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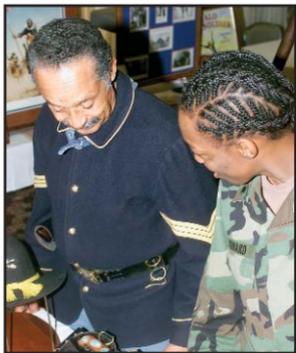
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Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

Top enlisted ...

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley watches a video of Darryl Worley's "Have You Forgotten?" with Fort Carson soldiers in McMahon Theater. Tilley visited the Mountain Post Tuesday. For complete story, see page 4.

3 Carson airmen awarded Bronze Star

by Sgt. Roy Gomez
 14th Public Affairs
 Detachment

Three Air Force airmen assigned to Fort Carson were decorated with awards Feb. 20.

Tech. Sgts. William J. Burgum, Reynaldo Garate and Shawn J. Minyon, all tactical air command and control specialists assigned to the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron in support of the U.S. Army 10th Special Forces, received the

U.S. Department of Defense Bronze Star Medal during a ceremony at the 13th ASOS.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., presented Burgum, Garate and Minyon with the Bronze Star for their duties while engaged in ground operations against hostile enemies during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Bronze Star is awarded to a person in any branch of the

military service who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Armed Forces, distinguishes himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service.

The achievements or service can not involve participation in aerial flight and must be in connection with military operations against an armed enemy.

Working with the special operations soldiers, Burgum contributed immeasurably to critical unconventional warfare combat operations throughout the southern Afghanistan cities of Kandahar, Spin Bolduc and Lashkar Gah. According to the citation accompanying the medal, Burgum also played a critical role during the securing of the International Red Cross hospital from hostile al-Qaida forces and was part of a select group that escorted the governor of Kandahar into Spin Bolduc for the sensitive negotiations for the surrender of former key Taliban leaders and their arms.

During the same time, Minyon was part of Opera-

tions Detachment A 524's sensitive missions in support of Afghan's interim president's visit to Kandahar by controlling 12 close-air-support missions on a Taliban controlled bridge forcing their surrender and providing a safe passage. During the president's evacuation from a Taliban compound, a helicopter wounded Minyon and a British special boat service soldier.

After an initial assessment of the British soldier's injuries, Minyon assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded soldier and continued the mission despite suffering from two sprained ankles and cuts and abrasions to his face. Minyon also recorded one confirmed kill as an assistant sniper during his team's raid on a Taliban occupied hospital in Kandahar.

Although the three airmen responsible for providing 10th SF soldiers with close-air support on Taliban targets, they earned their Bronze Stars by playing key roles in the safe and successful completion of sensitive missions.



Photo by Sgt. Roy Gomez

Air Force Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force, decorates newly-promoted Air Force Tech. Sgt. Shawn J. Minyon, 13th Air Support Operations Squadron, with the U.S. Department of Defense Bronze Star Medal. Minyon was one of three airmen assigned to Fort Carson who received the Bronze Star.

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Post Weather hotline:
 526-0096

Commentary

One Moment in Time ...

Racial discrimination victim still story of success

Commentary by Eugene Harper
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — I remember our meeting nearly 20 years ago as if it were yesterday. The then-retired three-star had insisted that we meet at my office, despite my deference and offer that we meet at a place convenient to him. But my location was fine for him — next door to where he regularly shopped at the commissary at former Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va.

The once-bustling small installation and the ramrod-straight general are both gone now. Both were victims and success stories: Upscale civilian housing has replaced the military office complex, a success story plucked from being a base closure victim. And the general died July 4, 2002, at age 89, the success story of a decorated, honored military careerist after being a victim of discrimination when it was the law and order of the land.

The general walked into my office that day — Nov. 10, 1983, — and the room took on an instant air of distinction and pride. He greeted me with a steady, firm hand grip. His physique bested his then 70 years by at least half a century. His dress was informal casual: slacks, open-collared shirt, sports coat. His consuming presence wouldn't allow me to check out his footwear.

We sat down and talked for 45 minutes. Well, he did most of the talking — after all, it was all about him. His voice was crystal clear, not overbearing or officious — and again, his presence wouldn't allow me to misunderstand a single syllable. His words vividly said "WYSIWYG" before the term for "what you see is what you get" became common in the computer age.

Benjamin O. Davis Jr. came from good stock. His dad had been the first black general officer in U.S. history: Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr. His son was also destined for military duty. On the way, he landed at the U.S. Military Academy back in the day when most men of color had to prove themselves worthy to wear the uniform, let alone be officers and West Pointers. For example, he received the silent treatment from his fellow cadets: No one talked to him because he was black.

But the younger Davis set his sights higher — much higher: He really wanted to take off — to fly, that is. "Flying was the thing to do in the '20s and '30s," he recalled. "It combined the features of sports, art, science, adventure and — particularly in those days — danger.

Davis related that his first application to fly made it from West Point to Army headquarters in Washington. "I met all the requirements academically and physically," he said. "But in those days of the segregated Army, the answer came back from the chief of the Army Air Corps that because there were no blacks in the Army Air Corps, and it was not contemplated to have aviation in any of the black units, the application was disapproved."

He went on to graduate from the academy and was an infantry officer when the Army contacted him in 1941 at Fort Riley, Kan. "They approached me because they knew I had applied (to fly) and had been turned down six years earlier," he said.

The Army had activated the all-black 99th Fighter Squadron in March 1941 and had formed an Air Corps program to train black pilots at Tuskegee Institute, a historically black college in rural Alabama. Military historian Alan Gropman said military leaders at the time considered this an experiment at best and "an unwarranted political intrusion" at worst.

The Army felt the 99th needed his professional leadership, Davis said. And, besides his father, no other regular Army black officers except chaplains existed. Davis and 12 others began in that first class; only five completed it.

"The flight training we received was as good as any you would ever find," Davis said. "The problem was segregation and its effects on the mind. But that was balanced off against the flying mission — the fact that we were flying airplanes."

Davis assumed command of the 99th in August 1942, and plans were made to deploy. His unit was first scheduled to go to Liberia, but in November 1942, Allied troops landed in North Africa. This meant pilots no longer had to stage in Liberia before flying into the Mediterranean area.

The squadron arrived overseas in North Africa in April 1943. By that time, the pilots had about 150 hours in tactical training and flying, Davis recalled. The 99th provided close-air support to ground units and then began escorting bombers to targets in Sicily as Allied forces moved toward Italy. The 99th's performance overseas received criticism.

The 99th flew more support missions until its pilots broke formation and attacked enemy fighters over the Anzio beachhead in Italy in 1944. In less than five minutes, the pilots shot down five German planes, followed by seven more victories over the next two days.

"I think everybody realized the 99th's performance at Anzio proved that the bad evaluation had been all wrong," Davis said. "Without these subsequent events, heaven knows what would have happened, especially after the recommendation that blacks not be continued in combat operations."

The 332nd Fighter Group, an all-black fighting group that Davis took command of when returning to the states in August 1943, deployed to the theater and went on to earn a sterling reputation: According to an Air Force biography, Davis' 332nd Group flew more than



Courtesy photo
Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was selected by President Roosevelt and Gen. of the Army George C. Marshall as the first black general in the U.S. military in 1940.

15,000 sorties against the German air force, shot down 111 enemy aircraft and destroyed another 150 on the ground while losing only 66 of its own aircraft to all causes.

Davis moved over to the newly formed Department of the Air Force in 1947 and went on to a variety of assignments and positions throughout the world, including combat flying and command in the Korean War. He retired as a lieutenant general in 1970. He served as an assistant secretary of transportation, setting up the nation's first sky marshal program.

I hadn't heard much about Davis since our meeting in 1983. A work colleague's parents lived in the same building as Davis and his wife, and my co-worker would confirm his parents' occasional contact with them.

Then I remember the 1995 cable television movie "The Tuskegee Airmen;" actor Andre Braugher played the general. I recall the story about Davis receiving his fourth star in 1998, the first black general to be so honored in retirement. At the time, he was one of only three general officers in history to receive this distinction. I read his obituary a few days ago, which recounted his illustrious career. And I viewed a closed-circuit broadcast of the general's funeral service July 17, 2002 at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., where dignitaries and colleagues recounted his life with poise and dignity.

Along with these memories, I can return to that memorable interview, in that office on that day in November. I can replay those 45 significant minutes in my mind, on demand and unambiguously — just as the general presented himself.

Davis gained a reputation for discipline, esprit de corps and excellence starting with his early Tuskegee days as a no-nonsense leader. We can only hope that his spirit of dedication to duty, honor and country continues to soar among us, just like he flew in the cockpit and in life. Heaven knows what would have happened without him.

Editor's note: Some material came from an article by the author in the February 1984 SOLDIERS magazine.



Courtesy graphic
During Black History Month remember those who have impacted the U. S. military.

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News

Re-enlistment options for soldiers now limited

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Re-enlistment options are being limited to prevent the Army from exceeding end-strength numbers authorized by Congress, said a personnel official.

“We’re taking away incentives and making it harder for soldiers who are flagged (to regain eligibility) to re-enlist,” said Sgt. Maj. James Vales, the G1 retention sergeant major. “This is to dissuade soldiers who are not totally dedicated to the Army or who are not of the caliber we want to keep.”

The Army is authorized 480,000 troops, and Congress has mandated that the Army stay within 1 percent of that number, Vales said. Projections show that for fiscal 2003, personnel strength will exceed the mandate. By taking away options, no one will be prevented from re-enlisting, but the numbers will be moderated, he added.

Korea is the only option mid-term soldiers serving on a second or subsequent enlistment period will have if they want to re-enlist for an overseas assignment. Overseas and stateside assignments are the most popular options soldiers inquire about, said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Moss, a career counselor for the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

“Some soldiers are disappointed that they have to re-enlist for the needs of the Army, but we don’t re-enlist soldiers for options, but for service to this nation,” Moss added.

Another incentive that has been cut is the Selective Re-enlistment Bonuses, which are monetary incentives given to soldiers in jobs that are short and have inadequate retention levels.

“Bonuses have been limited considerably compared to the last fiscal year,” said Sgt. 1st Class David Gross, career counselor, Combined Joint Task Force-180, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C., who was quoted in an article from the 11th Public Affairs Detachment in Afghanistan.

A decrease in monetary incentives can be attributed to Congress cutting the SRB budget by \$26 million, Vales said.

Not only have incentives been taken away, some soldiers in over-strength military occupational specialties will be forced to reclassify into MOSs with shortages, especially those specialties with a shortage of soldiers in the ranks of sergeant and staff sergeant which have become known as STAR MOSs because they are typically marked with an asterisk or star on personnel lists. In some cases, soldiers who don’t want to reclassify will have to voluntarily separate from the Army, Vales said.

An early-out option is being considered and will be available to soldiers in over-strength MOSs this calendar year, Vales said. Once approved, soldiers will be able to separate from the Army 90 days before their end-of-service date, he said.

Keeping in soldiers whose main focus is to serve their nation and maintain high standards is one of the

ways the new retention changes are to keep active-duty numbers down, officials said.

Career counselors must assist commanders to ensure only the very best soldiers are given the privilege of re-enlisting, stated a Re-enlistment Eligibility MILPER message released in January.

It’s going to be tougher for soldiers who become ineligible to “re-up” while in their re-enlistment window, which begins 12 months before their end-of-service date and stays open for nine months, Vales said.

Two things that could jeopardize soldiers who want to continue their career in the Army are: repetitive or recent non-judicial punishment and slow rank progression resulting from a pattern of marginal conduct or performance, the MILPER message stated.

If a soldier fails a physical training test while in the re-up window, he’s automatically ineligible to re-enlist unless there is a waiver from the first general officer in the chain of command, Vales said. In the past, if the soldier retested and passed, then he would become eligible, Vales added.

So far, the changes have not deterred soldiers from wanting to continue their military service.

“Soldiers that want to stay in are re-enlisting,” Moss said. “They understand that the needs of the Army cannot be overlooked.”

“The soldiers’ patience is appreciated during this time,” Gross said. “Hopefully things will die down soon, and we can start providing troops with more options.”

Top-enlisted soldier visits Mountain Post

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley paid a visit to the Mountain Post Tuesday to boost soldiers' morale and gather information about quality-of-life issues affecting them as they prepare for upcoming deployments.

Carson troops packed into McMahon Theater until it was standing room only to listen to Tilley's address.

Only seconds into his speech, Tilley gave those in the crowd a long list of reasons for them to put on their war-fighting faces and take pride in the jobs they do and will do to protect the nation's freedom. It's a theme he returned to several times throughout the course of his talk.

"The things we're fighting for now are our future. It's about us as a family; it's about who we are and what we stand for; it's about what we have to do for our family; it's about our nation," he said.

Tilley expressed confidence that Carson soldiers are "ready to do whatever they need to do" for the Army and the country as a whole.

Armywide, he said the soldiers he has spoken with are motivated, prepared and "feel comfortable that

their chain of command will be able to take care of family issues" as they accomplish their respective missions.

If Sgt. Jeffery Krenzer, a Headquarter and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team soldier who was in the audience, is typical, Tilley's assessment is dead-on.

"My biggest fear about (the unit's deployment) is running out of cigarettes," he said.

Other than that, Krenzer said he has absolute certainty about the abilities of the soldiers he works with and his equipment.

In addition to giving soldier readiness high marks, Tilley also praised the direction the U.S. Congress is taking on improving soldiers' pay and benefits.

He noted, for example, that staff sergeants have gotten a 20 percent increase in base pay over the past three years, and that E-9s are being paid more than O-3s for the first time ever this year. Eventually, he said he would like to see E-9s get paid as much as O-4s with 14 years of service.

Tilley also mentioned that by 2005, soldiers should not have to pay any out-of-pocket expenses for housing.

Some of the issues he plans to bring to the Congress' attention when he testifies before it Wednesday are improving Army hospitals and changing the way Army child development centers determine the rate to charge for care, he said.

Currently, CDCs use base pay, housing allowance and other special and incentive pays to calculate the rate for care. Tilley said he is pushing for the rate to be based solely on base pay, a measure which will help the Army's 124,000 single parents as well as married couples with children.

Whether he was discussing quality of life issues or the global war on terrorism, Tilley kept the mood light, peppering his presentation with lots of humor. At one point, he even interrupted himself to answer the cell phone of a soldier who was sitting in the front row. His action was an instant crowd pleaser. The audience immediately roared its approval.

Tilley, a former command sergeant major of Army Space Command, stopped by his old stomping ground during his visit.

"It was amazing to see the new technology and what (Army Space Command) brings to the warfighter ... you've done a great job," said Tilley.

Military

Oklahoma National Guard ...

Support team helps search for shuttle debris

by 2nd Lt. Geoff Legler

Oklahoma National Guard Public Affairs
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PALESTINE, Texas — On the morning of Feb. 1, the Space Shuttle Columbia began its descent through the Earth's atmosphere.

The shuttle's return to Earth that morning had hardly been newsworthy. But, soon after 8 a.m. it became apparent that this was not a typical re-entry, as thousands of pieces of the Space Shuttle Columbia began to rain down across eastern Texas.

Federal and local officials began to mobilize, but nothing like this had ever happened before. There was no plan in place to deal with the recovery of shuttle debris, scattered over thousands of square miles, in populated areas, and the hazards that debris could contain. Within hours, Texas officials expressed concerns about the shuttle debris scattered in fields, towns and back yards all over Texas and the possibility that the debris could pose a nuclear, chemical or biological hazard to the residents and

animals of Texas.

The federal government, working jointly with local officials, began to call in their quick-response teams. The Environmental Protection Agency's Region Six Strike Team, the U.S. Coast Guard's Gulf Strike Team and National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction/Civil Support Teams from Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas and Oklahoma were all called within 12 hours of the disaster.

The Oklahoma Army National Guard's 63rd Weapons of Mass Destruction/Civil Support Team arrived at the National Balloon Research Center in Palestine, Texas at 4 a.m. Feb. 2, just 19 hours after the shuttle disintegrated. The NBRS, operated by NASA, served as the region headquarters for the shuttle recovery effort. The 22 men and women of the 63rd WMD/CST have spent the past three years training to respond to acts of terrorism and civil emergencies, but they have had few chances to put their training to use in a



Courtesy photo

Members of the Oklahoma Army National Guard's 63rd Weapons of Mass Destruction/Civil Support Team assist the recovery efforts of Space Shuttle Columbia.

real-world situation. This mission would be their proof of concept.

Under the direction of their com-

mander, Maj. Kevin Staring, the 63rd

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Military Briefs

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.

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 Speciality 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 Spc. Thomas Burns 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 \$6,000 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 (Sgt. 1st 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. Mondays through Fridays.

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 576-5262 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 Soldier Readiness Packet site, walk-ins to see attorneys are now Wednesdays only; sign in is at 12:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served 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 McMahan Theater.

The following are dates for upcoming briefings: Wednesday.

There will be a local Officer Candidate School board May 22 and 23. This board is required for all applicants. All participant must report in Class A uniform. All packets must be turned in to the 502nd Personnel Services Battalion, Personnel Actions Section, building 1118, room 208, no later than May 7. For more information, call Sgt. Jacklyn Christensen at 526-1906.

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.

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

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

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

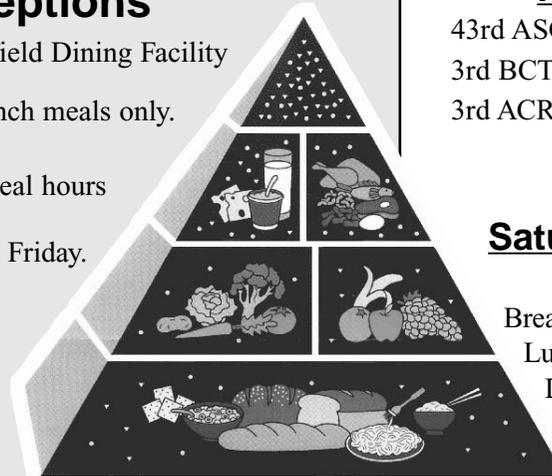
Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Week of March 1 to March 7

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield Dining Facility serves breakfast and lunch meals only.
- 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

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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

Greenback

Retiring? Know the facts about military pay

by 2nd Lt. Suzanne Love
4th Finance Battalion

There is more to know about High-3 than "50 percent at 20 years." Several factors combine to determine each member's retirement amount and how it increases during retirement.

Each year of service is worth 2.5 percent toward the retirement multiplier. Hence, 2.5 percent x 20 years = 50 percent and 2.5 percent x 30 years = 75 percent. The longer an individual stays on active duty, the higher the multiplier and the higher the retirement pay, up to the maximum of 75 percent.

This multiplier is applied against the average basic pay for the highest 36 months of the individual's career. This typically, though not always, equals the average basic pay for the final three years of service. Also remember, only basic pay is used in retirement calculations in all retirement system options. Allowances and special pays do not affect retired pay.

Costs of Living Adjustments are given annually based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index, a measure of inflation. Under the High-3 system, the annual COLA is equal to CPI. This is a different index than the one used for active duty annual pay raises, which is based upon average civilian wage increases. Thus, retirement pay COLAs and annual active duty pay raises will differ.

CSB/REDUX option

The CSB/REDUX option is a "package deal." Even though it results in reduced retired pay, it may be preferable to the High-3 retirement because it includes a \$30,000 Career Status Bonus at the 15th year of active duty service. The CSB provides current cash for

investing, major purchases or setting up a business after retirement and the REDUX portion determines retirement income (the longer one's career, the higher that income).

REDUX System details

Both the multiplier calculation and annual cost of living adjustments differ from the High-3 system. Also, REDUX has a catch-up increase at age 62 that brings the REDUX retired pay back to the same amount paid under the High-3 System.

REDUX is the only military retirement system with this feature.

Each of the first two years of service is worth 2.0 percent toward the retirement multiplier.

But each year after the 20th is worth 3.5 percent. Hence, 2 percent x 20 years = 40 percent. But a 30-year career is computed by 2 percent times the first 20 years plus 3.5 percent for the 10 years beyond 20, resulting in 75 percent. This means that the retirement multiplier for a 30-year career is the same for both REDUX and High-3. The table below summarizes the initial multiplier at various years of service under High-3 and REDUX.

Under REDUX, the longer an individual stays on active duty the closer the multiplier is to what it would have been under High-3 up to the 30-year point where the multipliers are equal.

Years of service	REDUX	High-3
20	40 percent	50 percent
21	43.5 percent	52.5 percent
22	47 percent	55 percent
23	50.5 percent	57.5 percent
24	54 percent	60 percent
25	57.5 percent	62.5 percent
26	61 percent	65 percent
27	64.5 percent	67.5 percent
28	68 percent	70 percent
29	71.5 percent	72.5 percent
30	75 percent	75 percent

In precisely the same way as High-3, this multiplier is applied against the average basic pay for the highest 36 months of the individual's basic pay. This typically, though not always, equals the average basic pay for the final three years of service.

Cost of Living Adjustments for retired pay are given annually based on the increase in the CPI. Under REDUX, the COLA is equal to CPI minus 1 percent.

A feature unique to REDUX is a re-computation of retirement pay at age 62. Two adjustments are made.

The first adjusts the multiplier to what it would have been under High-3. For example, a 20-year retiree's new multiplier would become 50 percent, a 24-year retiree's multiplier would become 60 percent but a 30-year retiree's would remain 75 percent. This new multiplier is applied against the individual's original average basic pay for his or her highest 36 months. Then the second adjustment is done. Full CPI for every retirement year is applied to this amount to compute a new base retirement salary. At age 62, the REDUX and High-3 retirement salaries are equal. But, REDUX COLAs for later years will again be set at CPI minus 1 percent.

The Career Status Bonus

Those members who elect the CSB/REDUX retirement system at their 15th year receive a \$30,000 Career Status Bonus. To receive this bonus, the member must agree to complete a 20-year active duty career with length-of-service retired pay under the 1986 Military Retirement Reform Act — 1986 MRRA or REDUX.

Continuation beyond 20 years is possible, subject to service personnel management actions. However, the member's commitment with the CSB is only to the 20-year point. The entire \$30,000 bonus, or first installment payment for those electing a multi-year payment option, is paid shortly after the member makes the CSB/REDUX election and commits to the 20-years-of-service obligation. The NDAA fiscal year 2002 recently authorized this installment option; details will be forthcoming. (Your service near the point you have 14 and a half years of service should provide exact mechanics.)

If the member doesn't complete the obligation of the 20-year career, the member must repay a pro-rated share of the bonus.

New hours of operation

Detachments B and C have combined their location. This change was necessary since elements of the battalion are deployed and there's a possibility of more elements deploying in the future. Detachment B and C, building 1854, will be closed Wednesdays and Thursdays for Sergeant's Time Training. Their new hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Their customer service phone numbers are 526-4539 or 526-6258.

Recovery

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began to setup shop and soon realized there was no central coordination for the various state and federal agencies coming together for the recovery effort. Staring recommended that they approach this mission as a military operation and create a Tactical Operation Center suitable for this operation.

"Part of our job is to assist the incident commander with the implementation and operation of an incident management system and assist with consequence management," said Staring.

"Once the system was in place, we put together several task force elements consisting of personnel from the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Coast Guard, the EPA, local law enforcement and the 63rd CST. With this organized effort we were able to deploy to multiple sites to collect information, retrieve debris and restore normalcy to key locations such as roadways, schools and business districts."



One of the jobs of the 63rd Weapons of Mass Destruction/Civil Support Team was to collect debris from key locations.

For nearly a week, the 63rd and four sister units analyzed thousands of pieces of shuttle debris as the search teams located them.

He concluded, "It has been extremely valuable for us to work with these other agencies and form a working relationship with them. Overall though, I think we have gone a long way toward proving the need for the National Guard WMD/CST teams and our ability to streamline disaster response whether it is a national incident or a local emergency."

Bronze Star

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accomplished," said Minyon. "We helped get rid of the Taliban and put in a new government."

From Dec. 5 to Feb. 7, Burgum served as the tactical air coordinator for a 23-man special operations command and control element.

"The best part the mission was being out there on our own, putting our lives in each others hands and with the special operations soldiers who can do so much with a small number of soldiers," said Minyon.

Starting Dec. 19, Garate contributed to the successful completion of Operational Detachment A's strategically sensitive missions in the Tora Bora Mountains, clearing and exploiting the cave and tunnel complexes in and around the Tora Bora region.

All three of them are dedicated and hard working professionals who are always first in line to help the special operations soldiers," said Air Force Master Sgt. George Splittstoesser, noncommissioned officer in charge, 13th ASOS.

After earning the Bronze Star for going beyond what their job titles describes in Operation Enduring Freedom, Minyon said the three airmen look forward to going back and supporting the 10th Special Forces soldiers in the fight against terrorism.

Community

Walk — don't ride! Save gas, energy

Department of Environmental Compliance and Management

Sustainability has many definitions. One accepted definition of sustainability is: "The use of resources to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations (or soldiers) to meet their own needs (mission)."

Transportation Goal for Fort Carson:

Reduce automobile dependency, and provide balanced land use and transportation systems by 2027.

The use of petroleum fuels for transportation contributes to regional air quality degradation. Furthermore, the cost of fuel fluctuates and depends on its availability from foreign sources. How can Fort Carson reduce its transportation-related impacts on the air while meeting transportation needs now and into the future?

Ways Fort Carson is reaching its transportation goal:

- Purchase of Alternately Fueled Vehicles — Currently, 24 percent of the administrative vehicles on the installation are powered by alternative fuels.
- Cooperation with RideFinders — The Directorate of Environmental

Compliance and Management is working with RideFinders to create carpooling for installation users.

- M1 Tank Air Filter Cleaning Program — DECAM purchased and distributed two M1 Tank air filter-cleaning systems. The systems are being used on Fort Carson and overseas.

- Installation shuttle — Fort Carson runs a shuttle service to common areas.

- Telecommuting — In an attempt to alleviate air pollution and traffic congestion, a telecommuting program has been proposed for Fort Carson.

- City buses — Despite the tighter restrictions to enter Fort Carson, soldiers and civilians take advantage of public transportation.

Things people can do to help transportation goals:

- People can do their part by doing things like carpooling. Find out more about local carpooling programs by calling Ridefinders at 385-7433. Ridefinders can let you know if there is someone in your area with whom you can share a ride.
- Do not let your car "warm up" in the morning. Newer cars can be driven immediately and do not require

warming up. When you let your car idle when it is cold, you are burning "richer" exhaust fumes and giving off dirtier pollutants than when a car is actually being driven.

- The Fort Carson shuttle is often empty, which indicates people are not taking advantage of it; so call 526-5579 for more information.

- Shower at Fort Carson after morning PT instead of getting in your car and driving home and then back again.

- Eat lunch on post whenever feasible to save off-post travel time.

- When you have an errand close to where you live or work, walk instead of driving your car to prevent air pollution and save on fuel consumption.

- Ride your bike when you are taking care of errands close to home or you might even ride your bike to work if you don't live far from post.

Future transportation initiatives on the horizon:

- Biofuels — Biofuels are alcohols, ethers and other chemicals made from renewable resources (such as fast-growing trees, grasses and algae) and waste products (such as agricultural and forestry residues and municipal and industrial wastes). It is estimated that domestically produced biomass resources could eventually provide at least half of the U.S. light duty vehicle fuel requirement.

- Hybrid Tactical Vehicles — The Army's National Automotive Center is currently partnering with private firms



to develop hybrid-electric systems for military tactical and combat vehicles. This type of system would save fuel and reduce air pollution.

- Electric Vehicles — The Advance Research Projects Agency established the Hawaii Electric Vehicle Demonstration Project to facilitate further applications of electrical vehicle technologies for commercial and military applications.

- GEM stands for Green Environment/Economy Model.

Community Events

Charitable auction

A Trash to Treasure Charitable Auction, sponsored by the Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Charitable Association and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, will be today at the Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center at 6:30 p.m., where everything old is new again and the potential is only limited by your own imagination. You know the saying "someone's trash is another person's treasure." Well, you can test that theory by attending. You never know what you might find.

Also to be auctioned are theme baskets, jewelry, art, pottery and many more tantalizing surprises.

Door prizes will be donated by local businesses.

The following items are among the things to be auctioned: two La-Z-Boy recliners, a pair of diamond and opal earrings, Ethan Allen framed prints, sporting equipment, a 27-inch television, a Waterford vase, and an assortment of coupons for use at Directorate of Community Activities facilities. Come enjoy this evening of casual fun and find someone else's trash to bring home as your new treasure. The admission is \$5 for singles and \$8 for couples, and includes pizza as well as hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

All money raised will be put back into our military community. This adult-only event is open to the public. For more information, call 559-7055 or 526-9977.

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 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 information
- 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.

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, the ID Card/DEERS Section extended hours have been changed. New duty hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 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 Huggill at 271-0242.

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 are required.

Units and 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 a supervisor. Call CYS Registration Office 526-1101 for more information.

Red Cross

Dental program — applications are being accepted for the Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistant Program beginning until March 17. Applications can be picked up at the Red Cross office, building 1526, room 272, Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applicant interviews will be held March 19 and classes begin April 7.

The dental assistant training program is open to military family members only (to include retirees). Must be 21 to apply.

For more information, call the American Red Cross at 526-2311.

eArmyU

Enrollment in the eArmyU program has resumed. Enlisted soldiers meeting the following eligibility criteria are encouraged to attend mandatory information briefings held at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, room 223, Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

To be eligible for eArmyU, a soldier must meet the following basic criteria:

- Regular active duty or active guard reserve enlisted soldier
 - High school diploma or General Educational Development certificate
 - Three years remaining time in service
- For more information, call the eArmyU office at 526-3971.

Automotive Service Examination

Soldiers wanting to take the ASE in May must register for the test prior to 4 p.m. March 14. Three funded exams are available for servicemembers who intend to utilize test results for college and have, or previously held, a Military Occupational Specialty in the following automotive/mechanical service specialties: 52B, 52C, 52D, 61C, 62B, 63B-H, 63B-S, 63B-T, 63B-W and 63B-Y. Soldiers currently enrolled in an associate degree program in automotive technology are also eligible for three funded exams.

For more information, call 526-8071.

Financial Aid

A Financial Aid advisor is available Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mountain Post Education Center, building 1117, room 160B. The advisor will provide information on Pell Grant and student loans in addition to assisting individuals in applying for grants and loans. For more information, contact Virginia Frazier at 526-5544.

Child and Youth Services

Change in hours of operation for Child and Youth Services central registration office.

Effective Jan. 2, walk-in hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Appointment hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is now a clerk on duty every Saturday at the Youth Center, building 5950, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may register for any CYS program during this time.

The following is required to register: Up-to-date immunization record, health assessment, proof of income, three emergency designees, child's Social Security Number and an up-to-date physical. For more information, call Faye Wilburn at 526-8220.



**Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
526-4590**

ACS Financial Readiness Program

Get Control Of Your Finances

Attend our monthly
Money Trouble Solutions
workshop

2nd Thursday of Every Month

March 13 - Creating a Short Term Budget
April 10 - Developing a Financial Philosophy

6 to 7:30 p.m.

at the Family Readiness Center
Bldg. 1526, Next to the Commissary

FOR INFORMATION, CALL 526-4590.
LIMITED CHILDCARE AVAILABLE.
PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Chaplain's Corner

Back to basics: A spiritual checkup could tune up your life with God this Lenten season

Commentary by Chap. (Lt. Col.)
Scottie Lloyd

Deputy Installation Chaplain

I bought a new car last summer. The dealer quickly reminded me to make sure I brought my car into the shop every so many miles/months for routine checkups. "You never know what builds up or falls apart unless you check it," he said.

I'm not happy about the hassle or the cost this advice brings. Checkups are expensive. I estimate the first 5,000-mile checkup will cost \$100 and a three-hour wait.

But the alternative can be much worse. On a previously owned vehicle, I ignored these periods to my peril. The lessons learned cost me five times a tuneup bill.

The same is true for our spiritual lives. We need routine checkups and tuneups in our relationship with God and our neighbors. The Christian church provides such a moment called Lent.

Lent is a 40-day period immediately prior to Easter for Christians to review the basics of their faith. Various Christian traditions have different ways of doing this, but regardless of approach, it's an opportunity to look

into the mirror of God's word and see how our lives are doing.

The tools for tuning our spiritual lives are the basics of God's word. We can use the Ten Commandments, the golden rule as Jesus phrases it, the beatitudes, or the Lord's Prayer, for instance. We may want to re-look at those basic texts that have led us to the Lord and meditate upon them. One of my favorites is from 1 John 4:9-12.

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

These tools may be best used in group settings such as Bible studies, prayer sessions and special worship services. At Fort Carson, beginning March 12 and every Wednesday thereafter until April 9, a special Lenten devotional lunch will be held at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. Installation Chaplain, Chap. (Col.) John A. Bauer (Protestant) and Chap. (Maj.) Allen M. Stahl (Catholic) will jointly present a half-hour devotional centered on God's word and a new book, "Death on a Friday Afternoon," by Richard John Neuhaus. The devotionals are followed by a light lunch provided by the Protestant Women of the Chapel.

Regardless of how we approach this checkup, the other half of the completed process of a well-run life with God is the tuneup. Once we discover how far off we are from where God's word, will, and way would have us, it's time to fine tune our lives with appropriate adjustments.

This may require a confession to a neighbor or spending more time with those less blessed. It may point to increased giving or an expanded prayer life. The point is clear. Tuneup means taking actions to align our lives on Christ.

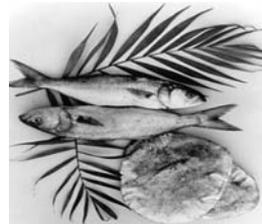
This requires confession of who we

are and who we claim to belong to. Ash Wednesday is the traditional start date for Lent and a time of sober reflection and confession. It's a day for public and personal promising to God we will take our checkup and tuneup seriously.

The result of this is preparation for the drama of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Suffering and celebration is best when we have allowed the Holy Spirit to have its way with our hearts. We walk the Lenten walk to Easter as exercise to strengthen the spiritual muscles of our hearts to beat with rapture at the good news of Jesus' victory over sin, death and the devil, for us.

This is Lent. This is our annual faith checkup and tuneup. True, it can be expensive in time and effort, but anything less is as the old saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The difference can be a spiritually fit and ready soul for life here and hereafter.

God bless you on your Lenten experience.



Chapel

Lent begins — Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday, in Christian churches, is the first day of the penitential season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday Christians have a smudge of ashes placed on their foreheads as a sign of penitence. In the Roman Catholic Church the ashes are obtained from palm branches that were distributed the previous Palm Sunday, which were burned and blessed before Mass on Ash Wednesday. When the ashes are placed on a forehead, the penitent is reminded of our mortality: remember that "you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Special Fort Carson Lenten Services:

Protestant service with distribution of ashes and Communion — 10 a.m. Healer Chapel; 11:30 a.m. Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

Catholic Mass — Noon at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel and Healer Chapel; 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, weekday Lenten Services.

Christian Ecumenical — Midweek devotions and lunch, 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

Catholic — 5:30 p.m. Fridays beginning March 7, soup/bread supper; 6 p.m. Fridays beginning March 7, Stations of the Cross, Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Pat Battiato/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. Schreck/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
For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child-care is available during on-post worship services.					

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 — Luke 2:29-32 & Numbers 13-15
Saturday — Isaiah 64:1-9 & Numbers 16-18
Sunday — Psalms 85 & Numbers 19-21
Monday — Psalms 86 & Numbers 22-24
Tuesday — Psalms 87 & Numbers 25-27
Wednesday — Psalms 88 & Numbers 28-30
Thursday — Psalms 89 & Numbers 31-33

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 Combat Maneuver Training Center, located at Hohenfels, Germany.

Army: For Army children around the world, and for God's protection and provision for their health and well-being during the unique struggles of growing up in the Army.

State: For all soldiers and their families from the state of Kansas. Pray also for Gov. Bill Graves and the state legislators and municipal officials of the Jayhawk State.

Nation: For the nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, and their task of interpreting constitutional law for the guidance of our judicial system.

Religious: For the Christian celebration of Ash Wednesday that marks the beginning of Lent. For the ecumenical observance of the World Day of Prayer March 7 in which Christians worldwide unite in prayer.

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.



Debora Lamb, left, and Judy Banstad, employees of the Fort Carson housing office, educate themselves about black Americans in the nation's history.

Photos by Spc. Jon Wiley

Black History Month ... Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen remembered through re-enactors

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson's Equal Opportunity Office honored the history and cultural contributions of African Americans by hosting a Black History Month Celebration at the Elkhorn Conference Center Feb. 20.

At the bazaar-style event, members of the Mountain Post community sampled authentic soul food, viewed displays about important black men and women, met with Buffalo Soldier and Tuskegee Airman historic re-enactors, had a chance to purchase African American art and clothing and were treated to performances by local gospel and Rhythm and Blues singers and an African American cheer and dance squad.

By spotlighting unique aspects of the African American experience, the EO office sought to broaden people's cultural horizons, said Master Sgt. Samuel Ramos, noncommissioned officer in charge,

Fort Carson EO office.

"The Army is a diverse group, and everyone has something to bring to the table. If we don't learn about cultures other than our own, we could be missing something valuable," said Ramos.

One item of black history that many Americans were unaware of until relatively recently is the contribution black soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines have made to the nation's military might.

Retired Sgt. Maj. George Payton had never heard of the now famed Buffalo Soldiers until April 1983 — even though he's a black man who grew up as a cowboy in Texas, and who served and was promoted to the rank of sergeant major in the 10th Armored Cavalry, a descendent of the 10th Cavalry, one of the two Army units the Buffalo Soldiers rode in.

Payton happened upon a photo of the Buffalo Soldiers in the unit's hallway and decided he wanted to be promoted to sergeant major on horseback in

the uniform worn by the unit's members during the Buffalo Soldier era, a request that was granted at a ceremony here on Fort Carson.

In 1995, he formed the Buffalo Soldiers Inc., a group of historical re-enactors who do presentations at schools, churches and civic gatherings to raise awareness of these distinguished servicemembers.

Payton said he still gets shocked looks from some people when they learn that a group of black soldiers served in the Army's cavalry in the middle of the 19th century and helped tame the West.

In addition to learning about the past, event attendees also caught glimpses of the future of the black community in America when the Millenium All-Stars, a group of dancers ages 3 to 17, took center stage in the conference room and dazzled the audience with their moves.

Ramos said the EO office held the event to ensure everyone could see what black Americans have done and are doing to make the nation great.

"I had never heard of the Buffalo Soldiers until I saw a picture of them in my 10th Armored Cavalry unit hallway. Now, I give presentations to schools, churches and other civic gatherings about the historical soldiers to honor their memory."

Retired Sgt. Maj. George Payton
Former 10th Armored Cavalry
Buffalo Soldier and cowboy



Spc. Sherica Howard, 52nd Engineer Battalion, receives an impromptu history lesson from retired Sgt. Maj. Andrew Bell about the Buffalo Soldiers.



The Millenium All-Stars, an African American cheer and dance squad, dazzle evcnt-goers with their moves.



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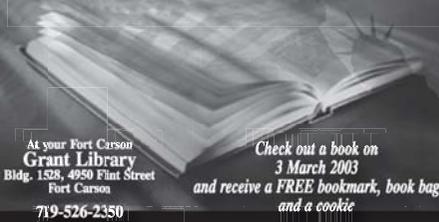
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Sports & Leisure

Supply, Trans troops take title as intramural basketball champions after doubleheader

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Doubleheaders are usually associated with baseball. However, in this case, it took a basketball doubleheader to decide the 2003 Fort Carson intramural basketball championship Tuesday night at Garcia Physical Fitness Center.

The Supply and Transportation Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment intramural basketball team came out of the winners' bracket and needed only one win for the championship. The Headquarters Troop, Support Squadron, 3rd ACR intramural basketball team was the losers' bracket representative and needed back-to-back victories to secure the title.

In game one, S and T was in command in the first half. S and T had the lead the entire first stanza and rolled to a 34-23 cushion at the break. Ervin Washington and Delmar Jackson were the top scorers for S and T at halftime with 11 and seven points respectively.

HHT hit the comeback trail in the second half and steadily began to chip away at the S and T lead. With 6:50 remaining in regulation play, HHT canned a basket and took the lead for the first time in the game at 41-40.

S and T came right back with five straight points of their own and led 46-41 with 3:00 showing on the clock. HHT regained the lead at 47-46 at the 2:20 mark and never gave it up as the clock ran down. HHT's Dante Langston swished four of six free throws and scored on a driving layup in the final

minute to preserve the win for HHT. Langston was the game's top scorer with 18 points.

Willie Doss, a forward for HHT, was stoked following the win and was looking forward to a second game. "I told you we would win the first game," said Doss to anyone who would listen.

The win by HHT forced a second contest to decide the championship. In the beginning of this game, HHT picked up right where they left off at the end of the first game and surged to a 14-5 lead midway through the first half.

At this point in the game, S and T banged home nine straight points to knot the score at 14-14 with 6:42 left in the half. S and T outscored HHT 8-5 the rest of the half and owned a narrow 22-19 lead at the break. Washington and Raylon Ausborne had 10 and 12 points respectively for S and T at halftime.

In the second half, the younger, taller and quicker S and T squad eventually wore down the inspirational HHT team. With 11:30 remaining in regulation play, Washington hit a three pointer for S and T. This gave S and T a 31-29 lead and S and T continued to pull away at this point.

S and T turned up the heat down the stretch in this title tilt and led by 20 points with a minute left in the game. The final score in the championship contest was 55-40 in favor of S and T.

For the victors, Ausborne paced the scoring attack with 23 points.

Washington and Chris Ferguson also tallied double figures with 17 and 11 points respectively. Once again, Langston was the leading scorer for HHT with 12 points.

S and T coach Oliver Thomason was both pleased and relieved with the championship victory. "We hoped to get it done in just one game tonight, but I couldn't get the players' heads together in the first game," said Thomason. "They played better in the second half of the second game and earned the championship."

Washington, voted most valuable player in the tournament by the media, was excited about the championship crown. "Both games tonight were hard-fought," said Washington. "They (HHT) really played hard and earned our respect. I was in the zone in the second half of the second game and it felt good."



Photos by Bill Scharton

Dante Langston, 2, scores an easy hoop for the Headquarters Troop, Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment during the intramural basketball championship game Tuesday night. Langston was the leading scorer for the second place unit.



Willie Doss, a forward for the Headquarters Troop Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment intramural basketball team, tries to score against the double-team defense of Ervin Washington, 24, and Chris Ferguson, 20, of Supply and Transportation Troop, 3rd ACR.



Members of the Supply and Transportation Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment intramural basketball team celebrate after winning the 2003 Fort Carson intramural basketball championship Tuesday night at Garcia Physical Fitness Center.

12th straight win for Army boxers

Army still reigns after 2003 Armed Forces championship in California

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

If there was an Armed Forces dictionary and you looked up the word "dominate" in this dictionary, you just might see pictures of Army boxers, both past and present.

The 2003 Armed Forces Boxing Championship, held Feb. 18 to 21 at Naval Station, Ventura, Calif., was once again dominated by the All-Army Boxing Team. The Armed Forces team championship was the 12th in a row for Army.

Records for the Armed Forces Boxing Championship date back to 1976. Since that time, the Army has won 23 of the past 24 championships and 25 of 27 overall. In 1978 and 1991, the Marine Boxing Team outpointed Army for the Armed Services crown. This year, the Marines finished second, Air Force placed third and Navy fourth.

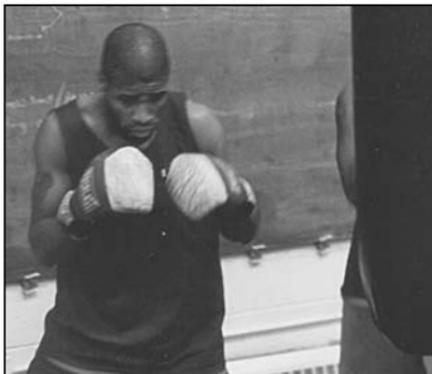
On the men's side of the card, Army boxers made it to the championship bout in every weight division except one (no entry at 106 pounds). Army men captured Armed Forces titles in seven of the other 10 weight divisions.

Army men capturing individual championships included Adrian Brown (112 pounds), Torrence Daniels (119 pounds), Keith Mason (141 pounds), Rondale Mason (152 pounds), Julius Fogle (165 pounds), Charles Leverette (201 pounds) and Carlos Ibarra (201 plus pounds). Army men placing second were Jason Franco (125 pounds), Aaron Bensinger (132 pounds) and Jeffrey Spencer (178 pounds).

Three Army women battled for individual titles but only one was victorious. Army's Christina Boiland (114 pounds) slugged her way to the title while Cherie Retamozzo (125 pounds) and Tanisha Moore (165 pounds) were runners-up.

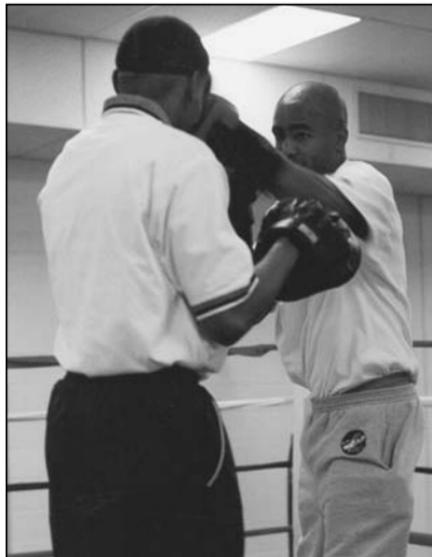
The All-Army men's boxing team members returned

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Photos by Bill Scharton

All-Army Boxing Team member Rondale Mason, shadow boxes around the ring at the Army World Class Athlete Program boxing gym here. Mason captured an individual title at the Armed Forces Boxing Championship.



Julius Fogle, right, successfully defended his 165-pound weight division title at the Armed Forces Boxing Championship last week. He is also the defending USA Boxing national champion at this weight and is now training to repeat at the upcoming USA Boxing National Championships March 24 to 28.

Carson Middle School**Eagle wrestlers lose home opener to Falcon**

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

The Carson Middle School Eagles wrestling team lost a 36-27 decision to Falcon Middle School in the opening home match Feb. 20. In the season opening match Feb. 18, the Eagles were outpointed by Cheyenne Mountain Middle School.

In the home opener, the Eagles' Jesse Grantham won by forfeit at 70 pounds and this was followed by a 10-7 decision win for the Eagles' Dominique Staples at 85 pounds.

Hayden Dean scored points for the Eagles with a forfeit win at 95 pounds. Eagles' 130 pounder Tim Deren was pinned by his Falcon opponent.

At 145 pounds, Danny Terrazas scored a pinfall for the Eagles. Adrian Martinez, the Eagles' 150 pounder, lost by a pinfall.

The Eagles' Emanuel Taylor scored a first period pinfall and Gralyn Surratt, the Eagles' 185 pounder, was pinned in the final match of the day.

The other members of the 2003 Carson Middle School wrestling team are Aaron Harris, Alexis Rodriguez and Randy Ortiz.

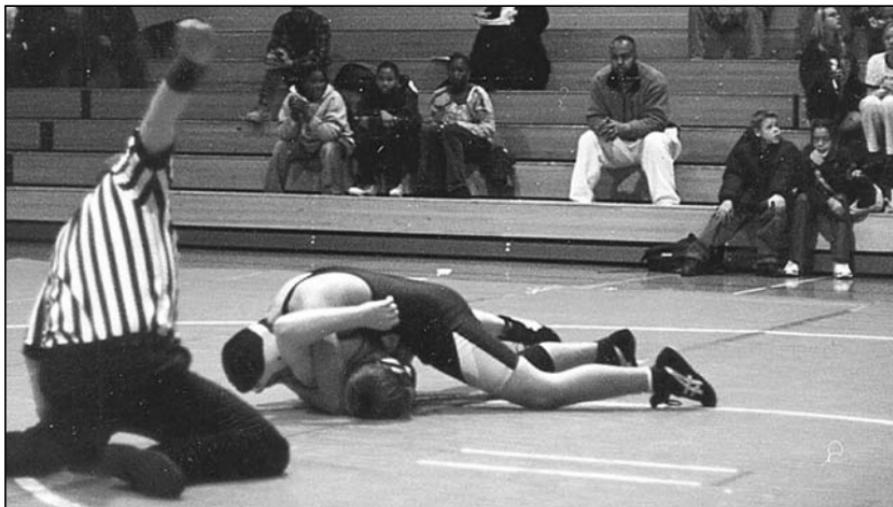


Photo by Bill Scharton

The referee gets ready to signal a pinfall for Carson Middle School wrestler Donny Terrazas. The pin was the second straight win for Terrazas this season.

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to Fort Carson this week and will now train for the upcoming USA National Boxing Championships. The women returned to their assigned posts and will have

their national championships this summer.

With one successful mission and goal tucked in his back pocket, All-Army Boxing Team head coach Basheer Abdullah now has another mission and goal in mind.

"We will now continue to train hard and our next

goal is to win the team title at the national championships," said Abdullah. According to Abdullah, Army has not won the national team title since 1992.

The USA Boxing National Championships are scheduled for March 24 to 28 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Renovation turns Fatz into community theater

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

The inside of the building formerly known as Fatz Pool and Darts, building 1129 at the corner of Ellis and Specker, is being renovated and will become a community theater for Fort Carson.

Timothy Higdon, community entertainment program manager for the Army Community and Family Support Center at Fort Belvoir, Va., and contractor Steve Smith were building the new stage for the facility Saturday and Sunday.

"I came out here a couple of weeks ago to help decide what to do with the facility," said Higdon.

"Richard Baldwin, Director of Recreation Programs at Fort Carson, asked if I would come back to build the stage. I certainly said 'yes' because it gets me out from behind the desk."

Risers will be placed around the stage for standard theater productions and will accommodate about 250 patrons. A dinner theater setup will seat about 150 persons.

Higdon heads up a CFCS Theatre Rejuvenation Program for the Army. He said there are currently five full-time theater programs on stateside posts and is hoping Fort Carson becomes number six.

"This facility should work out pretty good for Fort Carson," said Higdon. "It already has a marquee and adequate parking."

The renovation is expected to be completed by the end of April. Along with the theater, the facility will also have a room with sound modulars. This room can be used by individuals or bands for



Photo by Bill Scharton

Timothy Higdon, right, community entertainment program manager for the Army Community and Family Support Center at Fort Belvoir, Va., and contractor Steve Smith build a stage Saturday in the facility formerly known as Fatz Pool and Darts. The facility is being renovated and will become a community theater along with a practice center for musicians. The opening is slated for the end of April.

practice.

"Individuals or bands will be able to sign up for times to use this room," said Becky Rudder, a

recreation programmer for the Directorate of Community Activities. "Eventually, we plan to have instruments available for sign out as well."

Eating healthy ...

Cooking class offers low-calorie dishes

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Joseph Liotta cooked a light meal at the Mountain Post Wellness Center Healthy Cooking Class Feb. 21.

The menu for this class included chicken scallops a la orange, Italian broccoli with tomatoes and cheese, and brown rice.

Chicken scallops a la orange were cooked with margarine, garlic, orange juice, lemon juice, white pepper and cornstarch. A serving of this dish totaled just 184 calories.

Italian broccoli with tomatoes and cheese was broccoli cooked with crushed oregano, lemon juice, tomato wedges and mozzarella cheese. One serving of this salad with a twist totaled only 80 calories.

Liotta boiled and simmered the brown rice and a serving amounted to only 150 calories.

"If you come home tired and don't know what to cook, this is an easy and inexpensive meal to fix," said Liotta.

The entire meal totaled 419 calories. Complete cooking instructions as well as totals for fat, cholesterol, sodium, carbohydrates, calcium, protein and dietary fiber are available at the wellness center. For information, call 526-3887.

The next Healthy Cooking Class will be March 7 from 11 a.m. to noon at the wellness center. The wellness center also runs a Healthy Eating and Exercise Class along with many other services and classes. Call or stop by to register for the services and classes.



Photo by Bill Scharton

Joseph Liotta, of the Mountain Post Wellness Center, prepares the meal at the Healthy Cooking Class Feb. 21. The Healthy Cooking Class is one of many classes and services provided by the staff at the wellness center for active duty, spouses, retired military and civilian employees.

3RD CAVALRY MUSEUM UNIT'S HISTORY TOLD



Story and photos by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff
laces, events, soldiers and valor tell the history of the 3rd Cavalry

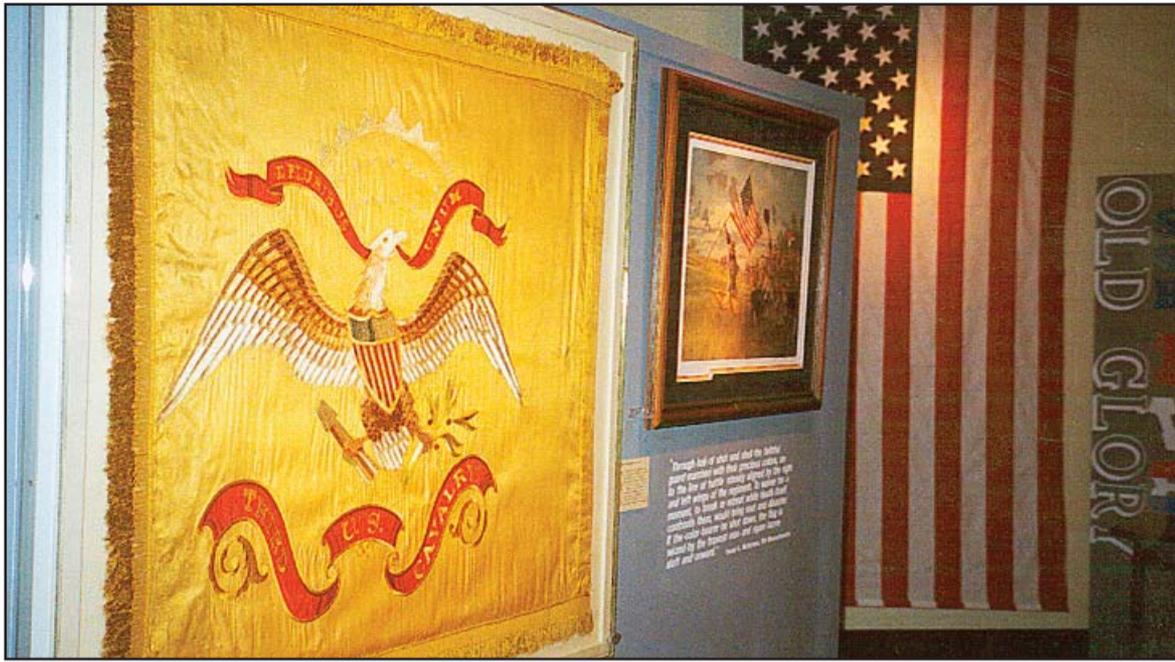
Regiment in a museum at Fort Carson. The unit is a proud one, tracing its history back 157 years to the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen. Names known in American history books once belonged to the 3rd: Gen. George Patton and William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody.

The history of the unit and its soldiers is told in the 3rd Cavalry Museum, located on the "Banana Belt."

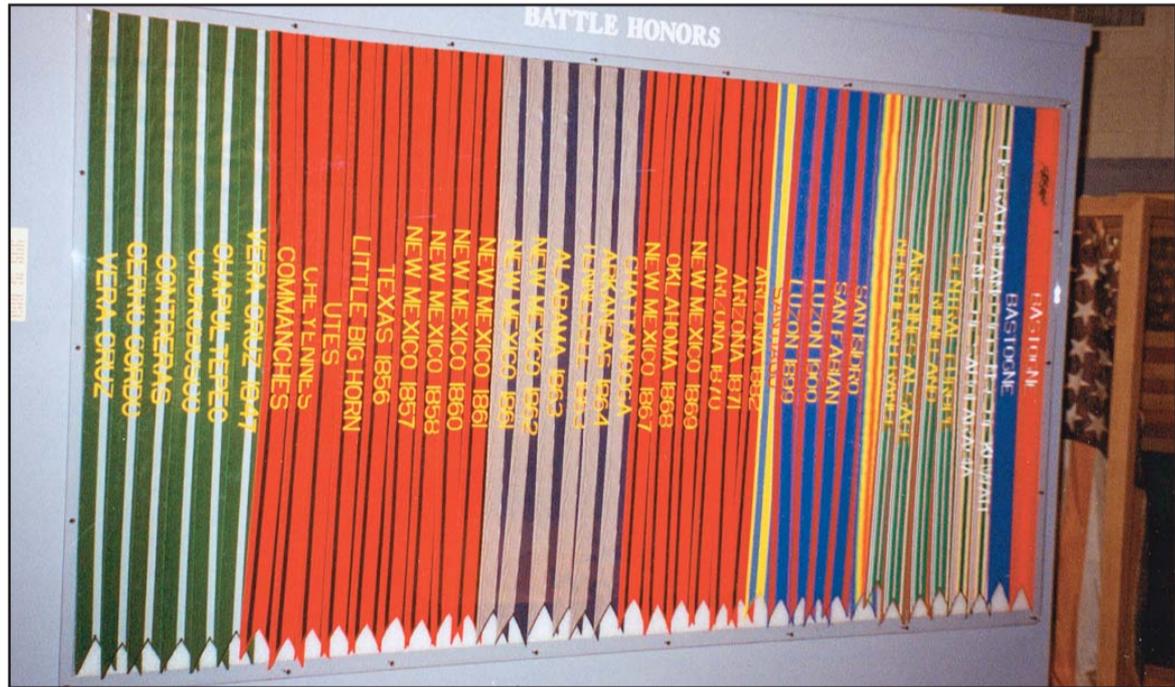
The 3rd Cavalry Museum opened at Fort Carson in June 1996. It was first registered as a museum in 1963 when the regiment was located at Baumholder, Germany. The museum made moves along with the regiment to Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Bliss, Texas, and in 1996 when the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was relocated to Fort Carson.

The museum started as a regimental trophy room in the early '50s, when the regiment was located at Fort Meade, Md.

The 3rd ACR history started when the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen was authorized by Congress in 1846. This was new for the American Army: a regiment of riflemen on horseback. The mounted soldiers would have longer range and firepower than the infantry.



The historic 3rd Cavalry regimentsal colors carried at the battle of San Juan Hill in 1898 are displayed in the colors exhibit.



Campaign streamers belonging to the 3rd Cavalry are displayed in the museum.

The following year the mounted riflemen participated in the Mexican War in 1847 with distinction, participating in six campaigns.

The riflemen were dubbed "Brave Rifles" by their Commanding General Winfield Scott. Scott paid tribute to the regiment's valor on the Mexican battlefields. "Veterans, you have been bathed in fire and blood and come out steel — you are "Brave Rifles,"" Scott said. Scott was then commander of the U.S. forces in southern Mexico.

Members of the 3rd ACR are still known as Brave Rifles.

The regiment's first station was Jefferson Barracks, Mo. The museum's exhibit begins with Jefferson Barracks, where an animated figure portrays soldier Timothy Cunningham, a member of the mounted riflemen. The figure greets visitors to the exhibit and starts them on the "Track of the Regiment."

The regiment's history is tracked along the exhibit,

along with photographs of the regiment's 70 colonels. Running simultaneously below the regiment's track is a timeline of real-world events, allowing visitors to better relate to the regiment events.

A Medal of Honor wall contains names of the 23 members of the regiment who were recipients of the medal.

The exhibit includes historic uniforms, firearms and reproduction saddles.

Special displays depict the regiment's participation in Desert Shield and Bosnia, World War II, the Philippines, the Spanish American War, the Civil War and early Indian wars.

Famous colonels of the 3rd ACR include then Col. George S. Patton, who was the commander of 3rd ACR in 1938 to 1940.

The 3rd Cavalry retired the famous Goodrich riding trophy in 1934 after the 3rd won it three times. Patton was a two-time winner of the trophy. The Bowman Challenge Cup, awarded by the National Horseshow Association also was won four times by then Major Patton, who was a squadron comman-



An animated figure depicting Pvt. Timothy Cunningham greets visitors to the museum.

Harpooners



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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der at the time.

A riding crop belonging to Patton is also displayed.

A sculpture by A. Phimister Proctor is in the 3rd Cavalry Museum. A picture of this trophy is being used in a book produced by the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. It is known as "The Cavalry Man."

An exhibit near the entrance in the museum depicts Camp Carson in the Colorado Springs area during the early days of World War II. A recent addition to the museum is a map of Camp Carson during World War II. There are very few buildings remaining on post from that time. The map is of special interest to visiting veterans who return to the post looking for their barracks and other familiar sites.

A special exhibit in the museum is "To the Colors: a Celebration of Army Heraldry and National Pride, from 1848 to 2002."

The exhibit opened Sept. 11 last year. It seemed like a patriotic time to "showcase the collection of colors we have in inventory," according to Paul Martin, the museum's curator.

One of the special flags displayed is on loan from Fort Bliss, and is believed to have been involved in the 1916 battle with Poncho Villa.

When Villa made a raid on Columbus, N. M.



An exhibit tells about the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment's participation in Operation Desert Shield.



Spec. Melvin Berghahn helps maintain museum exhibits while waiting for orders.

almost the entire U.S. Army was mobilized into the Mexican Border Service.

The 3rd Cavalry, along with the 10th Cavalry, led by then Capt. John J.

Pershing, was charging up San Juan Hill, when the 3rd's color bearer was wounded. He handed the 3rd's regimental flag to the color bearer from the 10th to carry on. That regimental flag is displayed. Nearby is the regimental national colors, which was the first flag at the point of victory, the top of San Juan Hill. This historic flag is a 45-star flag.

Martin and the museum's registrar, Scott Hamric, regularly present historic programs to Boy Scouts, clubs and community organizations about the history, customs and traditions experienced by soldiers through history. The programs primarily look at the Civil War era, and the museum staff has authentic reproduction uniforms from that period.

Deployment affects museums, too, according to Martin. Units which are deploying inventory their organization history and property before leaving. The museum will safeguard the unit's artifacts items while the units are deployed. Two items recently transferred to the museum for safeguarding include two historic flags belonging to the 12th Infantry Regiment. These flags are displayed in the special exhibit about flags now in the museum. One is a regimental flag, believed to date from about 1848, and the other is a national flag. It is a 35-star flag and dates from the Civil War.

One of the "most significant undocumented finds" turned up during the inventory, according to Martin: an authentic Medal of Honor which was presented posthumously in 1968. Martin said the find has been reported to the Army Center of Military History.

Behind the museum is a display of military vehicles associated with the regiment. The outdoor exhibit is reached by going through the museum.

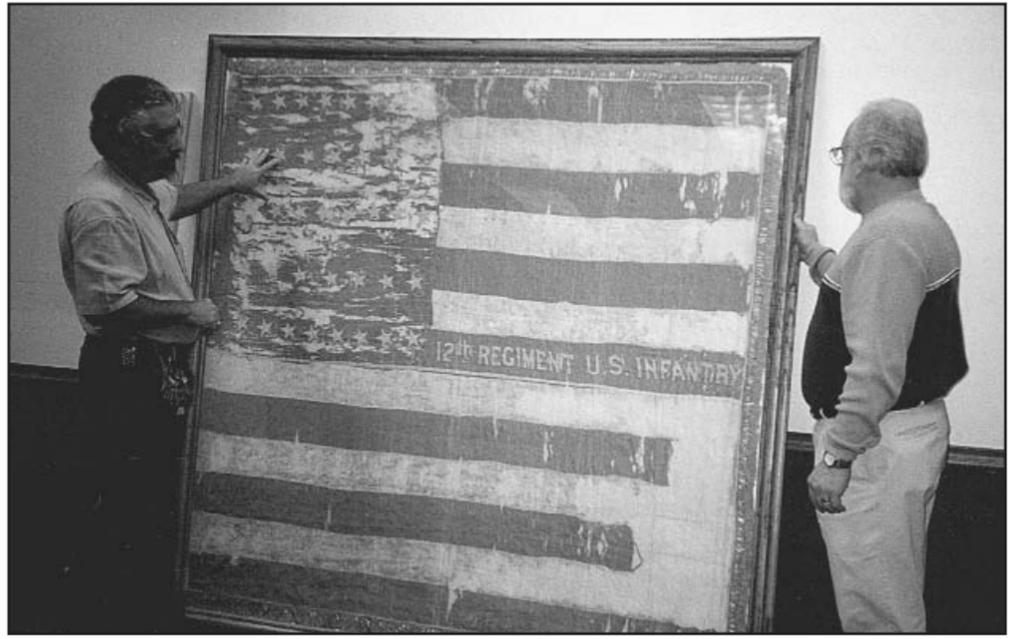
The 3rd Cavalry Museum is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The museum is closed all federal holidays except Veterans Day.

There is no admission charge for the museum and it is open to the general public.

Martin said volunteers assist with staffing the museum and caring for exhibits and artifacts. Potential volunteers may call 526-1368 for information.

The museum is located in building 2160 in the banana belt area, near the 3rd ACR headquarters on Barkeley Avenue, between Khe Sanh Street and Titus Boulevard going toward Gate 20. There is construction in the area. Watch for the white small square sign which says "Cavalry Museum," then take the next left into the one-way driveway. There are parking spaces for museum visitors.

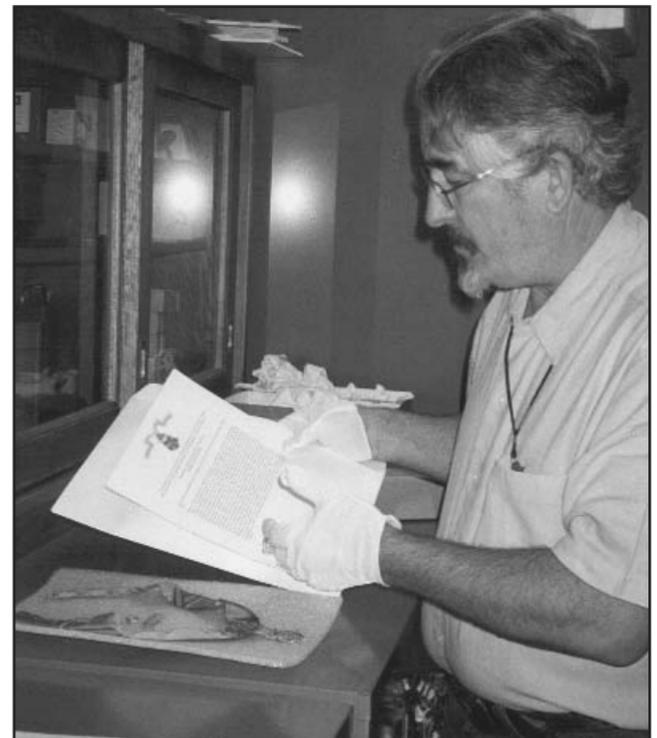
A large brown sign also identifies the 3rd Cavalry Museum, but is placed directly in front of the museum, too late for entry into the parking lot.



The 12th Infantry's national colors, dating from the Civil War, hang in the special flag exhibit in the 3rd Cavalry Museum on post.



Horsemanship trophies awarded to the 3rd Cavalry are displayed in the museum.



Paul Martin examines the citation for the Medal of Honor in the vault of the 3rd Cavalry Museum.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** minutes
- **For ages** all
- **Type** museum
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
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Get Out!

Disney on Ice

Disney on Ice brings "Toy Story 2" to the World Arena March 19 through 23. There are several daytime performances. Call the box office at 576-2626 for ticket which start at \$15.75.

Academy concert series

The Air Force Academy Concert Series for the season includes "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, 30 W. Dale St..

Denver theater

"Stomp" is in Denver's Buell Theatre March 11 to 16. Tickets for the percussion group are available at (303) 893-4100 or online at www.denvercenter.org.

Denver Center Attractions' season tickets for the 2003 musical season are for sale. The season starts with "Saturday Night Fever," starting Tuesday and running through 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. 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 film takes place. The discussion begins at 7 p.m.; the film is at 7:30 p.m. The next film is "It Happened

One Night," March 11. Admission is \$6. Tickets are at the box office, 634-5583. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Theater

"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.

Music groups

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

"Cher" is in the Pepsi Center in Denver, March 17. Tickets start at \$34.50 at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

"Bon Jovi and the Goo Goo Dolls" are in Denver's Pepsi Center April 3. Tickets start at \$40, 520-9090.

"Barrage" is in the Paramount Theatre, 1621 Glenarm Place on the 16th Street Mall March 21 and 22. Call 520-9090 for tickets, starting at \$26.50.

"The Lawrence Welk Show," featuring members of the orchestra, is in the Paramount Theatre on the 16th Street Mall in Denver, March 19. Call 520-9090 for tickets, which begin at \$39.50.

Jimmy Buffet is in the Pepsi Center April 24. Tickets start at \$35, call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Pearl Jam is at the Pepsi Center April 1, and tickets start at \$35, Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake appear together June 23 at the Pepsi Center. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090. Prices start at \$39.50.

Grammy winner Norah Jones is at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in the Denver area Aug. 15. Tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Broadway road shows

Pikes Peak Center's Broadway series next show is "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.

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. 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.

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 \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children. However, the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St. is free on Saturdays.

Carnivale

The traditional "Carnivale" parade, Mumbo Jumbo Gumbo Cook-off and ball are in Manitou Springs March 1. Participants are wanted for the parade which begins at 1 p.m.; call 685-5089.

St. Patrick's Day Parades

This year's St. Patrick Day parades are scheduled for March 15. The annual parade in Old Colorado City is along Colorado Avenue at noon. The annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Denver begins at 9 a.m. in downtown Denver.

World Arena lineup

Professional Bull Riders are scheduled for April 18.

Hallmark Skating Showcase is April 25, and tickets start at \$19.50.

Tim Conway and Harvey Korman are "Together Again" May 8, at 7:30.

"Yanni" is in concert at the arena May 22.

Tickets for all these shows are available at 576-2626 or online at www.worldarena.com.

Dinner theater

"Never Too Late" is the new dinner theater feature at the Country Dinner Playhouse in south Denver, at 6875 S. Clinton St. Tickets start at \$25.50, for a noon buffet and performance. There's also a dinner and evening performance. Call (303) 799-1410 or go online at www.countrydinnerplayhouse.com.

Exhibit at Denver Art Museum

A new exhibit in the Denver Art Museum is "Bonnard," which runs March 1 through May 25. Pierre Bonnard is a lesser known renaissance artist. More than 100 of his works will be in the exhibit, which has a special admission price, in addition to the regular museum admission. However, the art museum has free general admission for Colorado citizens on Saturday. The museum is in downtown Denver.

Happenings



Photo by Nel Lampe

Black museum ...

The Black American West Museum and Heritage Center is at 3091 California St., near downtown Denver. The museum is in the home of Colorado's first black female doctor. Phone (303) 292-2566 for hours and directions or visit www.black-americanwest.org.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to March 7.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on military child education, the All Army Boxing Championships and the funeral of Bill Mauldin. Airs 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 Black History Month, the high-speed vessel Joint Venture and USS Russell sailors. Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on shuttle security, the Columbia disaster and the U.S. Space and Missile Center (repeat). Airs 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): Airs 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.

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