehto talks with recruiter Staff Sgt. Jay Joiner.

will be enrolled in the DEP until the report date.

Eighteen-year-old Marsha Hackett leaves May 21 for basic training and feels she is ready.

Private Chris Carlees applies decontaminate solution to a Bradley Fighting Vehicle with a mop.

Training to live, succeed on chemi

31st Chem Co. rolls downrange with 1st Bn., 8th Inf. soldiers for NBC survival, DECON exercises

by Jon Parr

14th Public Affairs Detachment

The battle was going well with the enemy retreating quickly. No American soldiers were injured and the enemy was gone but a missile carrying a deadly nerve agent changed the battlefield in a hurry.

Soldiers donned their protective masks, closed their Bradley Fighting Vehicle hatches and moved out of the area.

This was the scenario soldiers from Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry drilled Tuesday in a chemical agent decontamination exercise with Decon Platoon, 31st Chemical Company.

When soldiers from 1st Bn., 8th Inf., arrived at the decontamination site, all the dismounted soldiers were sent through an eight-step personal decontamination lane. In this lane they practiced all of the procedures for proper decontamination of themselves and their equipment.

While dismounts went through personal decontamination, drivers and Bradley commanders were sent through a five-step equipment decontamination lane.

During each step of the lane, the driver and commander remained in the vehicle while soldiers

in full Mission Oriented Protective Posture decontaminated their vehicles. Once their vehicles were cleared, they then went through the personal decontamination lanes.

Each lane required soldiers to conduct the same steps as in a combat situation. While the equipment lane had five phases, the personal lane had eight phases, each requiring attention-to-detail.

The exercise put more of an emphasis on the nuclear, biological and chemical arena, said 1st Lt. Paul Magness, officer-in-charge, Decon Plt., 31st Chem. Co.

The threat of NBC agents in this world is greater than it ever has been, he said. Most units just check the block.

A war can arrive within the blink of an eye and soldiers who are not properly practiced at NBC protection and counter measures may find themselves on the losing end of an uphill battle. They must train too standard, Magness said.

It only takes one mistake during decontamination for someone to die, he said. People don't realize in an NBC situation both leaders and younger soldiers are going to be flipping out when they see their fellow soldiers dying from the effects

Private Jay Boes decontami



Photos by Jon Parr

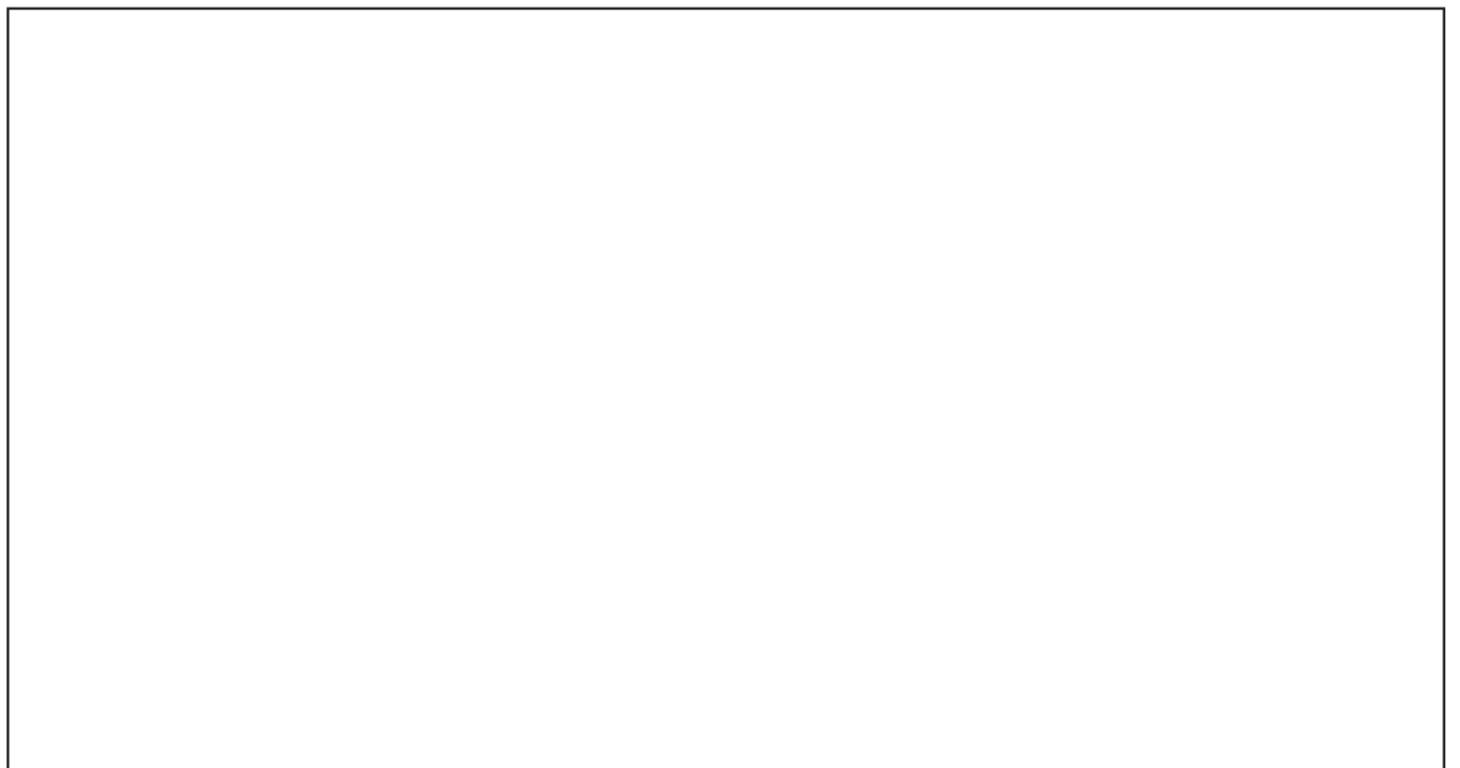
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Specialist Rodney Strange, Co. D, 1st Bn., 8th Inf., rinses a vehicle off after it was mopped with a decontaminate solution.



...nates the mask of a fellow soldier.



Specialist Frank Shupp, Co. D, 1st Bn., 8th Inf., rolls up the hood of Pvt. David Morrison's protective mask during decontamination.

Tiger Squadron cavalry troopers 'earn their spurs'

by 1st Lt. Richard C. Kaserman
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

More than 70 soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment rose to the ultimate challenge and earned the right to wear their spurs during the semi-annual Tiger Squadron Spur Ride April 22.

Earning Spurs is a long-standing Cavalry tradition that requires officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted troopers to pass a series of tests in a number of demanding training and leadership tasks. A soldier must be nominated and sponsored

by a spur holder to attend the ride.

The sponsor maintains a spur booklet which contains a series of tasks and qualifications which

Spur candidate must meet. When the soldier has met the standards and

accomplished all tasks, he is invited by the spur committee to attend a Spur Dinner, which must be attended for the candidate to be accepted as a member of the Order of the Spur. Perhaps the most demanding task that must be met is the Spur Ride.

The concept of the spur ride dates back to a time when recruits for the Cavalry and Artillery were strenuously tested in their skill at combat tasks and horsemanship. This ensured they could function on the battlefield and keep control of their mounts simultaneously. The term graduation exercise for a strenuous test of courage and skill is from the era of Horse Cavalry.

In the spirit of those long-departed troopers and cannoneers, the modern Spur Ride focuses on field skills, leadership reaction, and the ability to operate under pressure. The ride consists of four phases: Phase I-qualification, Phase II-deployment, Phase III-field evaluation and Phase IV-the spur dinner.

The ride began at the Tiger Squadron Headquarters at 6:30 a.m with a Pre-Combat Inspection of the spur aspirants to ensure they had complied with the packing lists. The Squadron Command Sergeant Major conducted the inspection with the assistance of the sponsors. The inspectors

executed on the spot corrective training for each minor deficiency noted, while major infractions were adjudicated by the sergeant major. Once PCIs were completed, the aspirants were trucked to training area 5 to begin the event.

There were eight points set up, with each point containing a series of tasks including disassemble/assemble an M-16A2 rifle and M-9 pistol, NBC tasks, emergency supply/resupply, successfully employ the Stinger AD weapon, evaluate a casualty, ammunition resupply and request/adjust area fire. The teams had to navigate from station to station using eight different navigational techniques. The ride concluded at 4:45 p.m. with all aspirants mentally and physically exhausted, but still displaying motivation and true cavalry panache.

All spur aspirants who completed the spur ride received a GO. For several, it was a major milestone on the road to receiving their spurs. Of those who completed the ride and all other requirements, all 59 aspirants were invited by the spur committee to attend the Spur Dinner; where, having conducted themselves in such a manner as to bring credit to all cavalrymen past and present, they were formally inducted into the Order of the Spur and presented with



Soldiers across post earn elite honor, awarded Expert Infantryman's Badge



More than 600 soldiers began the pursuit of the coveted Expert Infantryman's badge last month. When the sweat had dried and the smoke had cleared a mere 11 percent had made the cut. These soldiers have now earned the right to wear a symbol of their excellence for the rest of their careers.

In alphabetical order, 1998 Fort Carson awardees are:

Sgt. Marlon Argimon	D 1-8	Sgt. Ronald Corella	G 2-3 ACR	SSG Charles Lopez	A 1-12
Sgt. William Bailey	C 1-12	1st Lt. Gregory Cox	B 1-12	1st Lt. Craig Maceri	A 1-12
Sgt. Matthew Beymovich	B 1-8	Sgt. Eugene Crow	A 1-8	Spc. Michael Mazza	A 1-12
Sgt. James Brakefield	HHC 1-12	Spc. David Dasilva	C 1-12	1st Lt. Thomas Mooarron	B 1-12
Spc. Chad Brown	A 1-12	Spc. Kyle Deters	C 1-12	Spc. Chris McCormick	C 1-12
SSG David Brown	D 1-12	Sgt. Philip Duff	B 1-12	2nd Lt. Eric Molfino	D 1-12
Sgt. Jacob Brown	HHC 1-12	Sgt. David Dyson	C 1-8	1st Lt. Jacob Peterson	A 1-12
1st Lt. Anthony Camarato	B 1-12	1st Lt. David Foley	HHC 1-12	Sgt. George Phillip	B 1-12
Spc. Ignatious Castillo	C 1-12	Spc. Robert Glover	D 1-12	Pfc. KAJ Rankin	A 1-12
Spc. Okan Celiker	HHC 1-8	Sgt. Patrick Griffey	D 1-12	Sgt. Jose Rubalcava	D 1-12
Pvt. Jason Chambers	HHC 1-12	Spc. Gannon Gross	A 1-12	Sgt. Michael Rudden	D 1-12
Sgt. Jake Coffman	D 1-12	Spc. Jesus Guerrero	D 1-12	Spc. John Smith	D 1-12
SSG Dennis Compton	C 1-12	Sgt. Stephen Hahn	HHC 1-12	1st Lt. Peter Smith	HHC 1-12
		1st Lt. Kenneth Heard	B 1-12	Pfc. Lee Spahos	HHC 1-8
		Pvt. Nathan Jennings	C 1-8	Spc. Ryan Steckman	D 1-12
		Pvt. Mathew Jung	B 1-8	Sgt. Malcom Thomas	HHC 1-68
		Spc. Joseph Junti	A 1-8	Spc. Brian Sullivan	A 1-12
		Spc. Anthony Koch	A 1-8	SSG Edison Vargas	B 1-12
		Pvt. Trampas Kolthoff	HHC 1-12	SFC. William White	B 1-8
		SSG Jason Krause	10th SFG	Spc. Cody Wilbur	C 1-12
		Sgt. Robert Lemoine	A 1-12	Sgt. Jonathan Wilbur	B 1-12
		1st Lt. Ryan Lister	C 1-12	Pvt. James Wiley	HHC 1-12
		Pvt. Andrew Little	C 1-8	Pvt. Adam Wilhite	C 1-8
		Master Sgt. Brian Look	10th SFG	Pfc. Richard Willey	D 1-8

In unison

Master Sgt. (Ret.) Mike Oulette, Non Commissioned Officers Association lobbyist, Maj. Gen. John M. Riggs, post commanding general and Mary Ellen Epps, State Representative, give a rousing round of applause to Harmony in Motion as they sing the Army Song at an NCOA conference at the Elkhorn Conference Center Saturday. During the conference, NCOA members discussed downsizing, retirement issues and pay increases. Oulette stressed that soldiers need to come together to fight for their benefits and make sure they vote during election years.



Photo by Jon Parr

Sports & Leisure

3/29 brings out big lumber, defeats Dining Facility 18-6

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

The 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery rode the early long ball hitting of Spc. Chris Hueber and Spc. Sam Cook to an 18-6 victory over the Dining Facility in the Mountaineer softball game of the week Monday.

Before the game there were some questions that needed to be answered about the 3/29 team: could 3/29 convince everyone they were legitimate contenders for the post softball championship? Could they respond with a high quality performance with the eyes of the base on them? What would happen if the Dining Facility gave them a game? The answer to these questions unfolded quickly.

As for the question of 3/29 being contenders, they wasted very little time establishing they are just that. Eight of their first 10 batters reached base safely to start the game, by a variety of means.

After Sgt. Barry Clark and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Smoke Woodley reached base, Hueber smacked a three-run dinger to give 3/29 a 3-0 lead before the fans had a chance to sit in their seats. The onslaught continued as Sgt. Barry Clark, Spc. James Tucker, Cook and Spc. James Buffum each reached base and scored to give 3/29 a 7-0 lead.

The Dining Facility came back to score one run in the bottom of the first inning as Pfc. Bruce Hinkley walked and scored on Pfc. Jason Sorenson's single. But that was the only offense they could muster.

Facing a 7-1 deficit the Dining Facility looked to assert themselves in the second half by holding the 3/29 scoreless and then inching closer. But 3/29 had another thing in mind. Sensing this was their opportunity to join the elite of the post softball world, 3/29 responded as only a champion does - they scored six runs in the top of the inning as Wooley, Hueber, Tucker, Sgt. Jeff Poulton, Cook and Buffman each scored. Cook



took care of two of the runs with a high drive over the center field fence.

After two innings 3/29 certainly answered the first question, they are indeed a contender based on the way they played the first two innings. Only the Air Defense Artillery team has mounted the kind of consistent offensive attack 3/29 showed over the first two innings.

In the bottom of the second inning the Dining Facility put two men on base, but then went down without scoring on a pop up to the third baseman, a pop up to the pitcher and a second pop up to the third baseman.

In the third inning, 3/29 seemed intent on proving the first two innings were no fluke as they added five runs to their 12-1 lead. Hueber, Carter, Tucker, Buffman and Spc. Russell Hanson scored.

Looking at an 18-1 lead and not getting much resistance from the Dining Facility, it came time to answer whether they could finish off a high quality performance.

In the bottom of the third inning they were outstanding, getting the Dining Facility out one, two, three. It would have seemed this would put them where they feel they belong on top of the contenders list, and at this point there could be no arguments. Then came the top of the fourth inning and all the good work of the first three innings stat-

ed to unravel.

Coach Poulton, of 3/29, knows he has a very good team, but he was worried coming into the game because we had two bad practices coming into this game and I was concerned about our concentration. Early it seemed like it was a moot point. Late in the game it turned out to be prophetic.

With the chance to put away the Dining Facility for good, 3/29 came up in the fourth inning and probably had their worst inning of the season offensively. So passive were the 3/29 hitters that it looked like they had conceded the game was over by flying out weakly to third base and left field and a blopping single by Wooley. When a champion has a chance to cut someone's heart out, they usually do it, 3/29 did not and that could be an insight into this team's psyche.

In the bottom of the fourth inning the Dining Facility scored five runs and it could have been more with some timely hitting, as the 3/29 defense seemed to be a step slower in both their reactions and their thinking, making a few mental mistakes in the field. Though that would eventually be the last runs of the game it opened up the answer to question number three.

While they dominated the game early, 3/29 has to consider what would happen if a

Fort Carson Intramural Softball Standings

As of April 30, 1998

Mount Lincoln	Won	Loss	GB
64th FSB	4	0	
HHB 3/29 FA	3	0	
B 1/68 AR	2	0	
C 3/29 FA	2	0	1/2
534th Sig	1	2	1
B 1/8th Infantry	12	1	
B 4th Engineer	2	3	1 1/2
HHC 4th Engineer	1	2	
HHC 1/12 Infantry	2	2	
A 4th Engineer	04	2	

Mount Yale	Won	Loss	GB
C 1/12 Infantry	4	0	
D 1/8th Infantry	2	1	1
C 1/44 ADA	4	1	2
B 1/12 Infantry	1	2	3
B 3/29 FA	2	2	3
C 64th FSB	1	2	3
C 1/68 AR	0	1	3
A 1/8 Infantry	0	2	3
HHC 1/8	0	1	3
C 4th Engineer	1	2	4

Mount Belford	Won	Loss	GB
SVC 3/29	2	0	
D 1/8 Cobras	1	0	1/2
A 1/68th AR	1	0	1/2
HHC 1/68th AR	1	0	1/2
A 1/12 Infantry	3	2	1/2
DFA C	1	1	1/2
A 3/29 FA	1	3	1/2
LPA	0	2	2
C 1/8th Infantry	0	2	2

Mount Harvard	Won	Loss	GB
183rd Maintenance	3	0	
360th Trans	3	0	
4th PSB	3	0	
10th CSH	1	0	
984th MP	1	0	
13 ASOS	1	1	
59th MP	2	1	1
2nd Trans	2	3	1 1/2
148th MP	1	1	2
4th FIN	0	3	2
60th Ordnance	0	3	3
A Co. 52nd Eng	0	3	3
759th MP			
S&T SPT			
3rd ACR			

Mount Elbert	Won	Loss	GB
ADA Battery 1/3	5	0	
D Co. 1/3	3	1	1
S&T Troop	2	1	1.5
A Troop 1/3	2	2	2
Maintenance Troop	1	1	3
C Troop 1/3	1	3	1
B Troop 1/3	0	2	3
HHT 1/3	0	3	3
HWB 1/3	1	2	3

Mount Princeton	Won	Loss	GB
L Troop 3/3	2	0	
HHT 3/3	2	0	
RHHT	1	0	1/2
T Troop 4/3	1	0	1/2
K 158th AVIM	1	1	1 1/2
M Company 3/3	1	2	1
P Troop 4/3	0	2	1 1/2
ITroop 3/3	0	1	1 1/2
HWB 3/3	0	2	2

Mount Massive	Won	Loss	GB
66th M.I.	1	1	
43rd CEC	1	1	
571st Med Co	1	1	
E Troop 2/3			
F Troop 2/3			
G Troop 2/3			
H Company 2/3			
HHT 2/3			
HWB 2/3			

Mount Oxford	Won	Loss	GB
HHC 10th SFG	2	0	
MEDDAC/DENTAC	1	0	
HHC USAG	1	1	
60 Ord		0	1
CS Recruiting		0	1
SJA		0	1

Soldier places ninth at All-Army bowling competition

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

For one soldier going to the All-Army bowling trials was a chance to erase some past heartache.

But it wasn't all easy or painless for Staff Sgt. Lynn Dean even though he had the experience of a lifetime and a highlight to what has been a successful bowling career to this point.

Dean represented Fort Carson this year at the All-Army trials and while he didn't make the team he knows the feeling of a winner since only 27 people make the trials each year.

Bowling is one of those unique individual sports that makes a person discipline themselves to a practice regiment that is far from adoring crowds and coaches yelling instructions or giving advice. When you're on the lanes, it's you and the pins, according to Dean.

Our sport doesn't have coaches and it really takes a strong mind to get good at this game. Mentally our sport is very challenging because you have to concentrate on your mechanics and form.

Arm and leg strength mean more than most people realize.

A lot of bowling is footwork, timing release and follow

through, said Dean.

That is important because bowling is a game of consistency and repetition and nothing more, Dean said.

Dean has shown his ability to overcome the most demanding mental aspect of making the most of what the All-Army bowling camp has to offer. He made the trials in 1995, but didn't make the team. With that experience behind him he looked forward to 1996 when he could combine that experience with another year of training, hoping that combination would lead to a spot on the All-Army team. What happened in 1996 though was a major disappointment.

In order to be invited to the trials, a bowler must have achieved a certain average at his or her home unit. That average must be confirmed by the bowling center director at the home post. Dean missed the chance to compete in the 1996 All-Army trials by one pin.

It was a crushing blow to miss the trials in 1996 because it is a goal of mine to make the All-Army team and to not have the opportunity hurt me.

That would only be the beginning of his disappointment, however. In 1997, Dean was again practicing and perfecting

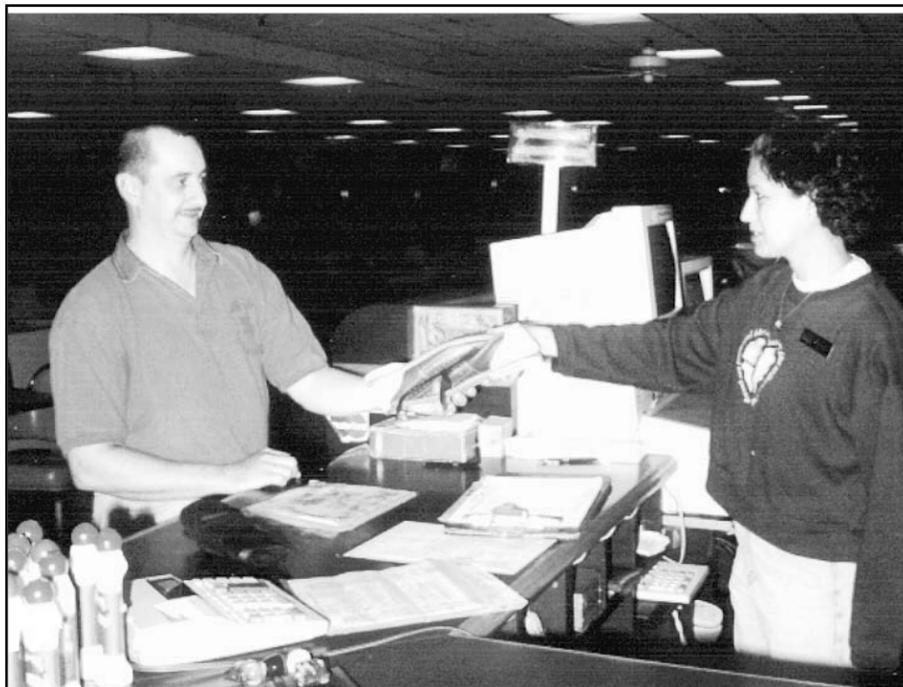


Photo by Walt Johnson

Staff Sgt. Lynn Dean gets a pair of bowling shoes prior to working out on the lanes at the post bowling center.

his skills in order to earn a spot at the trials only to come up short again by one pin.

I didn't believe I would miss making the trials two years in a row. I realized that I couldn't beat myself up because it meant other people shot well and I can't fault them for being at the top of their game, said Dean.

But missing the team made Dean focus on his goal and also gave him the opportunity to see if he had the mental makeup to compete in a competitive level in

the sport of bowling.

After missing the 1997 trials, I took the summer of '97 off. When I came back in the fall I was committed to improving my game and I worked on each aspect of the game, especially my mechanics, Dean said.

Dean's family, his wife Pamela and their three children, also enjoy bowling and they helped get him ready for the 1998 trials by bowling with him

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Play Ball

Staff Sgt. James Quick lines a base hit to centerfield during the post traveling team's game May 2 at the post sports complex. The team consists of soldiers assigned to Fort Carson and they play in the United States Slo-Pitch Softball D competitive league. During this tournament the team finished second and they finished fourth in a tournament in Widefield on May 8. Representing the post on the team are: Spc. Caesar Romero; Sgt. Kerry Spann, Staff Sgts. Chris Hardnick, Kevin Larkin, Darryl Hunter, Eddie Johnson, Steve Carson, John Hamilton, Tony Johnson, James Quick, Sgt. Don Pitts, Sgt. Roger Burton, Spc. Anthony Chambers, Cpl. Bobby Womack and Sgt. Steve Vargas.



Photo by Walt Johnson

Ironhorse racquetball tournament has surprise champions

by Walt Johnson

Mountaineer staff

Soldiers, retirees and civilians from the Fort Carson community took part in the semi-monthly Ironhorse Physical Fitness Center racquetball tournament May 5-9.

There were 84 participants from various post units in the five-day tournament that produced a few surprises.

Categories for the tournament were: Men's A/B/C, Women and Mixed Doubles. There were awards for first and second places finishers.

The women's division had a great story in the championship game. Belinda Wallace, defeated her mother Annette Wallace, to

win her second consecutive racquetball tournament championship this year.

In Men's A and B competition Glenn Madore was the winner and Sgt. 1st. Class Frank Davenport finishing second in both categories.

In Men's C competition Zeke Mayck, a family member, defeated Troop 6, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment's Sgt. 1st. Class Jose Colon.

In Men's doubles competition Chief Warrant Officer Wendell Reddick and Staff Sgt. Steve Martinez defeated Madore and Davenport of the 721st Communications Squadron at Cheyenne Mountain.

Steve and I

have been mixed doubles partners since 1993 and in that time we have lost a total of three matches. We understand each other's game and we complement the type of play each of us brings to the court, Reddick said.

In Mixed Doubles competition Chief Warrant Officer Wendell Reddick and Martha

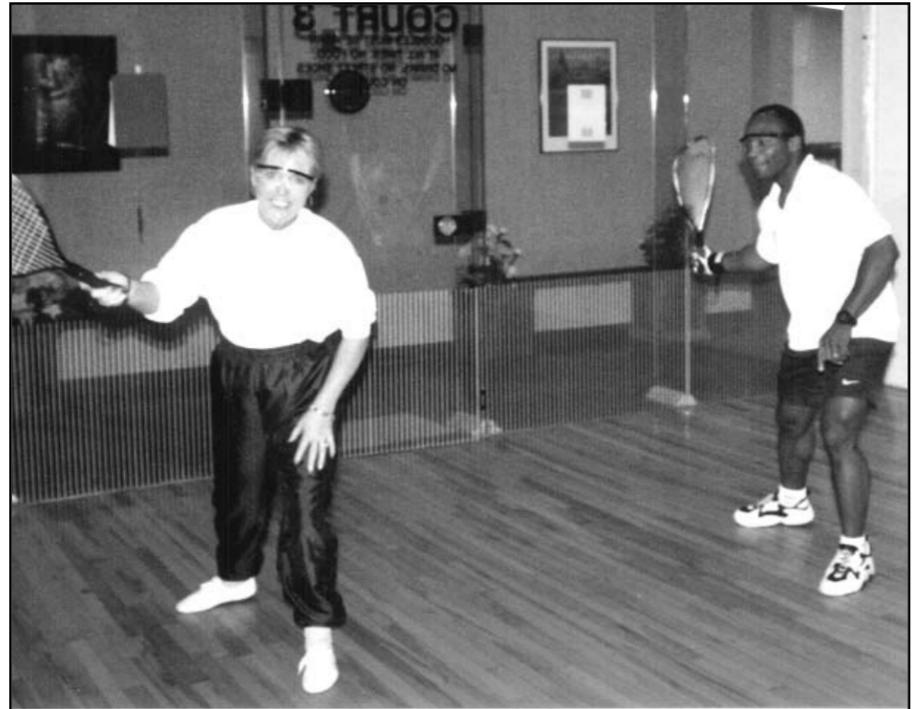


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Reed and Reddick warm up prior to playing a racquetball game during the Ironhorse tournament.

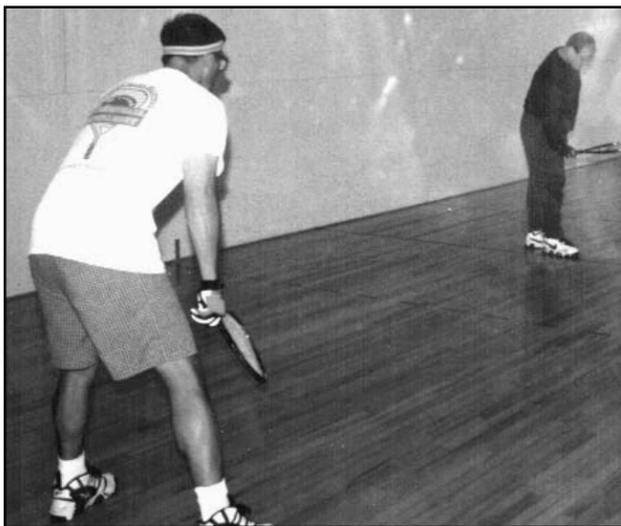
Reed captured the title. Reed was not Reddick's first partner but stepped in when his original partner Kathy Vunder couldn't play in the tournament. Reddick then asked Reed to for her and she filled in capably, even though she had never played racquetball in her life.

I needed to help Martha understand where she needed to be on the court 3 and I needed to be sure where she was on the court so I could make sure she didn't need to make any tough

shots, Reddick said.

I love playing mixed doubles and Sherry is actually one of my two mixed doubles partners. The good thing is my game is solid enough to allow me to pick up partners and still be successful in mixed doubles, he added.

Red needed a partner and I thought I would give it a shot. I know something about the game, but I wasn't sure if I could compete at this level of competition. All I knew was I didn't want to be a hindrance so I just did what I



The action was fast in men's A competition.

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or going to the lanes when he would practice. No one thought the disappointment of the previous years could happen again in 1998 after all the work he put in over the fall and winter of 1997. When the announcement of the people invited to the trials for 1998 came out in early March of this year, it was déjà vu all over again. Dean missed the cut by one pin and was an alternate for the trials.

His disappointment was only temporary though because on March 23, he got the call that one bowler couldn't make the trials and he indeed was going to be invited.

I went from reconciling myself to having missed the trials by one pin for a third straight year to preparing myself to go to the trials to compete. I think my wife and kids were happier for me than I was for myself.

Without their support I know I couldn't do what I do, said Dean.

Getting to the trials would prove to be another test of Dean's mental makeup. Having gotten to the trials presented another challenge, being one of the top seven bowlers in the Army so he could make the All-Army team.

To get to that point it takes a lot of will, patience and good luck. Dean had the will and patience but his luck wasn't so good the first day of the trials.

I almost shot myself out of contention on the first day. I ended up the first day with a 170 average and over 200 pins behind and that placed me close to the bottom of the list after the first day. I then worked my tail off the next three days and got as high as number eight before I finished in ninth place. I was happy to be in the top 10 but I was disappointed not to be on the All-Army team.

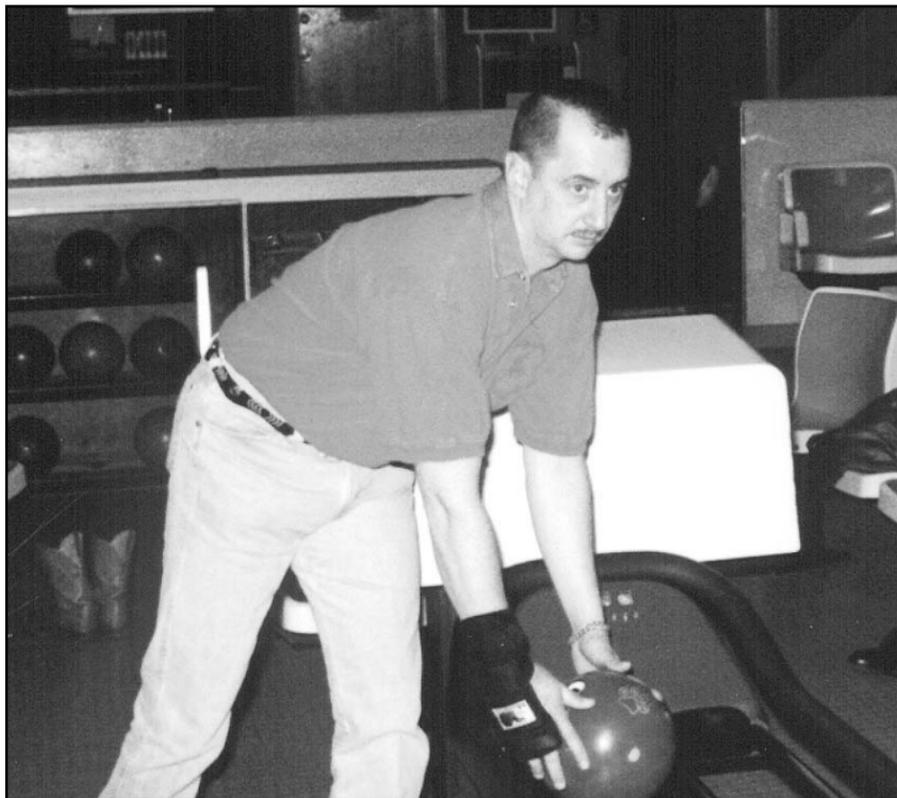


Photo by Walt Johnson

Staff Sgt. Lynn Dean prepares to bowl at the post bowling center recently.

After having such a roller coaster ride to get to the trials and falling short this year, one would think Dean would want

nothing more to do with the high caliber competition. Nothing could be further from the truth for this competitor.

On the Bench

Ironhorse hosts exercise program

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

It's been said being an Army wife is the toughest job in the Army. There are few if any who would argue the point.

After all a wife has to do a number of multi-dimensional things to keep a soldier's career on track and ensure they are ready to carry out the Army's mission of defending the country against all enemies.

With this in mind, the Enlisted Wives Club has come up with an idea that should make the soldier more mission ready and give them a chance to do something positive for themselves. Saturday, many wives will go to Ironhorse Physical Fitness Center to see if a trial program will be beneficial to the soldier and his wife when they participate in the first Women's Only

exercise program.

Our main goal is to build confidence in the women and get them involved in physical fitness activities. This is a program that will be run by the Enlisted Wives Club and there will be no paid members of the Ironhorse staff involved with this program. We aren't doing this to be women's libbers or to take anything from the soldier. Instead we are trying to help the mission the soldier and the wives by helping wives be more physically fit. Our feeling is, the more physically fit the wife is the more mentally fit she will be and that will make for a better home life, said Gwen Ponder.

The idea for the women's fitness program came about at one of the Enlisted Wives Club meetings. Many expressed a desire to work out because they wanted to get in shape and have an outlet for stress.

The only problem was many women felt intimidated by working out as a novice.

We had one lady (at the EWC meeting) who was having some problems with her legs. She had been going to

physical therapy. After being released from physical therapy she still didn't feel comfortable going to the gym on her own and using the equipment. She also wasn't comfortable going to the gym around all the men that are there because she felt a bit intimidated, Ponder said.

Joyce Clute, an Army wife said she also felt a little uncomfortable going to the gym to work out. She said she thinks the program is an excellent idea because she has seen a positive difference in her self-esteem and her marriage since she became more active with the EWC.

I don't go to a gym to work out because I know nothing about working out. I feel I'm overweight and I would be very uncomfortable going into a gym working out with a lot of guys who know exactly what they are doing, because I always feel like they are staring and laughing at me because I don't know what I'm doing.

I've noticed since I've been more active that I feel better about myself and my husband and I don't argue near as much, said Clute.

I think it will pick up the women's self-esteem. If I'm able to

use the facility to shed some pounds I'm going to feel so much better about myself. When I work out I work the stress from that day or that week. Therefore, when I'm at home I'm not that pent up bottle of I'm waiting to kill you when my husband comes through the door, Clute added.

When the women of the EWC came up with the idea they wanted to make sure they could do this program without interfering with the soldier's ability to get the physical fitness training they need. With that in mind, they turned to a facility that wouldn't normally be open on Saturday to see if something could be worked out.

We approached the director of the Ironhorse facility (Bill Reed) and asked him if we could use the gym if it wouldn't take any time away from the soldiers or the commitments the facility has to the post. We also advised him that we would have volunteers who insure the building was secure and people to teach women how to use the equipment so no one would get hurt, Martha Reed said.

Reed said she feels there will be a lot of women eager to take advantage of the opportunity to work out at the facility.



Peterson's



Photos by Nel Lampe

An Army Air Corps P-40 "Flying Tiger" is mounted near the museum.

Early Army aviation history preserved at Peterson museum



Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

When World War II military installations sprang up throughout the country, an Army Air Base was established at the Colorado Springs Airport seven miles east of Colorado Springs in May 1942, just months after Camp Carson was established south of the city.

The Army Air Base headquarters took over the passenger terminal building which had recently been completed. That building now houses the Peterson Air and Space Museum, located at 150 East Ent Avenue.

Two Quonset-type hangars also dating from the early airport days are near the original airport building.

Soldiers destined for the new air base were temporarily housed in Colorado Springs in the high school, city auditorium and Colorado College while rows of simple tarpaper covered barracks were built. Some soldiers were housed in tents at the air base.

The mission of the new Army Air Base was photographic reconnaissance operational training. Aerial photo reconnaissance crews and technicians were trained at the base, using F-4s, which was a photo-reconnaissance version of the P-38E Lightning.

Known as Colorado Springs Army Air Base until Dec. 13, 1942, the base was renamed Peterson Army Air Base in honor of the first Colorado native fatality at the base. Lt. Edward J. Peterson was killed when his F-4 crashed during take-off in August.

The Peterson museum is located on an 8.6 acre historic district, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic district is in the process



World War II Army uniforms are displayed in the Peterson Air and Space Museum.

of upgrades and expansion.

Displayed in the original passenger terminal are exhibits which portray the aviation and space history of Colorado Springs. Many of Lt. Peterson's Army Air Corps belongings are on display, including his uniform, pilot's and log

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What's inside

Community

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A Pied Piper is being performed today at 7 p.m. at Mountainside Elementary School. Tickets are \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children and there is no charge for children under three years old. For more information call Jonie

Military

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The Fort Carson R&U Shop is accepting reservations for classes June 15 to June 19. The class will be limited to 20 people. For more information, call Gary Grant at 526-5844 or come in person to building 218.

Sports

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The Fort Carson Sports Office and the Installation Chaplain's Office is hosting a Raise the Chapel Run/Walk tomorrow to replace items destroyed in the fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. Call Steve Rex



A pull-out section for the Fort Carson community
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Peterson

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book.

Other exhibits include souvenirs and artifacts from the World War II era, and a Prisoners of War exhibit.

An American Ace display honors nine ace pilots who had a link to Colorado.

Pictorial exhibits depict the early history of the air base and the construction of the North American Aerospace Defense Command's Cheyenne Mountain.

Several historic aircraft are on display throughout Peterson Air Force Base and on the museum grounds. An Army Air Corps P-40

Flying Tiger is mounted on a pedestal near the museum. A Curtiss P-47 Warhawk is also pedestal mounted near the main gate on Peterson Boulevard. Both aircraft were used by the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Army Air Defense Command artifacts are also on display, such as the command flag and a squadron emblem. Three Army missiles, the Hawk, Nike Hercules and Nike Ajax are exhibited on the museum grounds.

Air Force aircraft on display include a F-106A Delta Dart, an F-102A Delta Dagger, an F-104A Starfighter, an EC-121 Warning

Star, an F-94 Starfire, a Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star, an F-15 Eagle, an F-4C

Phantom, an F-86 Sabre Dog, an F-89 Scorpion and two Canadian aircraft

The museum has a 37-seat theater with several video tapes available. Titles include:

Fighter Aces of World War II, Dogfight, Memphis Bell, Vietnam, Flying in the Fighters, P47, P-51, SR-71, Kamikaze, Vietnam, Desert Storm, America in Space and a few other military related videos

A small gift shop sells historic video tapes, coffee cups, patches, pins and posters.

To visit the museum, visitors who do not have a DoD decal on their automobile must stop at the visitor center at the front gate off East Platte Avenue (Highway 24) and Peterson Boulevard.

Just the Facts

Travel time	25 minutes
For ages	all
Type	museum
Fun factor (Out of 5 stars)	☆☆☆
Wallet damage = (Based on a family of four)	\$
	\$ = Free
	\$\$ = Less than \$20
	\$\$\$ = \$21 to \$40



Photos by Nel Lampe

Airport Road at one time went straight to the Colorado Springs Airport, where Peterson Air Force Base is now located.



The Peterson Air and Space Museum is located in the Colorado Springs original passenger terminal.

Community Events

ACS

The ACS Immigration and Naturalization Outreach Office announces that due to an increase in citizenship applications, it currently takes 18 to 24 months to become a U.S. citizen from the time an individual applies. Soldiers and family members with questions should contact the office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 526-4590.

ACS Family Member Employment Assistance program will be hosting a resume workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. June 3. For registration and information, call 526-0452.

ACS announces a new program, the Victim Advocacy Program. Designed to screen, evaluate, inform and otherwise help domestic violence victims, volunteers will be an integral part of this organization and will receive comprehensive training on the subject. The first training session will take place this month. For more information, call Jo Taylor at 526-4590.

ACS is looking for volunteers for several programs which offer valuable services to the Army community. Program managers can create a work schedule that is compatible with each person's lifestyle. ACS offers free child care to potential volunteers. Anyone interested should go to the ACS volunteer office next to the commissary or call 526-0440.

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program is offering a Standard Form 171 and Optional Form 612 Workshop May 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. These forms are the basic federal employment applications. This workshop will provide insight on completing applications and general hints on the most effective way to describe professional experi-

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ence. For more information call 526-0452.

A Nurturing Program for children ages 6-12 sponsored by the Family Advocacy program is scheduled for July 13. The event will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and walk-in registration is available. Find out what your parenting style is, how to discuss sexuality with your children and more. Parents and children are encouraged to attend together. Child care for those under age 5 can be prearranged. Call 526-4590 for more information.

The Fort Carson Red Cross is looking for young people over the age of 14 to volunteer at Evans Army Community Hospital. If interested, call Bethany Tozer at 526-7589.

The Salvation Army will be operating its Summer Camp for 10 weeks beginning June 8 and running through Aug. 14 at its community center on Yuma Street. The day camp is for grades 1 to 5 and will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a cost of \$45 per week plus a registration fee of \$5.

Miscellaneous

The program includes swimming, weekly field trips, crafts, movies and educational activities. Call 636-3891 or visit the office at 908 Yuma St. to register.

The Penrose House, located on Turkey Creek Recreation Area, is currently taking applications for meetings, off-sites, official training functions and private parties. The site is listed on the Colorado Registry of Historic Places. For more information or to make a reservation, call 526-2083 or 524-1068.

The Thrift Savings plan program open season for civilian employees begins today through July 31.

Turkey Creek Recreation Area is hosting an Open House Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a live country and western band, hay rides, roping a mechanical calf and a tour of the Penrose House. Turkey Creek is located 10 miles south of Fort Carson's main gate on highway 115. Call 526-3905 for more information.

The Fort Carson Commissary will begin new store hours June 4. The new operating hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will be closed Wednesdays.

The Annual Armed Services YMCA promotion of the Commissary will begin in June. Everytime a patron purchases an item from a participating manufacturer, the Armed Services YMCA receives a donation from that manufacturer. These funds will help in improving the quality of life for military and their families.

The month of May is Asian Pacific Heritage Month. An exhibition will be held Thursday from noon to 3 p.m. at the Post Field House. Activities will include authentic cultural dancers, food samplings and cultural displays.

A free financial aid workshop will be held Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, room 202A. Individuals wishing to file for financial aid for the 1998-99 school year should bring two copies of last year's tax returns and two copies of December's IES. For more information call Virginia Frazier at 526-5544.

Headstart is now enrolling for the 1998-99 school year. The Community Partnership for Child Development is enrolling eligible children in its free programs. The program is open to El Paso county residents with children ages 3-4 by Sept. 15. Children attend classes two days a week either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, six hours a day. Call 635-1536 to enroll.

Army Career and Alumni Program is hosting a job fair June 26 at the Elkhorn Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 60 local and national companies will be represented. Military and civilian personnel are welcome. For more information call 526-1002.

A performance of the Pied Piper begins today at 7 p.m. at Mountainside Elementary School. Tickets are \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children and there is no charge for children under three years old. Tickets are available at the door. For more information call Jonie Fitzsimmons at 382-1430.

The Salvation Army Annual Civic Dinner will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Doubletree World Arena Hotel. The speaker will be Mayor Mary Lou Makepeace. Tickets for the annual dinner at \$25, with tables of 10 available for \$250. For tickets, call 636-3891.

The New Parent Support Program Theater presents 1-2-3 MAGIC! This video will take the anger, screaming, yelling, hitting and frustration out of parenting. Bring your own soft drink and enjoy popcorn while you relax and learn easy methods to discipline your children. Free child care is provided. This event is held the second Thursday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. in building 1526. To register or for more information call 526-4712.

Annual leave donors are needed for Lizz Kalisch, a Public Affairs Office employee, due to exhaustion of available paid leave days. Civilian employees interested in donating should call Judy Dutt at 526-1256. Leave donors are also needed for the following civilian Medical Command employees: Diana Rose, absences due to surgery and Mary Deal, absences due to surgery. Civilian employees interested in donating leave days can call Janice at 526-7248.

The Air Force Academy Cadet Dental Laboratory is looking for a volunteer to be trained in making dental prostheses. The training will last eight hours a day, five days a week over a six-month time period. The program will start as soon as possible. For more information call, Nicole Grier at the American Red Cross at 556-7590.

Grant Library has a number of new books available to help build web sites. The library is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Grant Library is located in building 1528. For more information, call 526-2350.

Albright Productions presents The Best of the Best Talent Search Saturday at Domino's starting at 10:30 p.m. Must be 18 to enter, bring your own music on tape with no explicit lyrics. Admission is \$5.

Registration for summer and fall classes at Pikes Peak Community College is going on now. Telephone registration is available seven days a week, but a current application must be on file. Access this line at 540-7790. Students may also register at the Centennial Campus, the Downtown Studio Campus or the Rampart High School Campus. Summer classes begin June 1 and fall classes Aug. 24. For registration dates and times, call the admissions and counseling center at 540-7722.

The Army Community Service Outreach Program Video will be shown every day at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. through July 5 on the Fort Carson Command Channel.

Tickets are on sale now for pianist George Winston's tour this summer, coming to the Pikes Peak Center at 8 p.m. May 29. A food drive will be held at all performances to support local non-profit organizations. Reserved tickets are \$17.50 with a \$2 student/senior/military discount and are available at the Pikes Peak Center box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information or to charge tickets call 520-7469.

Military Briefs

The Supply Management Branch, including material management section I and II, customer assistance, local purchase, editing and the main offices have relocated from building 8000 to building 237. Telephone numbers and fax numbers remain the same. For more information, call 526-9086.

The Fort Carson Ammunition Supply Point s Residue Yard and ARA will be closed Wednesday.

The Staff Judge Advocates legal assistance division and the claims section will close at noon May 29.

The Joint Personal Property Shipping Office will be moving to building 1220. The move will begin June 15 and they will only be offering limited services June 15 through June 19 at the current location. If soldiers are planning to move in July and have orders, they should call now to begin processing. For more information, call 526-3755.

Accident Avoidance Training will be conducted May 27 and 28 at the Driver Testing Station. The training sessions will be from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The class limit is 25 students for each session. Last day to reserve space is May 22. For more information, call 526-5534.

A representative from United Concordia Active Duty Family Member Dental plan will be at Evans Army Community Hospital May 27. The representative will be there from 9 to

11 a.m. to answer questions and concerns with the dental plan. For more information, call Patricia Baca at 526-7174.

The Fort Carson R&U Shop is accepting reservations for classes June 15 to June 19. The class will be limited to 20 people. For more information, call Gary Grant at 526-5844 or come in person to building 218.

The 1st Battalion, 68th Armor will be using smoke and CS in training area 50 today through Wednesday. For more information, call 526-1107.

The 1st Battalion, 68th Armor will be using smoke pots and willie pete grenades Monday and Tuesday in training area 30 and range 127. For more information, call 526-9540.

The 10th Combat Support Hospital is schedules to conduct smoke in conjunction with EFMB training through today in training area 29. For more information, call 526-8080.

First Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment will use smoke in training areas 31, 38, 39 and 40 through May 24.

Company B, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, will be using C-4, TNT, Dynamite, and shape charges on the demolition range Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, call 524-1543.

King Battery, First Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment will be using the NBC chamber May 27 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

89th Chemical Company, Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment will use smoke generators June 1 to 2 at train-

ing areas 31, 39 and 40.

With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Jonathan Coffin, anyone with claims against or indebtedness to the Coffin estate should contact 2nd Lt. Travis Thomas at 526-2686.

A warrant officer course briefing is going on through Thursday at Elkhorn Conference Center. For more information, call 526-1906 or 526 4039.

The offices of the Installation Adjutant General will be closed all day Wednesday for safety day training. For emergencies, call pager number 327-4014.

Fort Carson Emergency Medical Technician Courses are now held in building 6281. EMT Basic class dates are July 13 to Aug. 7, and Aug. 31 to Sept. 29. EMT Refresher class dates are June 8 to June 12 and Aug. 17 to Aug. 21. To register contact your unit operations section. For more information, call 526-2820 or 526-5341.

A local Officer Candidate School Board will be held June 22-26 at Elkhorn Conference Center for those applying for OCS. Soldiers applying must have their packets to the Personnel Actions Branch by June 15. Uniform for the board is the Class A uniform. The Headquarters, Department of the Army, OCS board will be Aug. 16 to 20. For more information, call 526-1906 or 526-4039.

The Alpine Tower Complex has class sessions available for units to develop team-building skills. The sessions can accommodate up to 36 participants and can last from four hours to multiple day courses. For more informa-

Sports & Leisure Athletics

The Fort Carson sports division and the Chaplains Office will host a 10 km run and 3 mile walk tomorrow to raise funds to replace the chapel damaged by the fire Jan. 16.

The event begins at 8 a.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center. Organizers encourage everyone to participate in the event so the chapel and its contents can be restored.

Registration is \$14 today and \$16 the day of the race. Entry fee includes a Raise the Chapel T-shirt. Applications are available at the Post Field House PFC, Runners Roost, the downtown YMCA.

For more information, contact Steve Rex at 526-8402.

Child Youth Services office has announced a program designed to teach anyone, age six to adult, the game of tennis.

The lessons will be taught at the Mountain Post Sports complex tennis courts on Specker Avenue on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. Tennis related activities, games and fun for all ages are also planned.

Anyone interested can pre-register by calling the CYS at 526-1100.

The Fort Carson Memorial Day Weekend

Softball Tournament will be held May 23 and 24 at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.

The entry fee is \$125 per team. The entry deadline is May 22 at noon. Cash prizes, \$500 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place, will be awarded.

For more information, contact Becky Rudder at 524-1155.

The first John Mobley Football Camp will be held at the University of Denver June 14 to 17. The camp is open to boys ages 8 to 18.

Featured at this year's camp will be current Bronco players Neil Smith, Rod Smith, Terrell Davis and Detron Smith as well as other Bronco players. Also, coaches from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Kansas State University, University of Miami, Oklahoma State University, University of Colorado, University of California, Los Angeles, Brigham Young University, Colorado State University and Wyoming will be there.

For a free camp brochure, call 1-800-799-7981.

Ironhorse Fitness Center will hold a racquetball tournament July 7 to July 11. The tournament is open to Colorado Springs military community, active duty and family members over 16, retirees and DoD civilians. The double elimination tournament has no entry fee. Entry

deadline is July 1. Categories are Men A/B/C, Women and Mixed Doubles. There will be awards for first and second places.

For more information contact Bill Reed at 526-2706.

The annual Rockin /Jockin Basketball Jam will take place at McKibben Gym May 26-30. Rockin /Jockin is an annual event sponsored by the Child Youth Services offices to support the Increase the Peace program.

This year's event will feature the Harlem Clown All Stars, the Army's World Class Athletes and many local high school basketball players from the Colorado Springs area.

The Harlem Clowns will hold a clinic for youth May 27-28. May 26-30 has been designated Increase the Peace week. Activities here will begin with a media day featuring the Clown All-Stars and the World Class Athletes. There will be two days of main events. The first night features the high school North vs. South game. That will be followed by the Clown All-Stars vs. the Increase the Peace high school team.

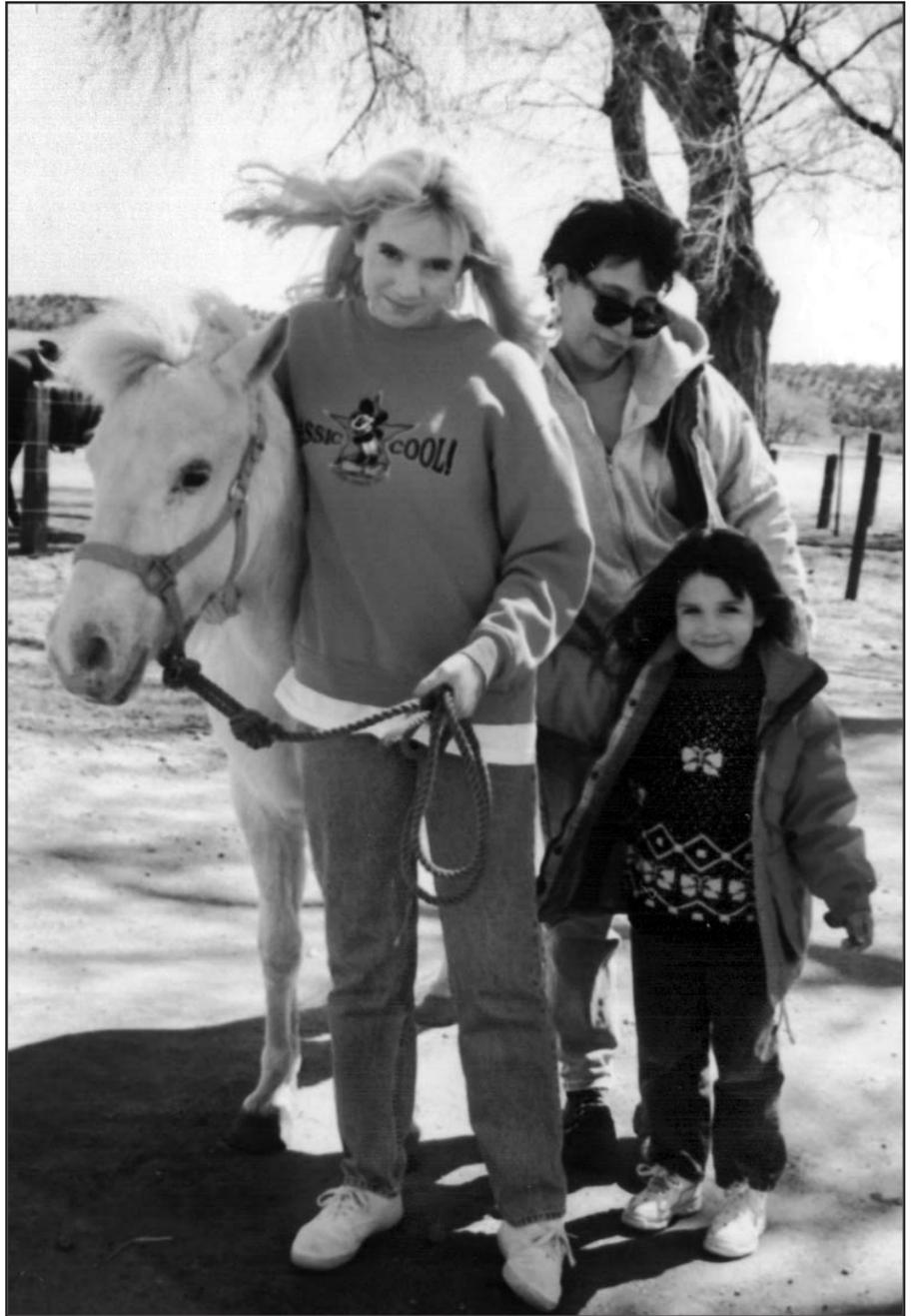
For more information, call 526-2597.

Don Eddy basketball camps will be conducting a camp for both boys and girls, July 13-17 at Liberty High School, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don Eddy basketball camps are nationally recognized for their expertise in the instruction of shooting and one-on-one offensive skills. Students from age eight to 18 are eligible to attend. For more information call or fax 210-492-9779. You can also visit their web site at www.debb.com.



Open House

Turkey Creek Recreation Area is hosting an Open House Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a live country and western band, hay rides, roping a mechanical calf and a tour of the Penrose House. Right: Amber Fitzgerald (left), Grace Madrid (center) and Hannah Madrid get to know one of the ponies at the ranch. Below: Hannah Madrid rides a pony.



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Pet of the

Brown eyes

This approximately 2 year-old female beagle is currently available for adoption at the Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility. Pets up for adoption are vaccinated and neutered. The treatment facility provides routine preventive medicine and minor sick call services to pets owned by active-duty and retired military members. Normal hours of operation for the clinic are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Clinics are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with animals being seen by appointment only. To reduce the risk of child injury in exam rooms and to increase the attentiveness of pet owners during the examination process, the facility discourages pet owners from bringing children under 10 years of age. People interested in adopting a pet can call 526-4354. For an appointment, call 526-3803.