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Mountaineer publication date

Due to the upcoming training holiday, the *Mountaineer* will be published Feb. 13. Deadline for submissions is today by noon.

Post Weather hotline:
 526-0096

Endangered species: Springs Transit service to Mountain Post could be cut

by Spc. Jon Christoffersen
 Mountaineer staff

El Paso county commissioners recently voted to divert money from subsidizing the Colorado Springs mass-transportation system to the construction of a new jail complex.

The annual subsidization of \$224,210 funded the bus routes on and to Fort Carson, Pikes Peak Community College Centennial Campus and Fountain, all of which are outside Colorado Springs city limits.

In order for Colorado Springs bus service to continue to the Mountain Post, Fort Carson has to raise its share of the \$224,210, \$51,000.

"We can't use (Department of Defense) funds to pay our share," Steve McCoy, Fort Carson's deputy garrison commander, said. "Our only option is to increase ridership."

In order to raise and maintain the needed 120 riders a month to pay the \$51,000 tab, Fort Carson is taking advantage of a DOD program which pays for servicemembers and DOD civilians to ride the bus. This benefit does not extend to family members, contractors or retirees.

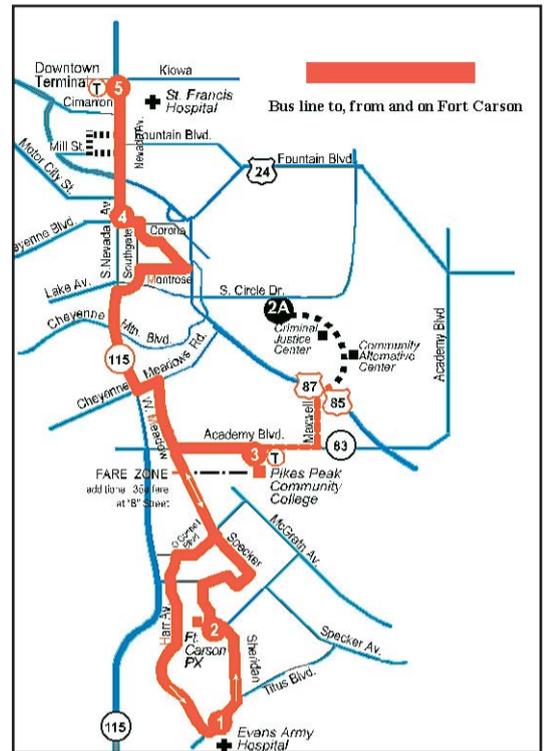
"(For) individuals who wish to take the bus to and from work, the cost is subsidized," McCoy said. McCoy explained that any servicemember or appropriated or non-appropriated DOD civilian can simply fill out an application and return it to the Office of the Deputy Garrison Commander.

The application is then forwarded up to the Department of Transportation, which issues vouchers back to Fort Carson for

subsequent issue to the applicant. The individual can then start riding the bus for free to and from work. If Fort Carson is successful in getting 120 riders, there will be two buses, each making three pickups in the morning and three in the afternoon, arriving and departing through Gates 4 and 20. Colorado Springs Transit will accommodate any time schedule Fort Carson chooses. There are scheduled stops at both Evans Army Community Hospital and in the vicinity of the post exchange and commissary. If Fort Carson is not successful in securing 120 riders current bus service will terminate on Feb 14.

Air pollution affects everyone. Every day, the average adult breathes more than 3,000 gallons of air. Children breathe even more air per pound of body weight and are thus more susceptible to air pollution. Millions of people live in areas where urban smog, very small particles and toxic pollutants pose serious health concerns, according to the Environmental Protection Agency Website, www.epa.gov.

These health concerns can stem from either short-term or long-term exposure to air pollution. Long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic health concerns, such as cancer and damage to the body's immune, neurological, reproductive and respiratory systems. Although the Colorado Springs area, including Fort Carson, is not considered a major urban area by the EPA, the problem of air pollution is also found outside of major urban centers. Air pollution can be wide-ranging as well as persistent. Many air pollutants, such as



The above bus routes service the Mountain Post community.

those that form urban smog and toxic compounds, remain in the environment for long periods of time. One way to help reduce smog is by reducing the number of vehicles which are used on a daily basis. Mass transit is one way to help reduce that number.

For many reasons, the Fort Carson leadership is hoping servicemembers and civilians will take advantage of the program offered to help reduce the use of privately owned vehicles on post.

For more information about signing up to get free bus fare, call 526-5600 or 526-9865.



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

Getting ready ...

Soldiers from National Guard and Reserve units from across the country have reported to Fort Carson to get ready for possible deployments. A member of the South Dakota National Guard looks over his score with a grader on the MK-19 range Saturday. The troops spent the day at various ranges qualifying with many weapons.

Military Marriage Seminar

by Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Military Marriage Seminar, a weekend marriage enrichment and preparation Conference, presented by Military Ministry, in partnership with FamilyLife, both ministries of Campus Crusade for Christ, will be hosted Feb. 28 to Mar. 1 at the USAF Academy Community Center Chapel.

The Seminar teaches practical, principles for building depth, excitement and close communication into a marriage relationship. The Military Marriage Seminar is designed to strengthen families and build lasting relationships.

The Military Marriage Seminar is adapted from the "Weekend to Remember" FamilyLife Marriage Conference. Over 1,000,000 people have attended FamilyLife Conferences held throughout the United States, with attendance growing at a rate of over 25 percent a year.

The Military Marriage Seminar runs from 7 - 9:30 p.m. on Friday with registration beginning at 6 p.m., and is held all day Saturday, 8-4 p.m.

The seminar is open to both married and engaged couple.

The registration deadline is Feb. 19. Free childcare will be available during the seminar. For more information contact Miki Tedesco at 282-3216 or Community Center Chapel at 333-3300.

Commander's Corner

Be a bandwidth nibbler, not a Kobayashi

Commentary by Lt. Gen. Peter CuvIELLO
Army chief information officer

WASHINGTON — Given two options for eating hot dogs at lunch, we can take the refined route and nibble on them one bite at a time. Or, we can emulate Japanese professional speed-eater Takeru "The Tsunami" Kobayashi, who crammed 50 hot dogs down his throat in 12 minutes at a competitive-eating contest last July at New York's Coney Island.

Kobayashi's maneuver clearly repels us. And yet, when it comes to stuffing huge amounts of data into the e-mails we send, we're imitating Kobayashi's feat — except that the 113-pound self-proclaimed "Tsunami" kept his meal down. Our huge e-mail attachments so upset the flow of available bandwidth, that our computer networks swiftly regurgitate them back at us as undeliverable.

Bandwidth, of course, is just a fancy way of describing how fast information can be carried through a phone line, cable line, satellite feed, and so on. When we choke our bandwidth with the file equivalent of 50 hot dogs, we clog, and in some cases, obstruct, our systems. In contrast, we can easily swallow a bite of one hot dog better than we can swallow 50 barely chewed ones at the same time.

This is no idle consideration. Soldiers deploying today need every bit of bandwidth for their network-centric operations. The old method of attaching large files to an e-mail and broadcasting it via sequential

chain-mail to entire garrisons, major commands, or the Armywide workforce requires huge chunks of bandwidth and brings networks and in-boxes to a crawl. Unless we do our part to preserve the smooth operation of the Army's bandwidth, we will be putting our war fighters' security and success at risk.

Fortunately, there's an easy fix, simply by restricting what we send out as attachments to e-mail.

Instead of e-mailing large files, such as slide charts, announcement fliers, video clips, among others, we should simply upload them to a collaboration area on Army Knowledge Online, the Army Portal located at www.us.army.mil <http://www.us.army.mil>. Once posted on AKO, we can send out to all concerned a brief AKO message that contains a link to the item. This way, instead of sending millions of bytes of data, only a few thousand are sent.

This AKO method minimizes the burden on bandwidth, networks and in-boxes and allows us to use limited bandwidth for those essential operational-mission requirements.

It also eliminates the need for thousands of people to resend and/or store the same large files on their computers' hard drives or file servers all over the Army.

That's because AKO's Knowledge Collaboration Center, or KCC, essentially is now your hard drive, accessible to the whole Army, and with just one copy on one server. The KCC areas can also be limited to

just a few persons you select yourself. AKO has a full set of self-teaching tutorials, and we've backed it up with round-the-clock help-desk support.

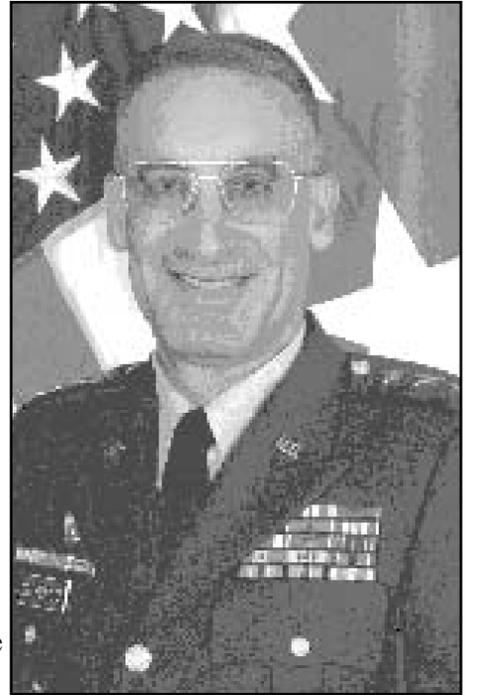
The Army has invested heavily in the AKO portal and portal technology. We believe the KCC offers everyone a

smarter and better way to

achieve the same end results, while enabling all to be good stewards of limited bandwidth resources.

So, do your part. Stop sending large enclosures via e-mail and start using the AKO portal to the maximum.

Be a bandwidth nibbler, not a Kobayashi.



CuvIELLO

Military mourns astronauts lost on shuttle

Commentary by Brian Lepley
Army News Service

Lt. Col. Jeff Williams. Col. Patrick Forrester. Retired Col. Bill McArthur.

These are the Army's astronauts mourning their colleagues who were the crew of the space shuttle Columbia that disintegrated over Texas Saturday.

The U.S. military always provides NASA the great majority of its astronauts. One civilian died Saturday, a member of the Israeli air force and five servicemembers who were on the Columbia crew: Air Force Col. Rick Husband, the mission commander; Navy Cmdr. William McCool, the pilot; and mission specialists Navy Cmdr. Laurel Clark, Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Anderson, and Navy Capt. David Brown. The sixth American crew member was Kalpana Chawla, a mission

specialist.

The seventh victim, Israeli Air Force Col. Ilan Ramon, was a hero fighter pilot who bombed Iraq's fledgling nuclear reactor June 7, 1981.

NASA turns to the military for its astronauts for many reasons. Mission commanders and shuttle pilots must be people of the highest possible ability, integrity, honor and achievement.

Mission specialists, those primarily carrying out shuttle operations and experiments, also require these qualities.

It's no mystery why military officers with incredible flying talent, outstanding leadership skills and scientific expertise are chosen for the astronaut program.

The margin for error in space travel is razor thin. These men and women, officers with intensely specialized

skills, serve their country for a relative pittance instead of chasing corporate riches. With every shuttle launch, they risk their lives to conduct complex experiments, yielding data that pushes science, health care, and telecommunications forward. The tasks they perform are at the greatest level of scientific expertise.

Getting the shuttle into space and back safely to earth is itself a hugely complex, totally risky maneuver. These are the heroic, unselfish deeds that drew these officers to NASA, the chance to do remarkable, near-impossible tasks for the betterment of every person on earth.

NASA's active astronaut roster is down to 74 after last weekend. Fifty-nine of those best and the brightest are military officers: three soldiers, five

Marines, 24 sailors, 16 airmen and one from the Coast Guard.

They all grieve, but despite their loss, NASA could ask everyone of them if they wanted to get on shuttle for a mission tomorrow and they would have one answer: affirmative.

That is the way of the soldier, the Marine, the airman, the sailor. Give me a mission; let me complete it successfully with my brothers and sisters in arms.

In the continuing post-disaster wake, there will be accusations, fingers pointed, and a complete investigation into what went wrong six days ago.

This process, while painful and searing, is necessary and just, a shining example of the liberties and freedoms the United States enjoys and represents to the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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News

DENTAC commander welcomed during ceremony

by Spc. Mathew Millham

14th Public Affairs Detachment

Col. Jeffrey D. Fowler assumed command of Dental Activities Command from Col. Michael J. McGowan in a change of command ceremony Jan. 30 at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

McGowan served as DENTAC commander at Fort Carson for almost two years. The change of command marks McGowan's retirement following 25 years of active service. He and his wife will move to Florida.

Fowler served as Chief, Department of Periodontics at the Hospital Dental Clinic in Heidelberg, Germany, from July 1990 to August 1995. He was then assigned as commander of the 502nd Medical Company (DS) at Fort Hood, Texas, then as the officer-in-charge, Chief of Periodontics at Wuertzburg Dental Activity, Wuertzburg, Germany. He has served as the officer-in-charge of Smith

Dental Clinic at Fort Carson since March 2002.

In 1977, Fowler received his undergraduate degree and in 1981, his Doctor of Dental Surgery, both from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Fowler's military awards include the meritorious service medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army commendation medal, the Army achievement medal with one oak leaf cluster, the national defense service medal, the expert field medical badge and the German armed forces efficiency badge in gold.

He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and is an active member of the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Periodontology and the American Association of Adult Educators. He has published several scientific articles and has also lectured in the United States and Europe.



Photo by Bill Jostlen

Col. Jeffrey D. Fowler, Dental Activities Command, commander, hands the unit flag to the DENTAC 1st Sgt. during the change of command ceremony Jan. 30. Fowler is the new DENTAC commander but he is not new to the Mountain Post family.

Domestic violence incidents decreasing Armywide

by **Beth Reese**

Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Statistics show that rates of domestic violence among Army families are not only lower than national standards, but they are also steadily decreasing, said Brig. Gen. Robert L. Decker, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Decker made that statement on the inside cover of “Hot Topics: Family Violence Behind Closed Doors,” a pull-out insert in the February issue of “Soldiers” magazine, hitting the street this week at installations Armywide.

The rate for child abuse is 12.2 per 1,000 persons nationwide versus only 5.1 per 1,000 in the Army, according to the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

“During the past seven years, we have seen a steady decline in documented cases of abuse,” said Lt. Col. Yvonne Tucker-Harris, family advocacy program manager for the Community and Family Support Center. She added, though, that some cases still go

unreported in both civilian and military communities.

Studies of family violence in the Army show that age and maturity levels are important risk factors in determining an individual’s involvement. Statistically, 22- to 26-year-olds have the highest rate of both spouse and child abuse.

“Any case of domestic violence is one too many,” Tucker-Harris said. “Those of us in the military see ourselves as a family, and family members are as important to readiness as our soldiers are.”

In 2001, there were 6,404 substantiated allegations of family violence within Army ranks. Women and children suffered the most injuries, and researchers emphasize that these numbers include only cases that were reported and cannot be inclusive of violence that occurred unnoticed or was ignored.

The total number of spouse-abuse reports was 7,693, with 3,948 of those reports being substantiated. Studies reveal that spouse abuse is most frequent among young couples who have not yet developed joint coping and communication skills. Child-abuse reports were somewhat lower than those of spouse

abuse at 6,579 reports, with 2,456 of those cases being substantiated.

Despite good news, the Army lost four wives and one husband in a string of deadly violence last summer at Fort Bragg, N.C.

“Violence is not compatible with our core values,” Decker said. “It is contrary to everything we believe in as an organization: respect, honor, integrity, personal courage.

“We must empower soldiers to recognize risk factors in their own lives and encourage them to seek help before violence occurs,” Decker said.

The Army Family Advocacy Program offers intervention and treatment services that can turn dysfunctional relationships into healthy bonds, Decker said. He added that every leader is responsible for acting upon known or suspected cases of family violence.

“If our families are in trouble,” Decker said, “so too, is soldier and unit readiness.”

Editor’s note: Beth Reese of Soldiers magazine is the editor of “Hot Topics: Family Violence Behind Closed Doors.”

Military

Know the truth about admin flags

From the Inspector General's office

We have recently observed some confusion as to the purpose and use of "flags."

A flag is short for "Suspension of Favorable Personnel Actions," which is governed by AR 600-8-2.

The main purpose of a flagging action is to guard commanders against the accidental execution of favorable actions for soldiers not in good standing.

Four things for commanders to remember:

1. A flag is to be initiated immediately when a soldier's status changes from favorable to unfavorable.

2. Keep flagged Military Personnel Records Jacket's in a restricted access area.

3. Active flag cases must be reviewed monthly.

4. Remove the flag immediately when a soldier's status changes from unfavorable to favorable.

For your information ...

There are two categories of flags:

Nontransferable: This means that the flag may not be transferred to another unit. The following is a list of some of the specific actions and investigations requir-

ing that a flag be nontransferable:

- Charges filed, restraint or investigation pending
- Court martial proceedings pending
- Nonjudicial punishment pending
- Absent without leave punishment pending
- Administrative reduction pending
- Letters of admonition, reprimand not administered yet
- Elimination proceedings in progress
- Removal from a promotion, command or school list initiated
- Security violation being investigated

Transferable: This means that a flag can be transferred to another unit. This will occur when:

- The flag is based on Army Physical Fitness Test failure
- The flag is based on entry to the Weight Control Program.
- The flag case is in the punishment phase already.
- Reassignment is directed by Headquarters, Department of the Army

Actions prohibited by a flag: The following is a list of personnel actions that are prohibited from occurring when a flag is in place. There are exceptions to this list, and you can find those exceptions in

paragraph 1-15 of AR 600-8-2:

- Appointment, reappointment, re-enlistment and extension
- Entry on active duty or active duty for training
- Reassignment
- Promotion or reevaluation for promotion
- Awards and decorations
- Attendance at civil or military schooling
- Unqualified resignation or discharge
- Retirement
- Advance or excess leave
- Payment of enlistment bonus or selective re-enlistment bonus
- Assumption of command
- Family member travel to an overseas command
- Command sponsorship of family members in an overseas command

Most Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If I am separated from my spouse, and I am providing all the care for our children, do I have to provide him any of my Basic Allowance for Housing?

A: Yes. Army Regulation 600-99, the spouse of a military servicemember is entitled to one half of the BAH II amount.

The other half is for the support of the dependents residing with the servicemember.

Q: I was told to remove my sunglasses, as they were not in regulation. What are the actual restrictions for sunglasses?

A: AR 670-1, states "eyeglasses or sunglasses that are trendy or have lenses or frames with initials, designs or other adornments are not authorized for wear. Soldiers may not wear lenses with extreme or trendy colors, which include, but are not limited to red, yellow, blue, purple, bright green or orange. Lens colors must be traditional gray, brown, or dark green shades. Personnel will not attach chains, bands or ribbons to eyeglasses".

Q: I was given a Bar to Re-enlistment six months ago, and now my commander says he is starting separation proceedings on me. Can he do that?

A: Yes, AR 635-200 (Enlisted Personnel) for soldiers who have received a local Bar to Re-enlistment, if at the time of the second three-month review, the unit commander does not recommend that the bar be removed, the commander will process the soldier for separation.

Military Briefs

Soldiers on profile

Soldiers on profiles — In accordance with Army Regulation 600-60, all soldiers with a P3 or P4 profile in any area of their body designators — Physical Capacity, Upper extremities, Lower extremities, Hearing, Eyes or Psychiatric — are required to appear before the Military Occupation Specialty/Medical Retention Board within 60 days of the signed, approved profile.

The purpose of this requirement is to maintain the quality of the force by ensuring the soldiers are physically qualified to perform their Primary Military Occupational Specialty worldwide under field conditions. Soldiers with a P3 or P4 profile are non-deployable as of the date the profile is completed. P3 or P4 soldiers are not authorized reassignment, training at any U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command course or advancement course, or re-enlistment without appearance before the board. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Keith Cashion at 526-6530.

GI Bill benefits

Soldiers who converted from VEAP to Montgomery GI Bill last year are reminded that it is their responsibility to individually check to ensure they have paid the full \$2,700 within the required deadline, 18 months from the date entered on their DD Form 2366. Meeting this 18-month deadline is critical. Soldiers have no education benefits to utilize until the required \$2,700 is paid in full.

Furthermore, soldiers who fail to pay the money in full by the deadline will forfeit all contributions made to that point and will not be eligible for any MGIB benefits.

Many soldiers have had problems with their local finance offices erroneously stopping the reduction in pay when it reached \$600 or \$12,000. In some cases, Finance refunded some payments to the soldiers. These are finance problems and errors, and must be resolved. Defense Finance and Accounting Service has sent a message out to field finance offices advising them of the needed corrective action. However, soldiers are ultimately responsible for initiating action to discover and correct finance mistakes. Soldiers may have to make lump sum payments to ensure the full \$2,700 is paid within the 18 months. For more information, contact Bill Unger, 526-4125, or any guidance counselor at the education center.

Replacing identification cards

Procedure for replacing lost or stolen identification cards — Effective immediately, all soldiers assigned or attached to Fort Carson who have had an ID card or Common Access Card lost or stolen will be required to present a memorandum signed by their commander when requesting a replacement card. Local policy requires all active duty soldiers, reservists, retirees, family members and Fort Carson civilian employees who lose their ID or Common Access Card to present a form of identification before a replacement card can be issued.

The following forms of ID are acceptable: valid driver's license with photo, state ID with photo, birth certificate with seal or photocopy of birth certificate that reflects the state file number. If no form of ID is available, the soldier must be accompanied by a senior noncommissioned officer (sergeant first class or above) or a commissioned officer.

Hours of operation

Mountain Post Wellness Center — The wellness center, located next to the commissary, hours of operation are now 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Information, Tickets and Registration Office and the Outdoor Recreation Complex

Information Desk have been combined in an effort to better serve customers. Hours of operation are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 526-2083 or 526-5366.

For official travel services, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel, in building 1012 on Long Street, is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 3 p.m. on training holidays.

Travelers are reminded to bring three copies of travel orders when picking up tickets for official travel. Soldiers and family members must have one original and one copy of their "travelopes" and three copies of each order, to include amendments, for overseas permanent changes of station. If you cannot pick up your tickets in person, you can fax a copy of orders to 526-1142 or 526-5262 for issuance of an E-ticket.

Please call 576-5188 to confirm receipt of faxed orders. Tickets will not be issued without orders. If you do not use your ticket, you must bring it and two copies of your orders. If you were issued an E-ticket and did not travel, you still must bring in two copies of orders to process a refund for the unused ticket.

Central Issue Facility hours of operation are:

Regular business hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Initial Issue/Partial Issue/DX: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Partial Turn-Ins: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Full Turn-Ins require an appointment. Please call 524-2006 or 526-2729 to schedule an appointment. For questions, call Stacey Sly at 526-5512.

Legal assistance adjusted schedule -- Due to the increase of deployments and the need for attorneys to staff the SRP site, walk-ins to see attorneys are now Wednesdays only; sign in is at 12:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-serve basis. Power of Attorneys and notaries are done on a walk-in basis 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Open Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.

Briefings

Special Forces briefings — Special Forces recruiting briefings are held Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Grant Library for males in the pay grades E-3 to E-7 with a GT score of 100 or higher and who are U.S. citizens.

ETS/Transition briefing schedule — In order for soldiers to receive their ETS orders, soldiers must attend an End of Term of Service briefing. Soldiers may sign in at 7:15 a.m. and the briefing begins at 7:30 a.m. in building 1118, room 317. For more information, call the Transition Center at 526-2240 or 526-4298.

Pest control training — Pest Management Regulation, AR 200-5, requires only certified applicators apply pesticides on military installations. The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management has a program that provides military personnel the necessary training and herbicide. Each unit is allowed a maximum of five people for training unless approved through the unit commander to DECAM. Training sessions are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. at building 3711, until all units have received the training.

The Commanding General's Newcomers'

Brief is the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

The following are dates for upcoming briefings: Wednesday.

Amnesty Turn-in

Fort Carson Ammunition and Explosives amnesty turn-in — When military A & E are found outside the boundaries of Fort Carson military areas, notify the local civilian authorities or the military police, 526-2333. Abandoned military A & E, excluding small arms ammunition up to and including .50 caliber, will not be moved by untrained personnel. If A & E are found, notify the Fort Carson 764th Explosive Ordnance Company, 526-2643.

Abandoned A & E found on post may be turned in at the Ammunition Reclamation Area, located on Butts Road, one mile south of the airfield. The hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Ammunition Supply Point, 526-4381, or the Quality Assurance Office, 526-1795 or 526-1892.

Siren Test

Monthly siren test — To ensure Fort Carson sirens remain operational, a monthly test will be conducted at noon on the last Friday of each month. The test will sound six seconds on, six seconds off, for a duration of five minutes. The "all clear" will be indicated by a continuous three-minute siren.

Laundry Service

Post Laundry Service — The Post Laundry service provides free laundry and dry cleaning service to soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the Post Laundry prior to turn in. Soldiers are reminded to allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment.

The turnaround for the service is 72 hours and no appointment is necessary. The Post Laundry will not clean personal items like BDUs, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC jackets and most web equipment.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. For more information call, 526-8806 or 526-8804.

Smallpox Hotline

Smallpox vaccination hotline -- The Preventive Medicine Careline has established a smallpox hotline to give information on the status of smallpox vaccinations in the community. The number is 526-6422.

Luncheon

AUSA quarterly luncheon -- The luncheon will be Feb. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, South, by Interstate 25 and Circle Drive.

Guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Geraci, deputy commanding general, Army Space Command and space and Millille Defense Command. Topic is "The Army's Role in Space." There will also be demonstrations provided by Army Space Command.

Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Respond by Feb. 12 by contacting Sandi Sams and 570-8056 or by talking to the unit first sergeant or command sergeant major.

Editor's note: The deadline for submitting "briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. Friday before publication.

Potential ability ...

Platoon sergeant who leads by example encourages soldiers to improve APFT scores

by Staff Sgt. Franklin Barrett,
Army News Service

The soldiers of Company E, 1st Satellite Control Battalion had a goal. They wanted their unit to have an overall score of 250 points on the Army Physical Fitness Test.

In Co. E, the motivation and determination of soldiers in the Support Platoon have been molded by their platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Brian LaMay.

His imaginative leadership created a challenging physical fitness training program, inspiring his soldiers to achieve their fullest potential. His program is very simple but effective.

All of the soldiers, noncommissioned officers and junior enlisted alike, alternate leading physical

training for a week at a time. By guiding them in developing their roles in the program, the variety of training options has led to a level of fitness and esprit de corps that rivals any.

“The change in our PT sessions

was not a decision I just arbitrarily made,” LaMay said. “I noticed that we got most of our time together as a platoon during our PT sessions. This was time used to build team cohesion, esprit de corps and to raise morale.

“I believed that with some minor changes in our PT sessions we would

“I believed that with some minor changes in our PT sessions, we would be able to capitalize on the quality time we spend together.”

Sgt. 1st Class Brian LaMay
1st Satellite Control Battalion

be able to capitalize on the quality time we spend together as a team, increase the interest in PT and, of course, raise the overall fitness level of the soldiers,” he said.

“I wanted the platoon to have something they could use as a base — a building block — in developing a more cohesive team with the added

benefit of a more physically fit group,” LaMay said. “All the potential in the world was there.”

His ability to turn potential into action was demonstrated at a recent Army Physical Fitness Test. The platoon APFT average increased a total of 18 percent (25 points) to 261. That average not only exceeds the goal, it exceeds the battalion and Co. E

overall averages. His lead-by-example approach motivated his soldiers to improve their own scores by 15 points or more.

For his soldiers in the platoon, LaMay’s leadership has melded physical fitness training, a core element of soldiering, into a core element of morale.

Greenback

Army authorizes special leave accrual

by Pfc. Jennifer J. Eidson
Army News Service

Special leave accrual is now authorized for military personnel serving on active duty in areas where imminent danger or hostile fire pay is authorized and for nondeployed soldiers who serve in direct support of operations in such areas.

The program, effective from Oct. 1, 2001, allows soldiers deployed to combat zones to carry up to 90 days of leave into the next fiscal year in some cases.

The only way a servicemember may carry more than 60 days of leave into the next fiscal year is if he or she is entitled to SLA.

"Special leave accrual basically gives soldiers the ability to carry over up to 30 days leave in excess of the normal 60 days they can bring forth to the next fiscal year," said Sgt. 1st Class Darien Swilley, actions branch

noncommissioned officer in charge at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel.

To be eligible for SLA, soldiers must serve on active duty for 120 consecutive days and qualify for imminent danger or hostile fire pay, said Swilley.

Soldiers authorized SLA can carry up to 90 days of leave for a maximum of three years.

Deployed soldiers meeting the requirements will automatically be approved for SLA and are not required to submit a request.

The nondeployed soldiers can submit a request for SLA in accordance with AR 600-8-10, Chapter 3, table 3-1 and figure 3-1 through the soldiers' chain of command to their major Army command for approval.

For more information on SLA, contact your unit's personnel office.

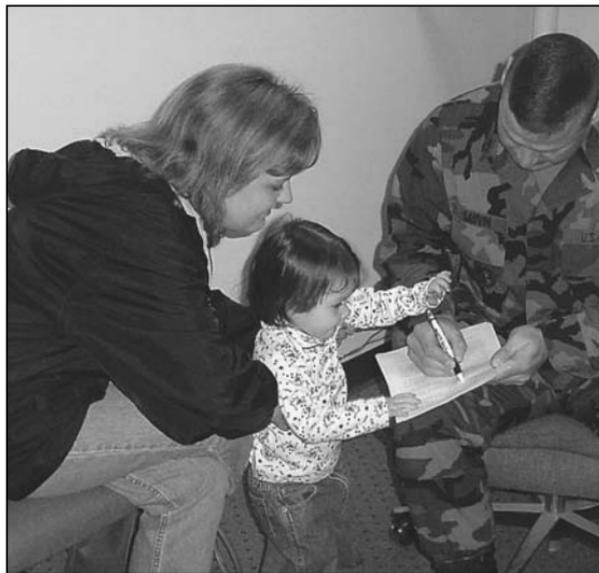


Photo by Spc. Roy Gomez

Tax preparation ...

Staff Sgt. Guy Gauvin, tax preparer, assists Theresa Martinez and daughter Sierra, with tax preparation at the Fort Carson Tax Center Wednesday. The tax center offers free tax service through April 15. For more information, call 524-1012.

Dining Schedule

Weekday Dining Facilities

A La Carte Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)

Standard Facilities

10th Special Forces Group (A) (building 7481)
3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)

Weekday Meal Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri.	Thur.
Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m.	5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	noon to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.	4 to 5:30 p.m.

Week of Feb. 8 to Feb. 14

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield Dining Facility serves breakfast and lunch meals only.
- Cheyenne Mountain Inn breakfast hours are 7 to 9 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- 10th SFG (A) meal hours are the same Monday through Friday. It serves no dinner meal on Fridays.

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn. (building 1040)
3rd BCT Iron BDE. (building 2061)
3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

Brunch	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Supper	3 to 5 p.m.

*Family members are cordially invited to dine
in Fort Carson dining facilities.*

Simulated battle ...

Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment got a chance to practice their combat skills Jan. 24 at the Fort Carson Close Combat Tactical Trainers. The simulators replicate today's battlefield. The high-tech, computer controlled systems help soldiers to stay proficient in their military duties. In addition to honing soldier and unit skills, the simulators enable the Army to reduce costs and the environmental impact of field training.

RIGHT: Pfc. Jeremy Thomas, 3rd ACR, attaches the cables from his headset so he can communicate with other team members during the training at the CCTT.

BELOW: Sgt. Ian Belgrave, 3rd ACR, watches the screen inside the simulator during the training session. Inside the simulators are screens which are comparable to what a soldier would see while sitting in a tank on the battlefield.



photos by Spc. Stacy Harris



Staff from the CCTT give a briefing to soldiers from 3rd ACR on the capabilities of the simulators. From the screens, the training can be controlled and the soldiers can do an after-action review of their movements.



Community

How Force Protection is protecting you and yours

by Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Veldeer
Provost Marshall's Office

A recent addition to the Force Protection measures here at Fort Carson is the new Mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System. It is a portable gamma ray imager for vehicles and cargo.

The system uses gamma rays to non-intrusively inspect freight containers on pallets and in trucks, cargo containers and passenger vehicles.

Operators viewing the gamma-ray images on a video monitor can identify voids, false walls or ceilings, and other secret compartments typically associated with the vehicles transporting drugs, explosives and weapons. Operators searching for stolen or smuggled goods can use the images to determine whether the cargo is consistent with the declared manifest.

The MVACIS is capable of inspecting both stationary and moving vehicles. In the case of stationary vehicles, the driver and other occupants must have exited prior to inspection.

In a typical "drive-by" inspection, the stationary target vehicle is either parked or has been directed to stop for inspection. This whole process takes only three to 10 seconds for a passenger vehicle or 10 to 20 seconds for a truck with cargo. The MVACIS operator then analyzes the image and takes appropriate

action. The gamma image, along with a video image of the target vehicle, is automatically stored for further review and analysis. The MVACIS will be operational today in the vicinity of Gate 3. We ask for your patience as traffic going to Shoshoni Village and the Central Issue Facility will be affected.

Watch your driving habits — Totals for the week of Jan. 25 through 31.

- One citation for 40 mph in a 20 mph active school zone
- 26 other tickets issued for speeding
- 13 tickets issued for driver/vehicle documentation (driver's license, insurance, etc.)
- 15 tickets issued for drivers' errors (Failure to stop or yield, impeding the flow of traffic or operating the vehicle against traffic)

Vehicle Registration Tip: To alleviate congestion at Gate 1, we encourage customers to process their vehicle registration transactions at the Vehicle Registration office in the Welcome Center. If you have any further questions, please call the Vehicle Registration office at 526-8216.

Barracks life — Next time you depart your room; for however long, ensure you lock your door. The majority of barracks larcenies reported occur when the occupant (you) failed to secure the room. If

it was worth buying, it's probably worth locking. Fort Carson had 25 barracks larcenies reported in January alone.



Community Events

Taxes

Tax time — Still doing your own taxes? The Grant Library has Colorado and federal tax booklets and forms to hand out and has forms from all 50 states to copy. For information, call 526-2350 or visit the library at 4950 Flint St.

Fort Carson Tax Center — The Fort Carson Tax Center, which offers free tax services, to include electronic filing, will be open from Monday to April 15, except for federal and training holidays.

Services offered:

- Refunds in 10 to 20 days at no cost
- Answers to tax refund questions
- Federal returns prepared while you wait
- Federal and state forms available for your convenience
- Federal returns filed electronically for the quickest refund

Hours of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Feb. 22, March 8 and April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Be sure to bring all W-2s, Social Security Cards for yourself and all family members.

Have the following if relevant:

- Form 1099 INT or DIV
- Information on child-care, Individual Retirement Account contributions,
- Mortgage interest statement
- Sale of stocks, bonds or mutual funds
- Any other financial info
- Alimony paid or received
- Power of Attorney if filing for spouse, court orders for divorce or child custody.

Visit the tax center at building 6264, off Albanese Loop (across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center), or call 524-1012 or 524-1013.

Youth Services

Youth Services registration — Youth Services Central Registration Office changed its hours. The new hours are as follows:

- Mondays and Thursdays — walk-ins are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Last walk-in at 4:30 p.m.)
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays — appointments only, the office closes at noon on Fridays.

The following is required to register: up-to-date immunization record, health assessment, proof of income, three emergency points of contact and child's Social Security number. The cost of registration is \$15 per child or \$35 per family. For more information, call Faye Wilburn at 526-8220.

Valentines Day

Valentine Dinner and Dance — The Southeast and

Armed Services YMCA, which is located at 2190 Jet Wing Dr., next to Sierra High School, will host a Valentine Dinner and Dance Friday. The start time is 6:30 p.m. The menu will consist of chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread and a special dessert. Music will be provided by a local disc jockey. This free event is open to families of military and YMCA members only. Please call 622-9622 to make reservations or for any questions.

Reward

Stolen equipment — Between Sept. 6 and Sept. 16, unknown person(s) by unknown means gained access to the Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment conference room, building 2352.

The person(s) pried away a locked security cable attached to a Toshiba data projector, model number TLP 450, serial number 69691451 and then stole the projector.

The Criminal Investigation Detachment is offering a \$200 reward for any information that leads to the recovery of the projector and successful conviction of the perpetrator(s).

Any information concerning the investigation should be provided to Special Agent Timothy E. Bombard, 48th Military Police Detachment, at 526-3579.

New hours for ID cards

Effective immediately and until further notice, the ID Card/DEERS Section will have extended hours. New duty hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have any questions, e-mail Mary Foster at mary.foster@carson.army.mil.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Attention dads and daughters: Celebration Station is proud to announce the Daddy Daughter Dance, a wonderful way to spend quality time with your daughter, March 7 or 8, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$37 per couple and includes dinner for two, a daddy/daughter picture and dancing. Sign up for either night. For more information, call Dan Hugill at 271-0242.

Endless Love

An Endless Love Valentine's dinner is schedule for Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Inn — Airport at 1645 N. Newport Road (at Powers and Fountain). The cost is a \$10 donation per person. A photographer is available.

Menu: All dinners will have a tossed garden salad, chef's vegetables, rolls with butter, dessert, coffee, decaf coffee, iced tea

Choices:

1. Whole poached salmon filet in lemon butter caper sauce with rice
2. Proscuitto wrapped 5-oz beef filet with mashed potatoes
3. Chicken breast stuffed with spinach, ground pork sausage, ricotta cheese and garlic, topped with marsala



Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
526-4590

CONNECTING WAITING FAMILIES



Spouse deployed or on a hardship tour?
Feeling lonely and overwhelmed?
Fighting the separation blues?

Join us and share your concerns and ideas,
as well as meet other family members of
deployed/hardship tour soldiers.

**THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH**
9 TO 10:30 A.M. / 6 TO 8 P.M.
AT THE FAMILY CONNECTION, BLDG. 1354
ON BARKELEY AVE.

PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED. TO
MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL 526-4590.

mushroom sauce with mashed potatoes.

For more information or for tickets please contact Jo Kincaid at 382-4847.

Deployment support child-care

Deployment support child-care for children 6-weeks-old to 18 years will be provided 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week for soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors at no cost. No registration and no shot records required.

Units, supervisors should coordinate through Child Youth Services at 526-6452, 526-4188 or 526-8220

Parents who need after hours "no-notice" care requirement should call the Emergency Operations Center at 526-3400.

Individuals may call, but the need for child-care must be validated by supervisor. Call CYS Registration Office 526-1101 for more information.

Chapel

Faith Weaver — Faith Weaver is Sundays at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel and is a traditional Protestant Sunday school for all ages, including adults. The program meets at 9:30 a.m. with a children's church program that meets during the protestant worship service at 11 a.m.

Youth of the Chapel — Activities for Protestant and Catholic Middle School and High School Youth are Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Protestant High School activities include Bible Studies Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sundays, Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

Wicca group meets at Fort Carson — There are many "traditions" within Wicca and the tenets, practices and politics vary as they do in many religious groups. The goal for the Fort Carson Open Circle is to allow people of all traditions to come together and learn from each other. They are openly eclectic in that their members are not all of the same faith group but of many different faiths and traditions. The group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Family University Building, next to McKibben Physical Fitness Center. If you have any questions please call (719) 229-8948 or 634-7243, or via e-mail ftcarsonopencircle@hotmail.com.

Chapel Schedule

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CCD	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Stahl/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Satterfield
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Deppmeir/526-4416
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Lee/526-4469
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Lee/526-2811
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kincaid/526-8011
LUTHERAN					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Bauer/526-5279
JEWISH					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Barkeley & Ellis	Information: 526-8013

DUI: One night of fun can cause trouble for life

by Mark Silla

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, legal assistance attorney

“What are the consequences of being arrested for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol and how much is it going to cost me?” are questions often asked. Aside from the payment of any fine, there are consequences for being arrested for drinking and driving, which go beyond the financial concerns. If you are arrested for Driving Under the Influence or Driving While Ability Impaired off post, penalties and fines will mount from every direction.

In Colorado, you are considered DUI if your blood alcohol content registers .10 percent or higher. You are considered DWAI if your blood alcohol content registers .05 percent or higher. In most states, the DUI threshold is .08 percent. The State of Colorado has been asked - and is considering - lowering its DUI threshold to .08 percent by Oct. 1.

If you want an attorney to represent you in civilian court for a DUI or DWAI offense, you must hire a civilian criminal defense lawyer: the military cannot provide you with legal representation. The military will only provide you free in-court legal representation if you are facing a military court-martial. The U.S. Army Trial Defense Service provides this service to servicemembers.

In county court where most DUI offenses are handled, the court may appoint free legal counsel only if you are facing jail time and cannot afford to hire an attorney. Most first-time offenders will not face jail time unless the circumstances are particularly bad, so legal counsel is rarely provided by the court for the first-time DUI offender. Representation by a private Colorado Springs criminal defense lawyer costs about \$100 per hour, if not more. Thus, you can expect a legal bill of nearly \$1,000 if your case is plea-bargained, and approximately \$3,000 if your case goes to trial.

If you plead guilty, or if you are convicted at civilian trial of a first-time DUI, you are likely to face several consequences. You may receive one year of probation, and serve 48 to 96 hours of community service (which involves about a \$60 administrative fee). Ultimately, each case and its unique facts will determine your sentence. Further, you may be required to attend a full day of driving school, which costs about \$130. You also may be required to enroll in an alcohol evaluation and awareness program. Moreover, the court has the right to impose jail time ranging from five to 365 days in jail, based upon the circumstances.

A conviction for DUI results in 12 points added to your driver's license. Incurring 12 points will result in a one-year suspension of your license. If you are fortunate enough to plead your case down to a DWAI,

you will have eight points added to your license, which places you very close to having your license suspended.

Without a driver's license, you will quickly learn how inconvenient and troublesome not being able to drive truly is, because driving is something we all take for granted. The right to drive is a privilege and not a right, and it soon becomes tiresome having to ask friends and family members to drive you places where you once could drive yourself.

Conviction of a DUI or DWAI offense also affects your automobile insurance. Your auto insurance company will find out about your DUI from your driving record, and may dramatically raise your insurance premiums or even refuse to renew your auto insurance when it comes up for renewal. The insurance companies do this because someone who drinks and drives is a much greater risk to insure than drivers who may drink but do not risk taking the chance of driving while intoxicated.

Punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice is also possible for a DUI offense, as it is a violation of article 111 of the UCMJ. Potential penalties at court-martial include a bad-conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement. If the commander chooses not to prefer court-martial charges, he/she may offer you nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the UCMJ.

In addition to all the punishments discussed above, you also may be subject to military administrative action. A General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand is mandatory in DUI cases for officers and noncommissioned officers, and optional for some lower-ranking soldiers. The only discretion allowed regarding the reprimand is the choice by the general officer whether to place the memorandum in your permanent or local personnel file. A GOMOR placed in a permanent file could ruin any hopes a soldier may have for long-term military service.

Further, no matter what rank you hold, your on-post driving privileges will be suspended for one year. Additional administrative actions at the commander's disposal include a Bar to Re-enlistment, an adverse evaluation report, and involuntary separation from active duty. Involuntary separation could result in a general or other than honorable discharge, and you may lose some, or all, military benefits due to the type of discharge you receive.

If you are injured in an accident due to your own drinking and driving, there will probably be a Line of Duty investigation. If the investigator finds that you were injured due to your own misconduct, you may be denied military disability and treatment from a VA medical facility for injuries resulting from your voluntary intoxication. This is because your injuries will be considered the result of misconduct rather than “in

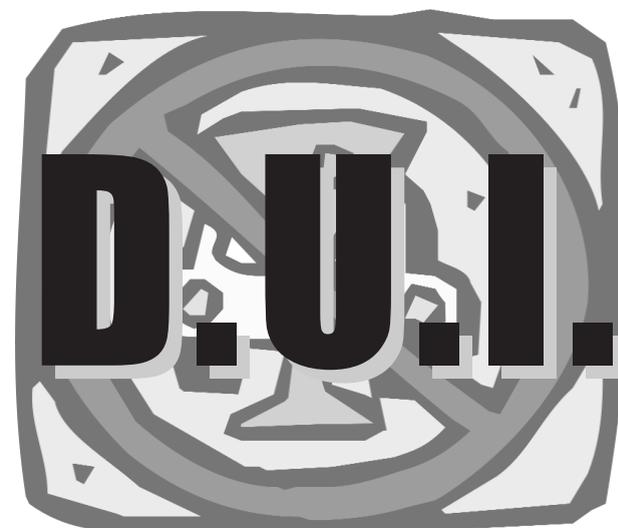
the line of duty.”

And, of course, one of the horrible consequences of drinking and driving is the possibility you may rob an absolutely innocent person of his or her life due to your carelessness and lack of good judgment. Ask yourself if you would like to lose your son or daughter to someone operating their vehicle while DUI or DWAI the next time you are intoxicated. In addition to the loss of innocent life or bodily injury you may cause, you may be sued by the next of kin of the injured person for wrongful death, medical expenses, property damages, lost wages and/or pain and suffering.

Got the picture? One DUI can change your life and the lives of others in ways you may have never considered. There may be times when it is inconvenient for you to leave your car in the parking lot after an evening of drinking. However, the cost of taking a cab or asking a friend for a ride home is the right choice and always preferable to the consequences you will face if you are caught drinking and driving.

It should be apparent that prevention and abstinence are the best cures to avoid the adverse consequences of a drunk driving offense. However, if you find yourself the subject of adverse action for either this type of offense or another non-criminal matter, the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office can provide advice and assistance to you. The Legal Assistance Office provides advice and assistance to eligible clients regarding memoranda of reprimand, adverse evaluation reports and other types of adverse administrative actions.

You may contact the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Division at 526-5572 or 526-5573. The Legal Assistance Division schedules appointments for the following week on the preceding Friday. The Legal Assistance Division provides appointments on Monday and Friday mornings, as well as Wednesdays. Walk-in consultations are available on a first-come, first-served basis on Monday and Friday afternoons, beginning at 1 p.m.



Chaplain's Corner

Performing service makes you part of ministry

**Commentary by Chap. (Capt.) Steven Firtko
Support Squadron Chaplain
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment**

What comes to mind when you hear the word ministry?

Is ministry only what chaplains, pastors and ministers do? Who does ministry, and what is it anyway? Most everywhere we look, there are overwhelming needs around us. People are sick and suffering, having money problems, lonely or depressed. Are the chaplains and counselors responsible to do this entire ministry for all those people in need? If not, who is?

Ministry in its simplest form is service: that is to serve one another. As Christians, we are called to serve one another and to do good works, as we see in Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Mark 10:45 also reads, "For even the Son of Man came to earth not to be served, but to serve." If Christ himself, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords came to earth to serve us, then how much more should we do it for one another? This seems to erase the idea some Christians have that we can just get saved, and then sit back with our iced tea and relax, since our eternity in heaven is sealed. Instead, we are created to do good works and to minister to one another. The writer of James has strong things to say about this also when he says, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?"

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead (James 2:14-17). So, the clear message is that there is responsibility that comes along with this free gift of salvation. When we understand the great price Christ paid for our sin, we are more likely to be motivated by gratitude to take action as we help others.

Think back to a time in your life when you experienced tremendous grief or physical pain and suffering. Did you share your burden with others? How did they respond? Did they actively help you and minister to you in your time of need? Did you desire more ministry than you received? Once you reflect on that, take another moment to think of those around you who might need your help and support and ministry. You see, you and I are God's hands and feet of min-

istry. Sure, he could do it all himself, but he chooses to use you and me to help others. So, the big question is whether you are willing and available to do his work.

What is compassion? Do you have compassion for the needs of those around you when you see them in need? Compassion defined is: "to have pity (and) a feeling of distress from the ills of others, to suffer with another or to alleviate the consequences of sin or suffering in the lives of others." Compassion is understanding the troubles of others, coupled with an urgent desire to help. You and I are not naturally compassionate. It is an attribute we must learn by living and by our own experiences. It is cultivating an ability to put ourselves in another person's shoes remembering all facts and circumstances influencing the other person cannot be fully known. As Christians, we are called to be compassionate, but what exactly does that look like? It isn't enough to think thoughts or pray prayers of concern for others. Don't get me wrong; prayers are important, but we must also do something for those in need, because true ministry has hands and feet.

When Jesus walked the earth, he showed that ministry is an action word as he had compassion and cared for others. We see this in Matthew 9:36 as Jesus noticed people's needs, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Again, in Matthew 15:32, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way." Jesus saw their need and met it by feeding the crowd with a little boy's lunch of loaves and fishes.

I wonder if some of us have a tendency of dismissing the needs of others, or hoping that someone else will help them. Do you ever say to yourself: "I feel like I should help him but I don't have time" or "They live too far away. Someone who lives closer can help" or "What if their condition is contagious? I can't afford to get sick now" or "I don't feel like helping. I'm too busy. I work full time. I don't want

to get involved. I'm too tired. I might get roped into doing more than I have time for. It's too inconvenient."

Ministry to others isn't always convenient or easy. It takes our time, energy and resources to help one another. Here are some practical ideas for helping one another:

Send a note of encouragement. Make a meal. Walk and feed the pets.

Pay the bills. Make phone calls. Go grocery shopping. Take clothes to the cleaners, and pick them up. Make a meal, and clean it up. Watch the kids. Clean the house. Do the laundry. Take people to appointments. Call with an encouraging word and a prayer. Take them to lunch. Take them shopping. Treat them to a massage. Take them on errands if they can't drive. Visit them in the hospital. Change their oil. Mow their grass.

These are just a few ideas of things we can do to minister to others who are in need. We don't have to look far to find these people. They're right next door, in your fami-

ly, at work, in the hospital, and all around us. Ideally, compassion should be a natural extension of a life surrendered to Christ. In reality, it's something most of us have to learn through hard times and suffering in our own life. Ministry isn't always convenient, easy or fun. In fact, it's often the opposite. Sometimes, it comes at the most inconvenient times, like in the middle of the night, or when we already had other plans. We then have to decide whether to disregard the needs of others, or to be used by God as we minister to others. It takes time, energy, and resources to help others. Are you available and willing?

Yes, chaplains and pastors do spend a lot of their time ministering to the needs of others, but frankly, there's too much work and too many people in need for us to do all the work. We need your help. God calls you to help. Just open your eyes to the needs of those around you. Remember, you and I are God's hands and feet of ministry!



Army Cycle of Prayer and daily Bible readings

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

Friday — Psalms 64 & Exodus 19-21
Saturday — Psalm 65 & Exodus 22-24
Sunday — Psalms 66 & Exodus 25-27
Monday — Psalms 67 & Exodus 28-30
Tuesday — Psalms 68 & Exodus 31-33
Wednesday — Psalms 69 & Exodus 34-36
Thursday — Psalms 70 & Exodus 37-38

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following:

Unit: For the soldiers, families and leaders of the Training and Doctrine Command, headquartered at Fort Monroe, Va.

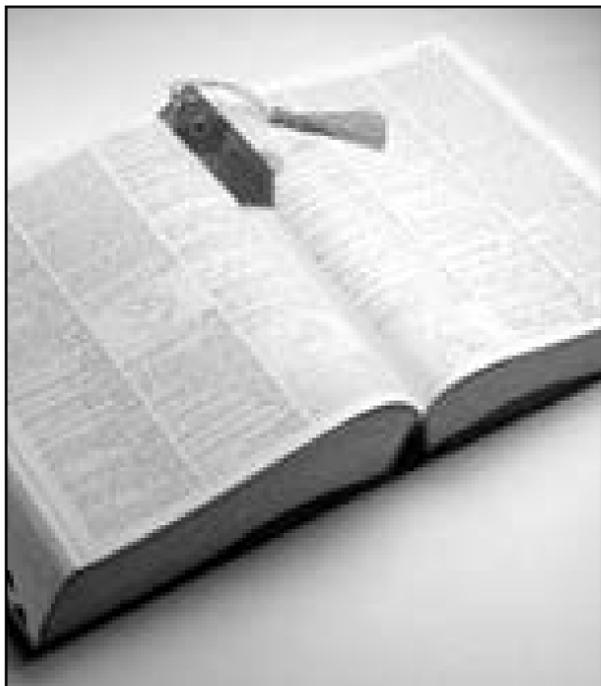
Army: For the dedicated noncommissioned officers who serve as drill sergeants at TRADOC installations nationwide, and for their husbands, wives and families who sacrifice while their soldiers are "on the trail."

State: For all soldiers and their families from the state of Maryland. Pray also for Gov. Bob Ehrlich and the state legislators and municipal officials of the Old Line State.

Nation: For the 435 elected members of the House of Representatives, and their task of crafting the public policy and laws that guide our nation.

Religious: For the clergy and congregations of the Disciples of Christ, and for the chaplains endorsed for military ministry by that community of faith.

For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle's Web site at www.usarmychaplain.com.



Financial Readiness: a key to soldier and family self-reliance

by Victoria Palmer
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, VA — When deployment or mobilization orders come down, a soldier's bills and financial obligations don't stop.

The Army has a program that teaches soldiers and families how to plan ahead and manage their personal finances so money problems don't distract soldiers from their wartime mission.

The program is called Financial Readiness and it's offered as one of 12 Army Community Service programs that help soldiers and families become self-reliant in the face of frequent deployments and separations.

"Whether you're a married or single soldier, you need to look at how your expenses are going to continue to be paid," said Isaac (Ike) Templeton, Jr., Financial Readiness Program manager at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

"We encourage people to make those kinds of financial decisions early on, not at the point when they have to deploy. Too often people wait until they get right down to the wire," he said.

The Financial Readiness Program provides education and counseling about personal financial affairs such as managing money, long-range financial planning and consumer issues. The emphasis is on being proactive and financially literate. The goal is to help families be financial sound and self-sufficient, to reduce indebtedness, and reduce demands for emergency financial assistance.

Money management classes teach the basics of banking, checkbook management, budget planning, credit, debt management and liquidation, saving and

investing, consumer laws and rights, business scams and preparing for permanent moves or deployments.

There's at least one Financial Readiness Program counselor on the installation ACS staff, and counselors regularly conduct financial readiness training with soldiers and families, said Templeton, adding that the tempo is stepped up during deployment and training is targeted at units getting ready to leave.

Another ACS resource for deploying families is "OP READY" or Operation Resources for Educating About Deployment and You. Special workbooks cover financial readiness information soldiers and families need to be prepared for mobilization and deployment, Templeton said.

"The soldier is still going to spend money for incidentals while deployed, so the family has to establish a budget based on its overall expenses," he said. "We have worksheets to capture that kind of information. We ask family members to bring in all their bills, expenditures and credit card monthly payments, even down to asking them to look at putting money into savings and establishing some kind of emergency fund. That way they have a good picture of what they're spending and how much they need to continue to maintain the family while the soldier is deployed."

There are financial checklists and soldier and spouse checklists for personal affairs readiness, said Templeton. The checklists cover issues such as spousal access to all financial documents and the signature authority to make deposits and withdrawals in all accounts.

The information, checklists and financial worksheets are available on the ACS Web site at www.goacs.org.

The program doesn't end when the soldier's unit

departs.

"We work with Family Readiness groups after the soldiers deploy," said Templeton. "The Financial Readiness programs are available to the spouses left behind."

A thorough understanding of their financial situation is particularly critical for National Guard and Army Reserve personnel, many of whom face reduced income when they're mobilized, Templeton said.

Reserve component units also have the OP READY financial readiness materials, said Templeton. "We've made a conscious effort to make sure that they get this kind of information," he said. "At some places they have family program coordinators who do some of the training, or they may use resources in the civilian community to give workshops."

Financial readiness is also important for single soldiers, many of whom have automobiles, credit cards, children support payments or other financial obligations.

"They can arrange for allotments or have their bank set up a bill-paying program to pay bills while they're deployed," Templeton suggested. "Financial Readiness staff can help soldiers find out how to do that."

Army Community Service programs are an activity of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va., the headquarters, Department of the Army agency responsible for Morale, Welfare and Recreation program provided for soldiers and families worldwide.

Further information is available at the Army MWR Web site at www.armymwr.com.

Reserve and Guard forces report to Carson for active duty

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer Staff

During the past three weeks, as the nation has prepared for a possible conflict with Iraq, more than 20,000 Reserve and National Guard soldiers received orders to report to active duty.

So far, just under 3,500 have arrived at the Mountain Post for missions at Carson and beyond, and more are expected in coming weeks.

Like those in the regular Army, these soldiers must have their financial and legal affairs in order, up-to-date medical and shot records and be fully qualified with their weapons before deploying. It is up to members of the Carson community to make it happen.

1st Lt. Preston Miller, executive officer for the 172nd Medical Logistics Battalion, headquartered in Ogden, Utah, said his unit will spend approximately 42 days on post getting up to speed.

Due to space constraints, the battalion's 210 soldiers have been sleeping on cots in McKibben's Physical Fitness Center since reporting here Jan. 21. While they haven't gotten word they will receive better accommodations before their overseas departure, Preston said the installation's staff has worked hard to

make them comfortable.

A large-screen television has been placed in the basketball court and broadcasts news, sports and movies for the soldiers. A shower trailer has also been promised them, which will decrease their reliance on the gym's 10 working shower heads.

Sgt. 1st Class James Thomas, Headquarters Detachment Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, 172nd MLB, said the post has also been good about arranging their meals and range times.

"The range we trained on is one of the best I've been through," he said. "The trainers (the range) provided to help some of the first-time no-gos were excellent."

Thomas described the unit's transition from its peace-time mission to combat readiness as "a pretty smooth process."

However, for many reservists, there are plenty of rough spots.

Spc. Samuel Smith, a 37-year-old husband and father of two children, ages 11 and 12, is not sure how his family is going to make ends meet financially while he is away.

As a civilian, Smith works as a media technician consultant for a com-

munity college in Salt Lake City. While on active duty, he will take a \$1,100-a-month pay cut.

"For us, that's a house payment and half a car payment," Smith said.

To survive, he has lowered his credit card payments to minimum and applied for two revolving credit loans, which means his bank will loan him up to \$5,000 if his checking balance hits zero. He hopes this will be enough to sustain his family for the next 12 months.

Where the Smiths face a financial hardship, some soldiers are making money as a result of being activated.

Spc. Robert Ehlert, a brick mason from Carlisle, Iowa, in his mid 20s, has been out of work since August due to the sluggish economy. For the first time in six months, he's experiencing a positive cash flow.

"If (the activation) lasts for two years, all of my bills will be paid off," he said.

Regardless of how their financial situations are being affected, all of the activated reservists and National Guard members must cope with uncertainties in the coming months.

While many of them are preparing for their first deployment, Staff Sgt. Gale Martin, a medical supply specialist

with the 172nd MLB, has been down this road many times before. A reservist since 1983, he did two six-month tours during the Gulf War and spent the last year on a 12-month tour at Fort Bragg, N.C., before receiving orders to report to Fort Carson to train up for another tour overseas.

He said the only way to be successful as a reservist is to forget who you are in the civilian sector when you put on the uniform.

To his less experienced colleagues, Martin offered this advice:

"Once you get activated, you have to psyche yourself up and keep the military hat on because if you take it off for a second, it's going to cause depression, anxiety and everything else."

For now, the reservists in McKibben's PFC appear focused. Friday night, crammed together on their Army-issue cots with Army-issue linen, shining their boots and discussing the upcoming challenges, they looked like soldiers.

Spc. Patrick Chistensen passed the final hours before lights out reviewing his Common Tasks and Training manual.

"At some point, we're going to get to go. I just want to get going now," he said.



A National Guardsman gets trained up on the MK-19 range.

photos by Spc. Jon Wiley



Sgt. Julia Song, 172nd MLB, takes inventory of unit tents in preparation for anticipated deployment.



Civilian cook Arlos Kelly serves up lunch to reservist diners in the 43rd Area Support Group Dining Facility.



The 172nd Medical Logistics Battalion's 210 soldiers have been sleeping in McKibben's Physical Fitness Center since arriving here Jan. 21.



Nestled between the machines in the weightroom, Staff Sgt. Pamela Rice, medical supply specialist, 172nd Medical Logistics Battalion, settles in for the night.



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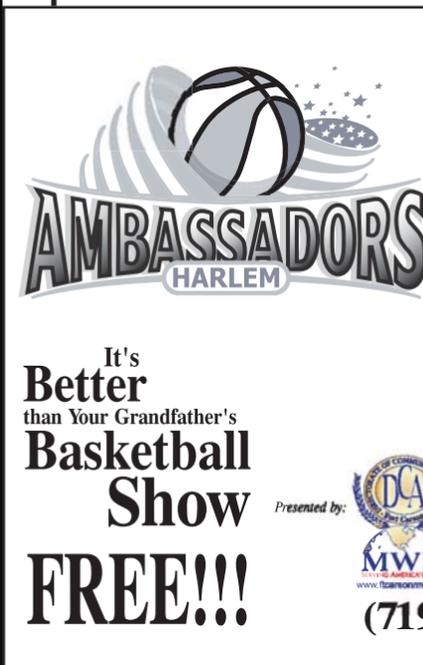
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Wrestling action ...

Annual tournament features top-level athletes at Olympic Training Center

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Army World Class Athlete Program wrestlers from Fort Carson will be competing in the fifth annual Dave Schultz Memorial International Tournament Saturday and Sunday at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

The tournament will feature top senior-level athletes in men's freestyle, men's Greco-Roman and women's freestyle. The competition is expected to be intense because a number of Olympic medalists and world champions appearing on the international rosters.

Countries competing in men's freestyle include the United States, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, India, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, Switzerland and Tajikistan. Greco-Roman teams include the United States, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, France, India, Mongolia, Sweden and Austria. Competing in the women's freestyle division will be teams from the United States, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, France, India, Mongolia, Sweden and Austria.

Preliminaries for all divisions begin at 9 a.m., Saturday. All three styles continue Sunday with 10 a.m. semifinal matches, noon third-place matches and 3:30 p.m. finals.

All competition sessions will take place in Sports

Center 1, and tickets to the tournament will be available at the door.

Army WCAP wrestlers from Fort Carson competing in men's freestyle are Maxwell Shingara (145.5 lbs.), Franklin Lashley (211.5 lbs.), Charles Daniels (185 lbs.), Jason Kutz (132 lbs.), Eric Albarracin (121 lbs.) and Dominic Black (211.5 lbs.). Two females from Fort Carson will compete in women's freestyle. They are Tina Wilson (121 lbs.) and Iris Smith (158.5 lbs.).

Smith and Wilson both competed Saturday and Sunday at the Yarygin Memorial International Tournament in Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Smith lost a close decision to a Russian wrestler but rebounded to capture a bronze medal with an injury default victory over an opponent from Greece. Wilson won her first round match but was eliminated by a Russian in the second round.

Fort Carson wrestlers competing in men's Greco-Roman are Glenn Garrison (145.5 lbs.), Michael Santos (121 lbs.), Jason Loukides (211.5 lbs.), Paul Devlin (264.5 lbs.), James Johnson (145.5 lbs.), Anthony Gibbons (121 lbs.), Keith Sieracki (163 lbs.) and Glenn Nieradka (132 lbs.). Oscar Wood (145.5 lbs.) and Dremiel Byers (264.5 lbs.) just returned to Fort Carson from military training, so their competitive status for this weekend was uncertain at press



Photo by Bill Scharton

Army World Class Athlete Program head wrestling coach Shon Lewis will take his grapplers downtown this weekend to compete in the fifth annual Dave Schultz Memorial International Tournament.

time.

Sieracki, Devlin, Loukides and Nieradka wrestled at the 20th annual Concord Cup Tournament Saturday and Sunday in Concord, Calif. Sieracki captured first place in his weight division (163 lbs.). Both Devlin (254.5 lbs.) and Loukides (211.5 lbs.) earned silver medals in their weight categories while Nieradka

All-Army Boxing Team prepares to defend title

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

The 2003 All-Army Boxing Team has been selected and is now training full-time at Fort Carson for the next two weeks. The team will represent the Army at the upcoming Armed Forces Championship Feb. 17 to 21 at Naval Station, Ventura, Calif., and the USA Boxing National Championships March 23 to 30 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Ten of the 12 boxers on the 2003 All-Army men's team roster are from the Army's World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson. These pugilists are Torrence Daniels (119 lbs.), Jason Franco (125 lbs.), Aaron Bensinger (132 lbs.), Keith Mason (141 lbs.), Rondale Mason (152 lbs.), Julius Fogle (165 lbs.), Charles Leverette (201 lbs.) and Eric Prindle (201+ lbs.). The other two members of the men's team are Adrian

Brown (112 lbs) from Fort Lewis, Wash., and Jeffrey Spencer (178 lbs.) from Fort Riley, Kan.

The 2003 All-Army women's team roster is comprised of four boxers. They are Christina Boilard (114 lbs.), Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Racklina Shinn (119 lbs.), Gieblestadt, Germany, Cherie Retamozzo, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Tanisha Moore (165 lbs.), Fort Eustis, Va.

All-Army and Army WCAP head boxing coach Basheer Abdullah directed the trial camp where the 2003 All-Army team was selected.

"Considering the current conditions, I was pleased with the command support for this year," said Abdullah. "Normally, we have 40 to 50 boxers at the camp. This year, we only had 30. But the championship bouts were still evenly matched and very competitive."

Prior to the Armed Forces Championships, Abdullah and his assistants (Kevin Greene, Lavelle Simms and George Cofield) will be get-

ting the All-Army Boxing Team prepared to defend its Armed Forces championship.

"For the next two weeks, we will polish their boxing skills," said Abdullah. "The goal will be to defend the title."

Abdullah expects the Marine Corps to send a full roster of boxers to the Armed Forces Championship, but he is not sure about the Navy and Air Force.

"We like to have good competition," said Abdullah. "But we go there to win."



Photos by Bill Scharton

All-Army Team and Army World Class Athlete Program head boxing coach Basheer Abdullah, left, discusses workout plans with assistant coach George Cofield. Abdullah and his staff are training the 2003 All-Army Boxing Team here at Fort Carson for two weeks prior to the Armed Forces Championship Feb. 16 to 21.



The 2003 All-Army Boxing Team is training at Fort Carson to defend its title at the Armed Forces Championship Feb. 16 to 21 at Naval Station, Ventura, Calif.

Quartermasters undefeated in intramural action

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

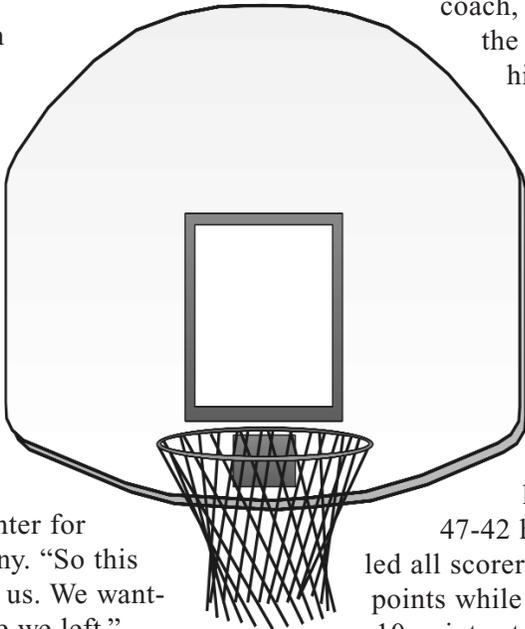
The intramural basketball game Jan. 31 at Waller Physical Fitness Center between 59th Quartermaster Company, 52nd Engineer Battalion, and Supply and Transportation Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment featured playoff intensity.

A few days earlier, 59th Quartermaster Company received deployment orders, and team members knew they would not be at Fort Carson for the intramural basketball playoffs in March. In addition, both teams entered the contest undefeated.

"We received orders to deploy, and we could be leaving any day now," said Sean Anderson, the center for 59th Quartermaster Company. "So this was like a playoff game for us. We wanted to stay undefeated before we left."

59th Quartermaster Company was on fire early in the game and, as a result, bolted to a 25-15 lead midway through the first half. S and T then scored five straight to narrow the gap to 25-20.

Following a 59th Quartermaster Company bucket, S and T pumped in six straight points and all of a sudden it was a one-point game.



59th Quartermaster Company held on to the slim lead until 1:38 remained in the first half.

At this point, the 59th Quartermaster Company coach continually complained to the referee about the number of fouls his players were receiving. The referee whistled back-to-back technical fouls on the coach, and he was tossed from the game. Delmar Jackson hit four straight free throws for S and T and the contest was tied at 42.

59th Quartermaster Company sharpshooter Jatavius Jackson pumped home a three-pointer and a layup in the final minute of the first half to give his team a 47-42 halftime lead. J. Jackson led all scorers at halftime with 23 points while teammate Anderson had 10 points at the break. D. Jackson had 17 points at halftime for S and T.

59th Quartermaster Company came roaring out of the gate in the second half by scoring the first six points of the period. This strong second half start allowed 59th Quartermaster Company to maintain a dou-



Photo by Bill Scharton

Jatavius Jackson scores a breakaway layup for the 59th Quartermaster Company, 52nd Engineer Battalion, intramural basketball team in a Friday-contest against Supply and Transportation Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Jackson helped keep his team undefeated by scoring a game-high 37 points.

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ble-digit lead throughout most of the second period, and the team rolled to 74-57 victory over S and T.

S and T could not stop the 59th Quartermaster Company's one-two punch of J. Jackson and Anderson. The dynamic duo combined for 59 of their team's 74 points (37 for J. Jackson, 22 for Anderson). Ervin Washington led S and T in scoring with 22 points.

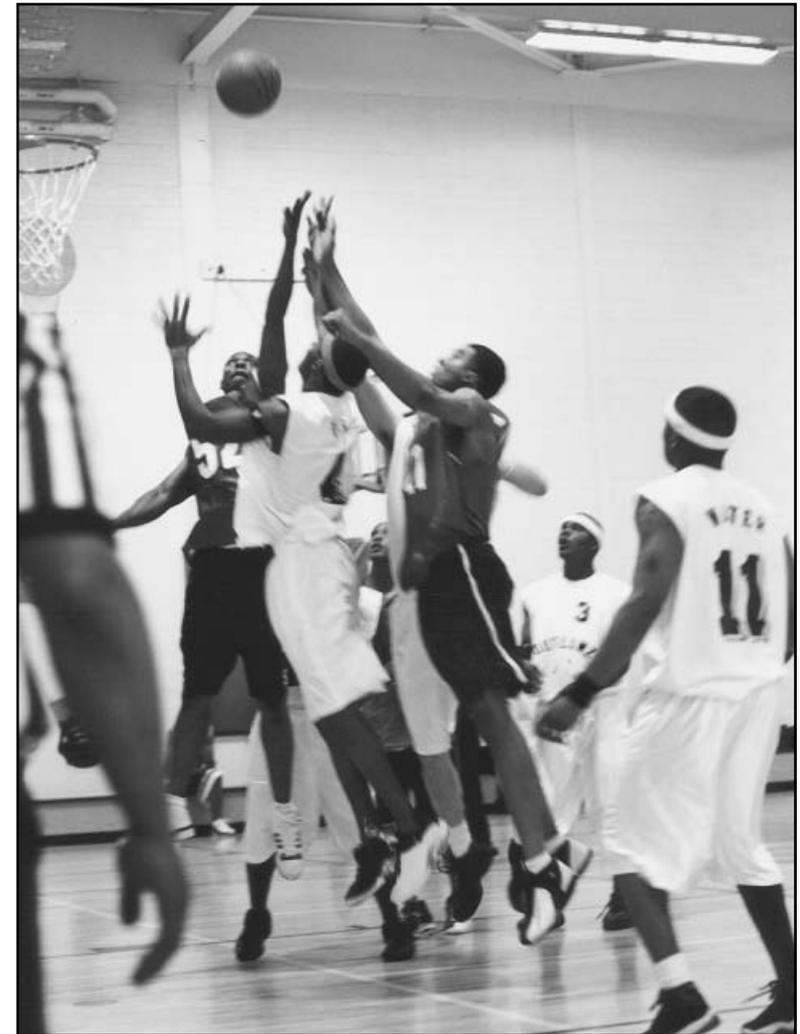
"It was a tough, fun game," said Anderson. "Basketball is an important outlet and escape for us right now."

Another game between top flight intramural teams took place earlier the same evening. In this contest, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, remained undefeated with a 56-42 victory over 43rd Combat Engineer Company.

Jeremy Oliphant and Kenneth Palmer paced the HHT, 3rd Sqd., 3rd ACR scoring attack with 17 and 15 points respectively.



George Hosster, No. 33, sets a pick for a 59th Quartermaster Company, 52nd Engineer Battalion, during an intramural basketball game against Supply and Transportation Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Friday at Waller Physical Fitness Center. Both teams entered the fray undefeated, but only 59th Quartermaster Company left the game that way.



Photos by Bill Scharton

Sean Anderson (white jersey), center for the 59th Quartermaster Company, 52nd Engineer Battalion, intramural basketball team, goes up against the big men from Supply and Transportation Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment for a rebound during a battle of undefeated teams Friday at Waller Physical Fitness Center. The 59th Quartermaster Company remained unbeaten with a 74-57 victory.



Photo by Bill Scharton

Kelly Parker, No. 23, a forward for the Carson Middle School Eagles 8th-grade girls basketball team, hustles after a rebound during a home game Monday against Falcon Middle School. The Eagles lost the final regular season home game by the score of 24-15.

Carson Middle school girls basketball teams drop final regular season home games

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Home court is supposed to be an advantage. This was not the case Monday when the Carson Middle School Eagles 7th- and 8th-grade girls basketball teams both lost on their home floor to their counterparts from Falcon Middle School.

The 7th-grade Eagles trailed the Falcon Firebirds the entire game. Eagles' center Dniesna Williams scored her team's only bucket of the first quarter, and the Eagles fell behind 6-2 after one stanza.

Offensive play went away for the Eagles in the second quarter. The Eagles put a goose egg on the scoreboard in the second period while the Firebirds tallied five more points to mount a 11-2 half-time lead.

The Eagles' defense held the Firebirds scoreless in the third quarter and Eagles' point guard Ashley Arney scored the only five

points of the period. This got the Eagles back into the game heading into the fourth quarter.

But once again the Eagles' offense vanished and another zero was put on the scoreboard. The Firebirds scored six in the final stanza and

earned the 17-7 victory.

Arney led the Eagles in scoring with five points. The loss gave the Eagles a 5-3 record with one game left on the schedule.

"We did not play a good game," said coach Michael Burket. "I thought we were all right before the game, but their heads were not in it."

The 8th-grade Eagles played a good first half of basketball; however, there happens to be two halves to a game. The Eagles had a 6-5 lead at the end of one quarter and advanced the margin to 13-8 at halftime.

Stone-cold would describe the Eagles' offensive play in the third quarter. The Firebirds outscored the Eagles 8-0 in the period and jumped to a 16-13 lead after three quarters of play.

The fourth quarter was not much better for the Eagles. The Firebirds outpointed the Eagles 8-2 in the final stanza and cruised to a 24-15 victory.

Ashley Broughton paced the Eagles in scoring with seven points. The loss leveled the Eagles record at 4-4 with one game left on the regular season schedule. The 8th-grade Eagles will start a post-season tournament Monday.

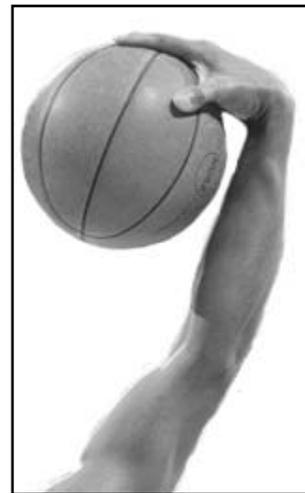




Photo by Bill Scharton

Picture day ...

The Alexander siblings pose for the photographer Saturday during youth basketball picture day at the Youth Services Center. Two-year-old Akili holds the ball while sister Chanice and brother Kelvin smile for the camera. Sixteen teams, two cheerleading squads and a couple of hundred kids had their photos taken Saturday. "Picture day is a long day, but it is a fun day," said Jeannie McCormick, a recreation program aide at the center. Parents have the option to purchase the photo package from the contract photographer.

Story and photos
by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff



The Money Museum is in downtown Colorado Springs, at 818 N. Cascade. Entrance to the museum is free.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT IN MONEY MUSEUM

MONEY PLAYED A PART IN WW II

Money. We can't live without it, can't get enough and can't hold on to it. And there's always "too much month left over" when it's gone.

The American Numismatic Association is in Colorado Springs and the Money Museum is in the ANA building and houses one of the world's largest collection of coins, paper money and related items. Special exhibits are shown in the museum.

The newest exhibit opened Dec. 7 — 61 years after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Called "Rendezvous with Destiny: The Money of WWII," this exhibit fills the 4,000-square foot main display gallery of the Money Museum, which is at 818 N. Cascade Ave.

Steve Bobbitt, director of marketing and public relations at the museum said most people don't realize how important money is to war. "Money is the engine that drives war."

World War II involved more countries than any war. This exhibit looks at the way money played a part with all sides during World War II.

For instance, an exhibit of American money produced with a Hawaii overprint soon after the Pearl Harbor attack is in the exhibit. The overprint was to discourage counterfitting.

Shortages in materials caused the United States to alter coins during the war, when the production of Lincoln copper pennies was halted in 1943. The copper was used in the manufacture of naval cruisers and destroyers, and in the making of bombers, field guns and howitzers. A replacement penny was manufactured of steel, coated with zinc. Most of those pennies, a dull gray color, are in collections.

Counterfit money was printed and distributed with the intention of destroying the economies of the enemy.

Some moneys used in the European Theatre during World War II are exhibited.

Also a part of the display is an M-29 Cargo Carrier "weasel" from the collection of Chet Krause, Numismatic publishing founder. The weasel was built by Studebaker Car Company of South Bend, Ind. From 1942 to 1945, the weasel was used to carry soldiers and equipment over terrain that could not be traversed by wheeled vehicles.

Weasels, painted white, were also used by the 10th Mountain Division which trained at Camp Hale, near Leadville. The 10th used the weasels in snow and rough terrain in Italy during World War II.

A display about the 10th Mountain Division is also in the Money Museum



A cargo carrier M-29, known as a weasel, was manufactured by the Studebaker Car Company. It was designed for use at Camp Hale.



The special exhibit in the Money Museum begins with the War in the Pacific display.



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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special exhibit.

One exhibit, called the "Home Front," shows how the people at home helped support the war by buying War Bonds and using ration books. Some foods which were rationed included cheese, sugar, milk and coffee.

The manufacture of automobiles was suspended, and tires, fuel and oil were rationed.

Other items restricted by rationing included bicycles, shoes, rubber boots, stoves and typewriters. Families received ration books with coupons which were redeemed when the rationed items were purchased. When the coupons for consumer goods, such as sugar, were used up, the family could purchase no more sugar, having to resort to alternate items, such as syrup for sweetening cereal.

Examples of posters from World War II are also displayed.

Families of servicemembers displayed in front windows of their homes a small flag known as a blue-star service flag, denoting a member of the family was serving in the military. A gold star flag replaced the blue-star flag if a servicemember was killed.

German-issued concentration camp money and examples of prisoner of war money are exhibited. As Bobbitt pointed out, some sort of money was necessary, even among prisoners.

Propaganda used during the war, both behind enemy lines and on citizens, make up one display. There are photos and other reminders of World War II in the exhibit.

The money of World War II exhibit will be in

the Money Museum through Aug. 15.

The museum opened in 1967 in Colorado Springs and has one of the world's largest collections of coins, medals and paper money.

The Money Museum facility, located near The Colorado College and the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, houses

administrative offices, an editorial department and a library.

The museum has undergone a \$3 million renovation and has a permanent display in the Money Museum, the "Harry W. Bass Jr. Coin Collection." The display includes the finest specimens from the collection of American gold coins, assembled by the Texas resident.

The 500-piece collection includes gold coins, coin patterns and paper money, and is valued at more than \$20 million. Audio and computer allow visitors to learn about the coins displayed. The Bass collection includes all known varieties of early American gold coins issued by the U.S. mint, which date from 1795 to 1834.

Bass has a Colorado connection — he was involved in management of Colorado's Vail Ski Resort and in development of Beaver Creek Ski Resort.

The Bass collection is on long-term loan to the Money Museum.

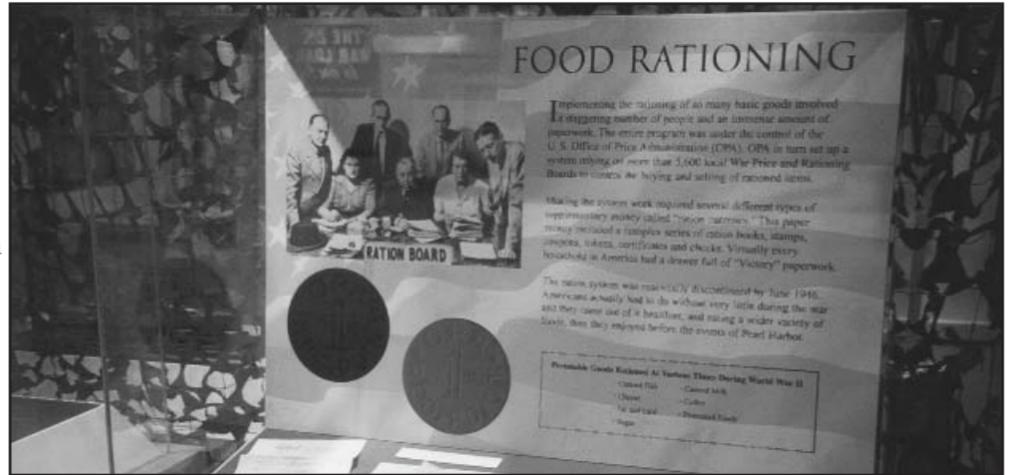
Upon arrival at the entrance desk, visitors may make a refundable deposit and check out an "audio wand" which can be activated in the Bass exhibit. The wand gives audio information about the displays in the Bass collection.

There's an antique, gigantic coin stamping machine is enclosed in glass just outside the entrance.

A small gift shop is near the information desk, which sells book-marks, key rings and other items with a



Visitors browse through the exhibits in the "Rendezvous with Destiny: The Money of World War II" in the Money Museum.



American citizens were required to do without certain goods and other goods were rationed by law during World War II. Information about rationing is in the above display. Supplementary money, shown below, was called "ration currency."



design related to money or the Money Museum. Books about coin collecting are for sale, as are the state quarters.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., except for holidays.

There is no admission fee to visit the museum.

Group tours may be arranged by calling 632-2646.

From Fort Carson, take Interstate 25 north to the Bijou exit. Continue to Cascade Avenue and turn north. The Money Museum is near the Fine Arts Center, a half block north of Dale Street, on the west side of the street.

Park streetside, or use the small parking lot next to the museum.



The Bass Collection was added to the Money Museum during last year's \$3 million renovation.



A visitor browses through the Bass collection of coins on permanent display in the Money Museum in downtown Colorado Springs.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 15 minutes
- **For ages** all
- **Type** museum
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** free

\$ = Less than \$20

\$\$ = \$21 to \$40

(Based on a family of four)

Get Out!

Disney on Ice

Disney on Ice brings "Toy Story 2" to the World Arena March 19 through 23. Call the box office at 576-2626 for information.

Academy concert series

The Air Force Academy Concert Series for the upcoming season includes "Aeros" Saturday and "Swing," March 29, and Lee Greenwood and Sandi Patty, April 12. Call the theater box office at 333-4497.

Travel films

The Fine Arts Center presents Horizons Travel Film Series, introduced and narrated by the film's maker. Tickets are \$7 at the door. The next film is "In Search of the Albino" March 9 and 10, and "Australia" April 13 and 14. Films are in the theater.

Denver theater

Denver Center Attractions' season tickets for the 2003 musical season are for sale. The season starts with "Saturday Night Fever," Feb. 25 to March 9, followed by "42nd Street," June 24 to July 6. "Oliver" is Aug. 19 to 31, "Urinetown: The Musical," is Sept. 9 to 21, followed by "Oklahoma" Dec. 14 to Jan. 3, 2004. The final production for the season, Jan. 6 to 31, 2004, is Mel Brooks' "The Producers." All shows are in downtown Denver's Buell Theatre. Starting price for the season ticket is \$130. Call (303) 893-4000 or go online, www.denvercenter.org.

Great films

Every second Tuesday through May, the Fine Arts Center presents a series of five of the American Film Institute's 100 greatest films. Before the film's showing, a discussion about the making of the film, filming techniques and interesting details of the film will be discussed. The discussion begins at 7 p.m.; the film is at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$6. "Dr. Strangelove" is the movie Feb. 11. Tickets are at the box office, 634-5583. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Theater

"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" is at the Country Dinner Playhouse at 6875 S. Clinton in Denver. The show runs through Feb. 23, and begins with a noon buffet or a 6 p.m. dinner buffet. Both meals are followed by the show. Call (303) 799-1410. Prices are \$25.50 or \$37.50.

"Chicago" is today through Feb. 23, Fridays and Saturdays at the Fine Arts Center Theater. Tickets are \$25 and available at the box office, 634-5583 at the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

"Same Time Next Year" is now playing at the "Elite" Castaways Dinner Theater, 103 Manitou Ave. in Manitou Springs. Dinner and show are \$33. Show only tickets are available for \$22. Call 685-3700 or 685-3300 for tickets. There are special rates for groups, senior citizens and children.

Music groups

Liza Minelli makes an appearance at the Colorado Springs World Arena Monday. Tickets start at \$61 and are available at the World Arena Box Office, 576-2626 or at King Soopers.

Phish is at the Pepsi Center in Denver Feb. 18. Tickets are at 520-9090, Ticketmaster.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra makes an appearance at the Pikes Peak Center March 9 at 2 p.m. This orchestra started in 1956 and is directed by trombonist Larry O'Brien. Tickets are \$25. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090 for tickets.

Broadway road shows

Pikes Peak Center's Broadway series next show is Emmy winner "Fosse," Feb. 22, followed by "Saturday Night Fever," March 25 and 26, "The Music Man," April 15 and 16, and "Lord of the Dance," May 28 and 29. All shows are in the Pikes Peak Center. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090 or 520-SHOW.

Family Day

The Fine Arts Center has free Family Day Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family activities are centered around the exhibits in the museum.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's music

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is presented by Pueblo's Damon Runyon Repertory theater in the Sango De Cristo Arts Center, 210 N. Santa Fe in Pueblo. Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 and 15; and Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$6; call (719) 564-0579 between 10 a.m. and

2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Comedy

The Second City touring company brings improv-based sketch comedy to the theater in the Fine Arts Center Feb. 20 at 8 p. m. Tickets are available at the box office, 634-5583. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Buell Children's Museum

"Abracadabra! Weaving the Magic of Who We Are" is at Pueblo's Buell Children's Museum through the end of May. Children can create a house of cards, learn magic tricks and other creative activities. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., at exit 98b off Interstate 25 south, in Pueblo.

Band of the Rockies concert

The Concert Band of the Air Force Band of the Rockies presents a concert Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. in the theater at Arnold Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets and the Arnold Hall Theater box office. Seats are held until 15 minutes before show time. Parking is quite limited near Arnold Hall.

Dance Theatre

Rivernorthchicago performs jazz dance at the Pikes Peak Center Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. Call 520-SHOW for tickets.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

The Banff Mountain Festival of Films brings its award winners from the annual festival to the Fine Arts Center theater Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets at the box office, 634-5583.

New exhibits

The Fine Arts Center has new exhibits: Collected Visions: African American self-taught artists from the Southeastern United States, "Flowering Mountain Earth, and "Transcendent Spirit." The exhibits are included in admission of \$3 for adults. However, the Fine Arts Center is free on Saturdays. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Town and Gown Series

Jazz singer Marlena Shaw is featured in a performance of Pueblo's Town and Gown Performing Arts Series Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center Box Office, 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., call (719) 295-7222.

Happenings



Air Force photo

Folk art quilts ...

Honoring Black History Month, the Pioneers Museum has an African-American folk art quilt display through Feb. 23. The special exhibit is free and open to the public. The Pioneers Museum is at 215 S. Tejon.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Feb.13.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on the 3rd Infantry Division, Lewis and Clark bicentennial and "Sergeant's Time" on Soldier's Radio. Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on the USS Abraham Lincoln, a Navy Leap Frog and the centennial celebration of powered flight (repeat). Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: Special Edition: Interview with the director of the Air National Guard. Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month Special: Martin Luther King III presenta-

tion at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico (39 minutes): Airls at 6:50 a.m., 9 a.m., 6:50 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign language news broadcasts. Access the schedule at the Fort Carson Web site.

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Chief of Command Information at 526-1241 or via e-mail at CommandInfo@carson.army.mil.

Program times will be published in the Mountaineer provided coordination is made one week prior to publication.

If you wish to have a training videotape shown on Channel 9 only, contact the Regional Training Support Center at 526-5111.

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit an e-mail or clean, typewritten copy of the information to the Public Affairs Office, room 2180, 6151 Specker Ave., Fort Carson, CO 80913-5119 or fax information to 526-1021 no later than the Friday before airing time.