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Carson pet fair

by the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

The 3rd Annual Pet Fair will be held at the Special Events Center here 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

This free event is open to all military, family members, Department of Defense civilians and retirees and will feature demonstrations by military working dogs and a mounted color guard.

For the children, there will also be education pet booths, a petting zoo, pony rides and face painting.

If you're a pet owner, be sure to bring your special friend. There will be multiple pet contests with first, second and third place ribbons for all winners. The fair is not just centered around common pets. It will have competitions for a wide variety of unusual pets, including most unusual pet, pet/owner look-alike contest, prettiest eyes, best dressed, best pet trick and best photo.

For more information, contact the Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility at 526-3803.



Courtesy photo

Dog on belay?

Staff Sgt. David Ingram, 148th Military Police Detachment, tests a harness with his military working dog Rocko. Ingram and Rocko rappelled from a 75-foot tower. See page 5 for the full story.



Photo by Richard Bridges

A fallen soldier ...

Members of 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment render full military honors as they carry the body of Pfc. Jesse Givens, which arrived home from Dover Air Force Base, Del., Friday. Givens died in a tank accident in Iraq. He is survived by his wife Melissa, who is pregnant, and his 5-year-old son Dakota.

Memorial service for 3 Fort Carson soldiers here today

Courtesy Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

The memorial ceremony for the three soldiers killed in Iraq May 9 is at 9:30 a.m. today at Butts Army Airfield.

Killed were:

Chief Warrant Officer Brian K. Van Dusen, 39, of Columbus, Ohio. His wife and two children, a daughter, 6 and a son, 2, reside in Colorado Springs. His parents live in Ohio.
Chief Warrant Officer Hans N.

Gukeisen, 31, of Lead, S.D. His mother resides in Hill City, S.D. His father lives in Lead, S.D.

Sgt. Richard P. Carl, 26, of King Hill, Idaho. Carl was promoted posthumously from corporal during a ceremony in Iraq yesterday. Carl's wife and two children, a daughter, 3, and a son, 19 mos., reside in Glens Ferry, Idaho.

The soldiers were killed May 9, near Samarra, Iraq. The soldiers were onboard an UH-60 air medical

helicopter which crashed in the Tigris River; all were assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance).

"We are all extremely saddened by what has happened to our soldiers, and we're doing everything we can to assist their family members," said Candace LaChance, spouse of Maj. William LaChance, commander of the 571st Medical Co.

The accident is under investigation.

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What's new

Fort Carson will observe a training holiday May 24 and the Memorial Day holiday May 26. The next issue of the *Mountaineer* will be published Thursday because of the training day.

Post Weather hotline:
526-0096

Your mother doesn't live in the barracks ...

Clean up after yourself

by Spc. Chris Smith
14th Public Affairs Detachment

When you were growing up, did your parents let you live in a filthy rat's nest? Probably not.

Either way, there's no reason to be negligent in your cleaning duties around the barracks on post. In the past, cleaning details and first sergeants kept the barracks in line, but starting a few months back, I've noticed a steady decline in the living standards soldiers are setting for themselves.

For example, why in the world would a soldier be so incredibly lazy as to not bother lifting the lid on the dumpster outside and just settle for piling their trash next to it? The garbage

man back home wouldn't pick it up, and neither will the ones here. Who picks it up? Some poor CQ runner most of the time.

To be fair, not all soldiers are that lazy, but there

are some who surpass even Garfield with their lack of caring, they fill the garbage cans in the laundry rooms with their personal garbage. But heck, even then, I'm finding myself grateful that they at least make it to a trash can.

Golden rules of living in the barracks

- If you drop it, pick it up
- If you spill it, clean it up
- If it isn't yours, don't touch it
- Clean it after you use it
 - If it's late at night, turn down your music
- Lift the lid on the garbage and place the bag inside
 - Follow the rules and regulations about visitors

Wrap your mind around this incident.

Two soldiers are walking down the hallway. One spills his soda, not just a little but the whole cup and its entire contents spill onto the floor. "I'm not cleaning that sh%# up," says one and they both walk away.

That incident happened right in front of my door about a month ago. A neighbor heard the exchange but never saw who it was. Needless to say, by the time I returned home, there was a large, dried puddle of sticky soda resin right where I have

to walk into my room.

I, like most people, would like to have a word with the fool responsible. Unfortunately, I have no idea who did it.

I didn't notice the decline until units around post started deploying and the replacements moved in. Since then, there has been next to no enforcement of any sort of cleaning rosters or living standards.

The soldiers don't seem to really care about the barracks they are staying in, perhaps because they know that their stay is temporary and won't have to deal with it eventually. Still, this is no excuse. I can't imagine the amount of disrepair the barracks around the Army would be in if all soldiers took on this philosophy.

I'm not just going to complain. Let me propose a solution. However, everyone needs to participate to make it work. My plan is simple, so stay with me . . . pick up after yourself. See, isn't that easy?

The next time you're walking through the parking lot, pick up that beer can and take it to the trash. If you make a mess in the hallway, clean it up. After you use the dryer put your lint in the garbage. Call others out when they do the wrong thing. Harass your sergeants to put together cleaning rosters. Maybe not for every day, but at least once a week.

If everyone does their part, we can all start living like respectable human beings.

Ceremony pays to tribute to 74th Secretary of Army

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A farewell ceremony marked the end of Thomas White's term as the 18th secretary of the Army May 9 at Fort Myer, Va.

The Department of Defense announced April 25 that White submitted his resignation to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. The reason for White's sudden decision to step down was not given.

The White House announced May 7 that James Roche, who is currently the secretary of the Air Force, was nominated as White's replacement. Roche now must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the 19th Secretary of the Army.

It was Spring 2001 when White made his first speech as the secretary of the Army. In front of a group of senior noncommissioned officers, he first introduced the Army to his ideas of transformation and better business practices.

"The last two years have been a period of enormous importance for our Army and the country. The Installation

Management Agency, Network Enterprise Technology Command and the Army Contracting Agency are examples of improvements to our business practices," White said during an intimate ceremony that was hosted by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

As a tag team, White and Shinseki have both awarded countless soldiers for heroic acts and accomplishments, but this time White stood still while Shinseki pinned the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service Medal on him.

White received the highest award for civilian service in an auditorium filled with his family members, close friends, members of Congress and Pentagon personnel. In formation stood units from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (Old Guard) and the Army Band, "Pershing's Own," representing soldiers Armywide.

The former cavalry officer closed out his Army career holding his grandson, Thomas E. White IV, and watching the Army Band march away playing "The Army Goes Rolling Along."

White: It's been a privilege to serve

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your secretary these last two years; the absolute high point of my professional life. Our soldiers and civilian employees have distinguished themselves in peace and war befitting our heritage and reputation of service to the nation since before its founding. I could not be prouder of the outstanding contributions you have made to our nation's defense and the honorable manner in which you have shouldered the immense sacrifices required of you and your families.

The Army remains at war and transforming. We have significant challenges ahead. We will win the War on Terrorism as part of a Joint team regardless of duration and difficulty. Additionally, it is absolutely vital that we build on our successes and sustain our momentum to realize the vision of Army Transformation as part of the Joint Force.

America's Army turns 228 years old next month. Our enduring commitment to our fellow citizens is to be ready to defend the United States and her allies when called. As I conclude my duty with you I am proud to report to the American people that their respect and admiration for their Army is well founded. God Bless you, the United States Army and the United States of America.

Tom White

74th Secretary of the Army



White

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News

Dual military couples deployed in Iraq

by Sgt. 1st Class Gary Qualls Jr.
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Public Affairs

Family separation is a way of life in the military. Stretched out by real-world missions across the globe, military couples often find one partner at home and the other an ocean or two away.

Some couples, however, face a different challenge. They may be only an hour or so away from one another, but they have their own unique trials and joys. These are dual military couples assigned in the same theater of operations.

Dual military couples in the same theater may be closer geographically to their spouses, but that's no guarantee they'll get to see them much more often, and even if they do, they say it's a torturous tease.

"I'm only one hour away and I've only seen her once in five months," said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Grim, a combat engineer in Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Grim and his wife, Sgt. Betsy Grim, an administrative specialist in 43rd Area Support Group, were separated when she was deployed with her unit in January. The one time Grim did get to see his wife since then made it even harder.

"It would have been better if I didn't go because I missed her even more after that," he said.

Staff Sgt. Kindra Pemwell, an information systems

specialist with RHHT, 3rd ACR, is able to call her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Dan Pemwell, supply noncommissioned officer in charge in 1st Battalion, 68th Armor, 4th Infantry Division, nearly every day, which provides a "nice pick me up," but she hasn't seen him since they both deployed in April.

A bad memory she has of the couple's situation is arriving at Camp Victory in Kuwait, unsure whether her husband's unit had departed already for Iraq or not and desperately looking for him at the dining facility.

"I remember going to the chow hall every day, looking at every face hoping I'd see him," she said.

Just the possibility she might get to see her husband makes Sgt. Annette Robinson, Prescribed Load List NCOIC, RHHT, 3rd ACR, feel better, she said. Thanks to her chain of command, Robinson was able to have "one great, uninterrupted" conversation with her husband, Sgt. Tremetrius Robinson, a Bradley gunner in Lightning Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

"Just sitting with him made me happy," Robinson said, adding that one conversation has been something to hang onto to help see her through this deployment.

Although being deployed in the same theater does have its up side, a real down side is the possibility that a spouse may not make it back home, Robinson noted.

When both husband and wife deploy it is a more

strenuous situation than when just one marriage partner goes because, if they have children, both the mother and father are now out of the home. It's also more stressful because without a strong family support system, there's nobody to handle the day-to-day affairs back home.

"It takes extraordinary planning," Pemwell said. "We paid our bills a year in advance," she said.

The Grims missed celebrating their anniversary, her birthday and, likely, his birthday, which is next month, together. And because of frequent deployments, their 17-month-old daughter doesn't know who her mother is. The Robinsons' daughter will graduate from her school this month and neither parent will be there for it.

Still, the brief and sometimes seldom visits and plans for life after the deployment keep them going. Some of the couples are planning vacations after their deployments. The Grims are planning a real wedding with all the frills, as opposed to the quick, unceremonious knot-tying affair they had in Denmark.

And there's something else that keeps them going, Robinson said.

"Sometimes when I look at these kids (Iraqi children), I know we're doing some good here. I know we're helping them out," Robinson said. "That makes my family and I feel better about our situation."

Buy back ...

Don't let your years of service go to waste

by Spc. Stacy Harris
Mountaineer staff

After spending five, 10 or maybe even 15 years in the Army, starting a new career and a new retirement plan may seem almost unbearable to even think about. If you plan on going into civil service, you can put those years of military service toward your civil service retirement.

When new employees are first orientated into their civil service job, they receive a handout detailing the process on how they can credit their military service to their new retirement plan, said Sandy Lumberg, human resource specialist, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

"If you want credit for your military ... you have the option of making a deposit for that time," Lumberg said. "Anyone can buy back their years, but whether it is to their benefit to do so (depends on their situation)." Lumberg said she suggests employees who are looking into this option talk to a financial advisor to find out whether or not it will benefit them.

Anyone leaving the military now, for a job in civil service will be put in the Federal Employee Retirement

System. Others with five years prior civil service experience will be put into the Civil Service Retirement System offset, with the option of later transferring to FERS. The amount of money employees have to pay to buy back their time depends on how much money was earned during their military career and what retirement system they fall under, Lumberg said

"You can retire at 55 with 30 years of service; at 60 with 20 years of service; or at 62 with five years of service, and those years could include your military service time if you've made a deposit for them," she said.

The option to make a deposit is immediately available upon starting a civil service job, she said. For those employees new to civil service, a deposit should be made within the first three years to avoid interest. If it is not paid within three years, the amount of money owed will increase as interest is added.

"You want to pay it within the first three years," Lumberg said. "Anything after that and you are paying interest. The longer you wait — it could certainly double or triple."

Lumberg said a lot of people don't always take

advantage of this option when they first come into civil service because they are not thinking of retirement right away or they may not think that they are going to stay in that job. Even so, the longer a person takes to decide whether or not to use the program, the longer interest continues accumulating.

"They don't look long term," she said. "They don't look at this as maybe being a career for them."

In addition, those who have retired from the military may also use the option of buying back their time, she said. But, if military retired employees buy back their time, they will be waiving their military retirement pay at the time they retire from civil service.

Those who are interested in buying their military time can pick up the forms at CPAC or from www.abc.army.mil.

"It's an option that's available for them. You can get credit for those years," Lumberg said. "There are a lot of variables there to think about. While some may benefit from it, others may not.

For more information on buying back your time, visit the Web site www.opm.gov.

Military

Blotter report ...

Military working dogs rappel to work

**Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Marchand
148th Military Police Detachment**

The 148th Military Police Detachment's, Military Working Dog section did something most MWD teams do not have an opportunity to do. The majority of the section joined the Federal Emergency Management Agency Search and Rescue Dog teams and rappelled from a 75-foot tower.

Staff Sgt. Scott Anderson, training noncommissioned officer, set up this training opportunity through the Colorado Springs Fire Department's High Angle Rescue Team.

Lt. Pat Rogacki of the CSFD instructed six member of the MWD section on basic rappelling. Although several MWD handlers have graduated from the U.S. Army Air Assault School and other handlers have had experience rappelling, none of the MWD teams had rappelled with a dog. Upon completing an hour of instruction, the handlers rappelled from a third floor roof to demonstrate their ability to perform all tasks necessary to standards.

Next was the dogs' turn. The handlers strapped the dogs into a rappel harnesses then tested them by hanging the dog from a pulley system to get the dog used to the harness. The dog rappel harnesses are

designed to wrap around the dog's chest and back to secure the dog and give it a sense of safety.

After the ground training, it was time for the real thing. The teams climbed the four flights of stairs with their dogs and placed them in their harnesses. Once they were strapped in and all connections were checked by the safety officer, it was time to hook the figure eight to the rope and step off the edge of the building. Once the team was off the edge of the building and the handler was in the proper "L" position, the dogs had a free ride to the bottom.

Why do the MWD teams need to rappel? The MWD team is a force multiplier and is deployed in support of a military police unit or many other types of units for security, patrolling, explosive or narcotics detection. The MWD handlers must train for any situation they could encounter in a combat environment. All of the MWD teams also support Fort Carson in a law enforcement capacity. The teams could be asked to assist in locating a lost child or a person who has broken the law. The MWD teams may have to rappel into a ravine to locate someone.

The MWD section serves the Fort Carson com-



Courtesy photo

A soldier with the 148th Military Police Detachment rappels with his military working dog.

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Military Briefs

Hours of operation

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 Tuesday through Saturday, 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 Monday through Friday 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.

Legal Assistance hours — Hours at the Legal Assistance are back to normal. Walk-ins to see attorneys are Mondays and Fridays only; sign in is at 12:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Powers of Attorney and notaries are done on a walk-in basis 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

New CIF Hours

Effective immediately, individuals may conduct their business at Central Issue Facility (draw, turn-in, DX) during the following times:

Building 330: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 3 p.m.; Tuesdays 8-11 a.m.; Wednesdays 8-11 a.m.

Building 309 (desert items): Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. There may be an occasional change to the hours if there is a large unit mobilizing or demobilizing. The change will be put out through e-mail, mobilization meetings, command sergeant major channels and signs at CIF.

Turn-in of complete TA-50 (End of Time in Service, Permanent Change of Station) is by appointment; call 526-5512.

Bulk issue or turn-in of items by supply sergeants must still be done by

appointment. Through Monday those appointments will continue to be made with Maj. Michelle McKenna at 524-1167. Starting Tuesday, appointments will be made with Connie Thompson CIF at 524-2006. The CIF will be closed except for emergencies, call McKenna, through noon Monday for its annual inventory.

Briefings

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

ETS/Transition briefing schedule — In order for soldiers to receive their end of time in service 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.

The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief is the third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

The following are dates for upcoming briefings: Wednesday.

There will be a local Officer Candidate School board Wednesday and May 23. This board is required for all applicants. All participants 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 yesterday on a case-by-case basis. For more information, call Sgt. Jacklyn Christensen at 526-1906.

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 turn around for the service is 72 hours. 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.

Commissaries change rules

by Rick Brink

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissaries will start enforcing new policy revisions June 1 that limit coupon use to only one per item unless otherwise specified on a coupon.

"We still gladly welcome the use of coupons. We're only limiting the number of coupons a customer can use per item to what is specifically stated on the coupons. If the coupons state more than one per item can be used, then we'll accept them. If it doesn't, then we'll accept only one per item," said Bob Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency's executive director for operations and product support.

The revised DeCA policy more accurately reflects manufacturers' intent for coupon use, which has always been one coupon per item unless otherwise stated, Vitikacs said. DeCA policy had allowed commissaries to accept multiple coupons unless specifically stated as only "one per item."

Under the new policy, customers can still take

advantage of multiple coupon use, but only through sales specifically allowing the practice. Customers can watch for advertising and in-store fliers to learn about these sales, and manufacturers will continue to provide coupons in the stores.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of nearly 280 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices — savings worth more than \$2,400 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

Dogs

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munity in many different capacities and must train to perform its duty no matter how the members have to get to the places where they are needed.

Vehicle Registration Information

The Vehicle Registration Office located in the Welcome Center will close permanently at 3:30 p.m. May 28. The new facility located at Gate 1 will open at 9 a.m. June 2. The trailer located at Gate 1 will remain open May 29 and 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The trailer staff will be capable of providing all services except clearing.

Traffic Roll Up

In the past week, there were 80 total citations:

- 23 were for speeding
- 11 were for failure to use seatbelts (\$15 each)
- 46 were for other violations (e.g.: malfunctioning equipment, lack of insurance or registration, expired plates and improper vehicle operation)

Dining Schedule

Week of May 17 to May 23

Weekday Dining Facilities

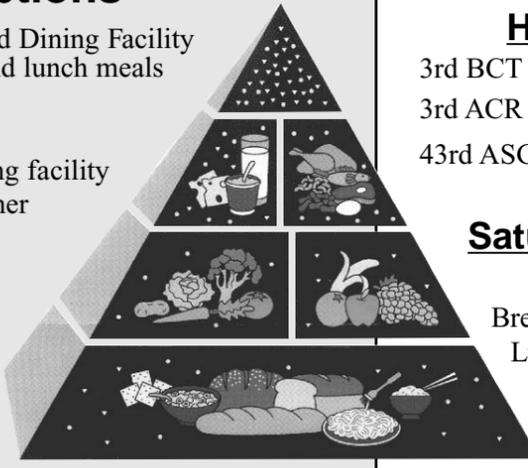
43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)
3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)

Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)
7 to 9 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield Dining Facility serves breakfast and lunch meals only.
- 10th SFG (A) dining facility is closed until further notice.
- Building 2461 and 2061 closed May 16 to 18.



Saturday, Sunday and Training

Holiday Dining Facilities

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

Saturday, Sunday and Training

Holiday Meal Hours

Breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Cultural program preserving history

Carson archaeological, historic resources integral part of DECAM's mission

Courtesy Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

Colorado celebrates Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month in May.

The archaeological and historic resources on Fort Carson and on the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site are an integral part of the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management's environmental program. The installation's Cultural Resources Management Program manages prehistoric and historic artifacts, archaeological sites and historic architecture from all major cultural periods recognized on the Great Plains and in the Rocky Mountains.

Sites of Paleoindian, Archaic, Ceramic/Late Prehistoric and Protohistoric periods are present, as are sites from the Fur Trade era, 19th century Hispanic and EuroAmerican settlement, early 20th

century homesteading and ranching and World War II and Cold War era military sites.

The objective of the Cultural Resources Program is to preserve the values and landscapes of the many cultures that have used and reused our regional resources. The program is also undertaking a project to consult with American Indian tribes and other cultural groups toward the identification and management of traditional cultural properties on Fort Carson and the PCMS.

The program supports mission requirements while protecting significant cultural resources. This policy is more than sound stewardship – it is the law. It is also part of the National Defense mission.

March 3, President Bush signed an Executive Order entitled Preserve America.

While once again calling for all federal agencies to recognize and manage historic properties appropriately, the order also states that cultural resources will be treated “as assets that can support department and agency missions while contributing to the vitality and



Courtesy photo

Rock art dating to 1300 AD found at Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site in 1983.

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Greenback

Several airlines offering discounted fares

by Theodore Stutz

4th Finance Battalion

American Trans Air; United, Delta and Continental Airlines; and U.S. Airways are offering special fares for family members to visit their wounded or injured military members recovering from wounds received in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Each airline program is unique, so read them carefully.

American Trans Air: Free travel for immediate family members. This offer is valid for immediate family members of active duty U.S. armed forces personnel convalescing in any U.S. hospital because of injuries suffered during military action in Iraq, and to immediate family members of soldiers killed during the military conflict in Iraq to attend funeral services. Immediate family members include spouses, children, foster children, parents, step-parents, parents-in-law, siblings and grandparents. Passengers may book one round-trip or one-way travel on ATA/ATA connection. Travel is valid on published routing from and to the 48 continuous United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Travel is valid through July 31. Call (800) 435-9282 to make reservations. Refer agent to ATA's military family travel assistance program. Passengers must present a medical/hospital/U.S. armed forces certificate letter.

United Airlines: For immediate family members, a discounted "special care fare" will be made available for transportation to military specified locations. The special care fare represents an additional discount off United's already discounted emergency fare. Eligible passengers are spouses, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles,

nieces and nephews. Loved ones who wish to use this fare will need to provide appropriate documentation. There is no current expiration date for this travel option and travel must be ticketed by United Airlines. Call (800) 864-8331 to make reservations.

Delta Airlines: Delta is providing a special assistance program for family members of active duty U.S. armed forces personnel convalescing in U.S. military hospitals in Germany as a result of injuries sustained in Operation Iraqi Freedom. A discount of 30 percent off current published sale fares (rule A033) will apply with proper documentation. Round trip travel is valid on current published sale fares from the 48 contiguous states, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico to Frankfurt and Stuttgart. Travel is offered on Delta, Delta connection, Delta shuttle and song (not applicable to Delta code share flights). Travel must be completed by June 18. No advance purchase is required.

Family members must present an authorization letter from the military member's command, Red Cross office, or casualty assistance office. One free change is permitted. Subsequent changes may be subject to charges as per Delta rules. Reservations may be made by contacting your local official/leisure gov-

ernment travel office or by calling Delta direct. Passengers may contact Delta Airlines at (800) 325-1212. Refer the ticket agent to page 12147 in their reservation system. Ticketing should include the published fare basis used followed by the ticket designator PI39.

Commander's letter must be faxed along with a copy of the auditor's coupon to the military/government assist desk at (404) 773-0916. Travel agencies can refer their questions to the Delta Airlines military and government assist desk at (800) 325-1771. (This number is for travel agency use only.)

Continental Airlines: Continental will provide military families by providing fare flexibility. Continental will waive advance purchase and minimum stay requirements for family members that are visiting military personnel recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq. Family members include spouse; children, mother; father; siblings; and grandparents. Call (800) 468-

7022 between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. to set up reservations. Letter from military member's command should be faxed to (281) 553-3347. Include on fax cover sheet your Continental confirmation number, your full name and phone number, e-mail address and

Deals for servicemembers and their family members

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Army Space Command soldiers on target in Operation Iraqi Freedom with command effort

by Maj. Laura Kenney
Army Space Command

Sandstorms, heat, insects, worry about the war, personal hygiene, homesickness ... all these things affected Army Space soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom — just as they affected the troops waging direct war — but, like their infantry brethren, Army Space Command soldiers, professionals all, persevered, and were an essential part of the war effort.

Every element of the command was fully engaged, from the Army Space Command soldiers working hand in hand with combatant commanders in the desert, to the Space and Missile Defense Command Operations Center here tracking movement of soldiers and providing reachback support for all deployed space teams.

Speaking of deployed space teams, a total of five were deployed and directly involved in Iraqi Freedom. Since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, Army Space Command has deployed 10 space support teams to the U.S. Central Command region. Teams served in Iraq, Oman, Kuwait, and elsewhere in the U.S. Central Command area of operations. They provided space capabilities, expertise and products in support of theater commanders.

The teams moved with those combatant commanders, sharing the same dangers and hardships, while providing up to the minute space force enhancement, including satellite communications health and welfare status and analysis; global posi-

tioning system accuracy predictions; strategic and theater ballistic missile early warning; weather terrain and environmental monitoring awareness; and intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance products.

Maj. Daniel Cockerham, Team Leader of Army Space Support Team 5, traveled with the Marine Expeditionary Force 1 as it took Baghdad. Prior to entering the city, he e-mailed his unit.

“We’re fully integrated with the Marines of the IMEF, and are treated as family since we’ve been living and operating with them from the beginning. Our soldiers pull duty with them in addition to performing our mission. We haven’t had showers in weeks and are filthy, but, hey, we’re on the outskirts of Baghdad! We’re all very proud to be part of this effort,” said Cockerham.

A Joint Tactical Ground Station — which provides direct down-linked, in-theater, early warning of missile launches — was deployed to the Central Command region. Together with its European-based sister units, the JTAGS provided an encompassing, 24-hour continuous in-theater processing of missile alerting and early warning on tactical ballistic missiles and other infrared events.

The JTAGS monitored infrared signatures coming from hot spots within Iraq to provide critical information to maneuver commanders regarding the timing and operational employment of their units.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe, Army Space Command
Army Space Support Team members form a single file and approach the rear of the aircraft.

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One specific incident illustrates the value of early warning. JTAGS operators presented early warning of hostile aircraft approaching a Predator surveillance mission. Thanks to the timely warning, commanders were able to divert the mission, thereby averting potential loss of the vehicle, and maintaining the secrecy of the mission.

Lt. Col. Scott Netherland, 1st Space Bn. commander, commented "Many people consider the first Gulf War as the first space war. Our ability to exploit space capabilities for communications, navigation and precision guided munitions, detection of relevant infrared events, imagery products, blue force tracking and weather all give the U.S. warfighter a tremendous advantage over our adversaries. Our experiences with Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom have revalidated the need to continue close integration of space forces and capabilities with the warfighter."

The Spectral Operations Resource Center was also a key player. An element of the SORC was forward deployed to CENTCOM, and in tandem with home base, produced more than 300 products in support of Iraqi Freedom.

The SORC (Forward) produced imagery that provided spectral analy-

sis of vegetative areas and rugged terrain to eliminate unsuitable sites for airborne assault operations during the planning process. Standard image maps were created to conduct standard mission planning.

Working in tandem with ARSSTs, SORC rear and forward provided detailed change detection assessments to identify potential enemy locations. Archived satellite imagery was merged with more recent spectral imagery to identify changes. The noted changes were passed on to combatant commanders, identifying potential hidden enemy assets, and assisting in the targeting process. The technology also assisted with locating enemy mine fields.

Bo Dunaway, Chief, Remote Sensing Branch, said, "This is the first time that we've been able to put all the pieces together and deliver spectral products from start to finish in a timely relevant manner. From units forward requesting products to downlinking unclassified imagery via Eagle Vision I and delivering digital products within 24 hours is a significant milestone for the commercial imagery arena. The use of SORC (Forward) ensured continuity and mission focus for all Army Space elements using commercial imagery products."

Another vital piece of the Army Space Command effort could be found in the 1st Satellite Control Battalion. Although not forward

deployed, the SATCON companies were as integral a part of Iraqi Freedom as their desert-located sister units.

The 1st SATCON supported the ground units involved in Iraqi Freedom since they first entered theater. SATCON units enabled satellite communications, connectivity, voice and video teleconference capability to the combatant commanders of CENTCOM, V Corps, 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Special Operations Command and other deployed forces.

The two primary units involved in this support were B Co., Fort Meade, Md., and C Co., Landstuhl, Germany. They controlled the satellite links for tactical and strategic warfighter communications networks.

Together, they supported more than 140 terminals and more than 50 tactical missions. These missions allow combatant commanders to maneuver their units without breaks in communications.

Maj. Stephen Elle, Executive Officer, 1st SATCON, said, "We are extremely proud of the responsive and proactive support our units gave to forces on the ground. With the rapid pace of the war, and the rapid movement of ground forces, maintaining communications was absolutely essential. Our units enabled them to do that."

The Space Based Blue Force Tracking Mission Management Center

enhanced the tactical commander's ability to maintain visibility of his deployed forces. The SB-BFT MMC worked closely with Special Operations Forces in theater to monitor their aircraft and ground forces, especially in emergency situations.

And at the logical, if not geographic, center of all this energy and accomplishment, functioned the SMDC Operations Center.

As of this writing, the SMDC OC has processed more than 96 Requests for Information that were then routed and monitored for deployed units. Requests for SORC imagery were sent to the forward elements. Questions about maintenance and operational support of communications equipment were answered, after the SMDC-OC researched the problem.

The Officer in Charge of the SMDC-OC, Lt. Col. Steve Dreiling said, "Even though the OC was a quiet element in the war effort, our soldiers were nonetheless very important.

"Our job is as a 24/7 conduit for information from the front to the command elements. Each and every soldier who manned a console in the OC is an outstanding individual who really deserves a pat on the back for a job well done."

Army Space Command presently has more than 100 soldiers, civilians and contractors deployed overseas in support of current operations.

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economic well-being of the nation's communities and fostering a broader appreciation for the development of the United States and its underlying values."

More than 6,000 archaeological sites have been recorded on Fort Carson and the PCMS. Many of these have been determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. DECAM also has 10 National Register-eligible historic districts; three historic architectural districts and a rock art district on Fort Carson, and six historic homesteads on the PCMS. The program has completed the evaluation of the installation's World War II-era properties, and current investigations are focusing on a historic context study of the Cold War years and Fort Carson's associated architecture and culture.

Major aspects of the Cultural Resources Program include:

- Management of the cultural resources on more than 373,000 acres.
- Curation of about 130,000 artifacts.
- Stewardship of 153 rock-art sites, represented by both pictographs and petroglyphs.
- Maintenance of environmental/archaeological databases and an internal Geographic Information System relational database.

- Development of community outreach programs, including workshops and lectures.

- Environmental and mission enhancement projects.

Fort Carson manages numerous, diverse cultural resources including prehistoric American Indian and historic Euro-American archaeological sites, architectural sites and traditional cultural properties. Prehistoric American Indian sites include camp-sites and resource processing areas (hunting and gathering, and tool and food processing activities), rock shelters, large multi-room vertical stone slab villages, single room habitation sites, stone circle sites, quarry sites, game-drive sites, rock art and vision quest sites.

Historic sites include shepherd camps, cattle and sheep ranches (buildings and support features), homesteads, stagecoach stations, coal mines, helium wells, roads, trails, historic graffiti, and World War II Army hospital and military engineering facilities. The historic Santa Fe Trail passes just west of the PCMS.

Archaeological and historic sites at Fort Carson and the PCMS are often intact because they have been protected from urban development, agriculture and other activities that can destroy them. The Cultural Resources Management Program enforces protective measures to ensure the preservation of our resources in mechanized



U.S. Army Photo

Brown Sheep Camp historic structure at Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site dates from the 1890s.

training areas. The effectiveness of these measures is demonstrated by the fact that cultural resources concerns have never delayed or interfered with training.

Fort Carson does not give out site location information or develop sites for public visitation. Similar cultural resources are located in the Picketwire Canyonlands where public visits can be arranged through U.S. Forest Service, Comanche National Grasslands, in La Junta.

For more information on Fort Carson's cultural resources, call Pam Cowen at 526-3728.

Editor's note: For the entire month of May, the Colorado Historical Society is promoting public awareness of Colorado's rich and diverse history by celebrating Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. Local events include slide shows, demonstrations and lectures. Find information on this month-long celebration at www.coloradohistory.org.

Family support

Whether now or later — you'll pay

1st Lt. Laura Aguilar
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
Legal Assistance Division

Your truck broke down, your dog was run over by a train and your wife ran off with your best friend and took the children with her.

Sound like a bad country song? Well, things could get a lot worse for soldiers not providing financial support to their family members.

Failing to provide support can create substantial civilian legal problems, but aware soldiers can be court-martialed. What follows is a brief overview of a soldier's support requirements for dependent family members under Army Regulation 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody and Paternity.

If a soldier is separated from his family — whether it is a deployment, domestic dispute, or an alien abduction — chances are the soldier is required to provide support. If there is a written agreement or a court order requiring the soldier to pay support, then he should pay according to the terms of the agreement or order. AR 608-99 only applies if there is no written agreement or court order.

AR 608-99 establishes minimum support requirements a soldier must meet and is only intended to be a temporary order until a court order is in place. Failure to meet the requirements could result in administrative, nonjudicial (Article 15) punishment or judicial (Article 92) action for violating a lawful general regulation. The maximum punishment for this offense is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for two years and reduction to the pay grade of E-1.

To explain the requirements of AR 608-99, let's go back to the subject of our sad country song, Spc. Smith. Smith is married to

Sarah and they have two young children, Alpha and Bravo. But, to Smith's surprise, Sarah ran off with John, Smith's friend, taking the kids with her. If Smith has no children from a previous marriage (or court order), then Smith must pay an amount equal to Basic Allowance for Housing II at the "with dependents" rate based on Smith's pay grade. As an E-4, Smith must pay \$504.60 per month to Sarah. It does not matter that Sarah is the wrong doer or that she is the one who moved out. And Smith must pay this amount even if he is not receiving BAH. The 2003 BAH II rates can be found at www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html.

Now let's change the scenario. Smith and Sarah are living in government quarters. Instead of Sarah moving out, Smith moved off post leaving Sarah and the kids in government housing. Now Smith is only required to provide an amount equal to the difference between BAH II at the "with dependents" rate and the BAH II at the "without dependents" rate, in this case \$161.10 per month.

Now let's complicate the story. Sarah is actually Smith's second wife.

He has one child from his previous marriage, Charlie. Essentially each dependent family member is entitled to an equal share of the BAH II, in the absence of a court order. Smith has four dependents: Sarah, Alpha, Bravo and Charlie. Therefore, each is entitled to one-fourth of Smith's BAH II (\$126.15).

If Sarah is not living in government quarters and she has custody of the kids, Smith would pay her \$378.45 per month (three-fourths of the BAH II). Smith would also pay \$126.15 for the care of Charlie (one-fourth of the BAH II). If Alpha and Bravo remain with



Courtesy graphic

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Smith, then he would pay \$126.15 (one-fourth of the BAH II) to Sarah and \$126.15 for Charlie (one-fourth of the BAH II).

Like most regulations, however, there are limited exceptions. A battalion commander may relieve a soldier of the support obligation if his or her spouse's income is higher than the soldier's income. The soldier must provide proof, such as tax returns or pay stubs. However, a soldier cannot be relieved of the obligation to provide support if there are children of the marriage who reside with the non-soldier spouse. Additionally, a battalion commander may relieve a soldier of the support obligation if the soldier has documented evidence that he or she is a victim of physical spouse abuse.

Moreover, if the soldier's spouse is on active military duty, and there are no children, then neither soldier is required to provide support. Similarly, if both spouses are soldiers and have custody of one of the children, then neither is required to provide support. However, if the other military spouse has custody of the children, the soldier must pay a

prorated share of BAH at the "with dependents" rate.

Under AR 608-99, support should continue until a court decree is issued, the soldier and the child's other parent enter a written agreement establishing an end date of the support or the child reaches 18 (unless the child is married or is an active-duty service member).

Servicemembers' support obligations will vary, depending on the facts of their personal situation. For this reason, if you have questions about your support obligations, you should seek legal assistance from the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Division. Call the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Division at 526-5572/5573. The Legal Assistance Division schedules appointments for the following week on the preceding Friday. The Legal Assistance Division provides appointments on Monday and Friday mornings, as well as Wednesdays. Walk-in consultations are available on a first-come, first-served basis Monday and Friday afternoons, beginning at 1 p.m.. Make sure you bring in all relevant paperwork such as court orders or written agreements.

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billing address, credit card number with expiration date. If using American Express include the CID number. Reservations will be held for 48 hours pending receipt of letter from commander and information above. Once received, an electronic ticket will be issued.

U.S. Airways: U.S. airways has introduced its "salute savings" discount fare program for U.S. Military with special fares as low as \$79 each way, based on roundtrip purchase. U.S. Airways "salute savings" rates are available to active duty and reserve military and their immediate families through government-contracted commercial travel offices throughout

the U.S. The fares are valid for tickets purchased through Dec. 31 and travel completed by Feb. 12, 2004. Tickets must be purchased as round trip and are available for travel originating in the U.S. To destinations across the U.S. Airways system, including Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. For information on these fares, military personnel or their military ID card carrying family members should contact their commercial travel office on base/post. Tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased at least three days in advance of departure. One Saturday night stay is required, and a maximum 30-day stay is allowed. Seats are limited and other restrictions apply. Fares are available to the immediate families of members of the armed forces when the member is part of the traveling party. Immediate family member is defined as a parent, guardian, spouse, or child.

Procedures for acquiring letters from command: Family member contacts the military member's command structure and requests authorization letter. Letter must contain the military members name, rank, medical treatment facility, and the names of immediate family members. The names of family members not listed in DEERS may be provided by the military member. The member provides the authorization letter to the air carriers upon request. If you have questions, contact HQ AMC/LGTP at DSN 779-4592 or commercial (618) 229-4592.

New hours of Operation

Finance customer service located in building 1854 will now have the following hours of operation. Monday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday: Open 1 to 3 p.m. only on paydays (15th or last day of the month)

Community

Not just another ...

Case of the 'baby blues'

by Spc. Stacy Harris
Mountaineer staff

You've carried the child for nine months. Finally, labor begins and you jet off to the hospital to have your newborn. After the day is done, you are sitting in the hospital bed holding on to a little baby boy or girl. Your life is about to change forever and it should be one of the happiest moments in your life. But what if it's not?

New mothers experience many new feelings after the arrival of a little one. The changes can be caused by a lack of sleep and range from moodiness to elevated stress levels. While some moodiness is normal, sometimes it isn't just the "baby blues." Sometimes it's actually a much more serious problem — postpartum depression.

"It's basically depression that seems to start soon after a baby's born," said Dr. Doris Lancaster, clinical psychologist, Fort Carson Mental Health Careline.

Typically, postpartum depression is usually seen within four weeks after childbirth, she said. A timeframe much longer than the initial postpartum period and the symptoms may be signaling a different kind of depression or a previous depression, she said. Some of the symptoms include fluctuations in mood, mood lability and a preoccupation with the infant's well being.

"You're looking for something that is over concern for the infant to delusions," Lancaster said.

Postpartum can't really be prevented, nor is it easy to diagnose.

"You can't force someone to come in (to the clinic)," she said. "I wouldn't know (how many are undiagnosed) if they are out there and don't come in."

Lancaster said most of the clients seen are referrals from midwives and doctors from the Fort Carson Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic that notice something out of the ordinary during the six-week checkup.

"You have to differentiate between postpartum blues and postpartum depression," she said. "Depression is a word that has been thrown around. Are we really depressed or are we just feeling a little sad or blue?"

"You have to weigh every case," Lancaster said.

"Depression is a serious issue."

Postpartum depression is a biological depression, which makes it different from the baby

blues, she said. Women who have already had postpartum depression and first-time mothers that have a strong history of depression are the highest at risk for it.

"The baby blues affects up to 70 percent of all women giving birth," she said, stating that the mood fluctuations and sad mood are more transient and doesn't impede the women from functioning on a daily basis.

Postpartum depression can be treated through medication, Lancaster said, but stressed "you have to think



It's supposed to be one of the happiest times of your life, but what if it's not?

twice about what you are putting into a woman who is breastfeeding. I don't think every mother that has postpartum depression needs to be medicated. You have to ask a couple of questions. How bad is she feeling? How safe is the baby?"

Lancaster said she treats depression by having the patient focus on thinking differently.

"The thought process and beliefs you have can affect your mood," she said. "Postpartum is probably triggered chemically, but the way you think is how it is treated."

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Dr. Doris Lancaster
clinical psychologist
Fort Carson Mental Health
Careline

The process to overcome postpartum depression can take time, Lancaster said. One of the complicating factors of depression is what kind of support system the mother has, and for military families, having their support system away from them makes it difficult.

"Everybody needs support," she said. "We are an option; the chaplains are an option also."

Another type of support system beneficial for female soldiers is postpartum physical

training, said Capt. Karen Brasfield, officer in charge, pregnancy and postpartum PT, Mountain Post Wellness Center.

Most of the females returning to postpartum PT have passed the stage where they have postpartum depression, Brasfield said. But, when they return, she said she is there for them to talk to if needed, and she even shares some of her experiences as a mother with them.

"When they come back, I really try to talk to them," Brasfield said. "I try to get to know them a little better and make sure everything (is all right)."

Brasfield said that when a soldier comes back to work after having a baby, it is a stressful change. After having a baby, the soldiers may be affected by a lack of sleep, financial stresses of a new baby and changes to the daily routines.

"The whole stress of getting out of the house (before PT) ... that's new to them," she said.

Overall, Brassfield said that postpartum PT helps the soldiers to relieve stress and get back into shape after having a baby. The exercise stimulates the body's endorphin production which helps alleviate stress levels.

"We have more stress as a military lifestyle," she said. "Life as a soldier after 9-11 changed forever."

Brasfield said she is like the mom of all the pregnant and postpartum soldiers on Fort Carson. If the soldiers have issues, they do come and talk to her, but if they are having a hard time coping with motherhood, she said they need to go to Mental Health and be screened.

"I really feel for them and someday I don't know how they make it," she said. But when it comes to asking for help, she said sometimes the new mothers are ashamed or they don't know where to turn.

"Having a baby is a life-altering event," Brasfield said.

For those who feel they need help, Lancaster said they should call the Fort Carson Mental Health Clinic at 526-7155. Appointments are running about one to two weeks out. Other options are walk-in appointments or during after hours, the emergency room. All patients seen in the clinic have confidentiality during their appointments.



Community Events

Meetings, briefings and surveys

Annual Housing Survey — In order to determine how well the Army is meeting the needs of the residents of on-post housing, an Armywide survey will be distributed to all on-post housing residents by the first week of May.

The results of the survey will allow the Army, and its current and future commercial partners, to make better decisions on how limited housing dollars are spent so as to provide the services and the facilities that are important to the on-post housing residents.

Occupants are requested to complete the questionnaires and then mail them in the enclosed postage paid envelope. A high return rate is essential to ensure the accuracy of the information, and all residents are being asked to complete the questionnaire.

Survey questions focus on residents' satisfaction with both housing and maintenance management services, as well as with the physical features of the housing, amenities, and community facilities. For more information, call Ken Gresko at 526-7573.

Miscellaneous

Asian Pacific Heritage Month Celebration — Come celebrate the Asian Pacific Heritage Month at the Elkhorn Conference Center May 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a variety of dances to be performed including Hawaiian, Samoan, Filipino, Micronesia/Guam and belly dancing. There will also be food and displays available.

Grass mowing — Due to budget constraints, grass mowing this season by the Directorate of Public Works, BASOPS contractor, LB&B, will be greatly reduced. The following areas will be the only areas mowed by LB&B: Nelson Boulevard from Gate 1 to Chiles Avenue; Manhart Field; Headquarters building 1430 and Pershing Field. Other building occupants will be required to mow their own grass up to and including 50 feet around their building. For additional information, contact Don Fuhrman at 526-2215.

The U.S. Air Force Academy has a draft Environmental Assessment available for public review. This assessment concerns a multi-year replacement and/or upgrade of military family housing residences on the academy. No issues are known to preclude a Finding of No Significant Impact, and a draft FONSI is included with the Environmental Assessment.

Interested persons may review or comment on the draft and FONSI by calling 333-3224, or review documents at the Academy Community Center Library.

The Regional Training Support Center, building 1230, will be closed Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. because of a scheduled upgrade of the electrical system. Areas closed will include: RTSC Photography Studio, Graphics, Training Aids Devices, Simulator and Simulations Warehouse and MILES. For emergencies, call 526-5111.

On-post housing availability — Any family waiting for junior enlisted on-post housing needs to come into the housing office in building 7301 Woodfill Road, room 104, and immediately verify their status on the waiting list, as well as update their contact information. The housing office has several homes becoming available in the very near future. Due to deployments and soldiers changing unit locations, we are having difficulties reaching those soldiers and/or their spouses. Hours of operation are Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or questions, call 526-2323.

Motion for Moms — Finally a program just for you, pregnant and post-partum moms. The program will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at Garcia Physical Fitness Center. To register, call 526-7030.

Annual leave donations — Judy Cole, DPTM, is in need of annual leave donations because of a serious medical condition which has exhausted her leave days. Call Kay Poland at 524-2005 for more information.

ACAP job openings — Army Career and Alumni Program currently has the following jobs listings for interested personnel. For more information about the jobs, call 526-1002.

What: System administrator in Colorado Springs Who: Applicants secret security clearance and Microsoft Windows NT experience

What: Security engineer in Albuquerque, N.M. Who: Applicants need high school diploma, OPSEC/EMSEC/COMPUSEC experience

What: College instructor in Colorado Springs Who: applicants need at least a master's degree. Full- and part-time positions available

What: Building mechanic in Tallahassee, Fla. Who: Applicants need a high school diploma and logistics experience

Fountain-Fort Carson Summer Learning Institute — Fountain-Fort Carson School District is once again offering a summer school for kindergarten through 11th graders. The elementary program will be offered at Aragon and Mountainside Elementary Schools and the middle school program will be held at Fountain-Fort Carson High School June 9 to 17 from 8 a.m. to noon. The high school program will be held June 9 to July 18 from 8 a.m. to noon.

A variety of challenging and stimulating classes are being offered to engage your child in the learning process. Whether your child needs review, enrichment or course credit, our programs will provide for your child's needs. To enroll, stop by one of our elementary schools for the elementary registration packet, a middle school or high school for the secondary registration packet, or the administration building for either packet. Plan for your children to attend this highly successful program this summer.

Car care clinic — Fort Carson Car Care Center will be conducting a Car Care Clinic on basics of maintenance upkeep, i.e.: Topics include: How to check oil, tire pressure, other fluids, and changing bulbs

Clinics will be held Saturday at 2

p.m. at the Carson Car Care Center, building 1515, corner of Chiles and Prussman Streets.

This is a free clinic to help spouses of deployed soldiers. Call Debbie Jensen or Dan Fadler at 576-6570 for more information.

The Fort Carson Commissary will be closed Memorial Day, and will resume normal hours May 27.

Vehicle Loading ramps — From June 2 through July 18 the Directorate of Logistics' Vehicle Storage yard loading ramps, building 8020, can not be used for loading or unloading of vehicles due to construction. The loading ramps are being upgraded at that time. Units that need loading or unloading of trucks will need to use one of the two docks located on Minick Ave. (behind unit motorpools) For more information, call Allen Jackson, DOL engineering technician, 526-2896, or Roy Hakenberg, 526-6042.

Hiring Opportunities

The Directorate of Contracting, in partnership with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center announces a unique opportunity for business graduates in the Fort Carson area. The DOC is hiring a number of candidates with bachelor's degrees in business-related fields for Contract Specialist and Industrial Property Management Specialist positions through the new Federal Career Intern Program. Candidates will be screened, interviewed and potentially hired at the upcoming "Open House" hiring event.

Federal Contract Hiring Event will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Workforce Center. These full-time federal civilian positions begin at GS-5 or GS-7 levels, with promotional and development opportunities in the future. Civilian positions offer a comprehensive benefits package, paid holidays, family-friendly work policies, and the sense of satisfaction and purpose that comes from public service.

Interested candidates should bring the following to the hiring event: resume, copies of college transcripts showing business-related degree and documentation of veteran status, if applicable.

For contracting positions: Bachelor's degree with at least 24 semester hours in any combination of the following fields: accounting, business, finance, law, contracts, purchasing, economics, industrial management, marketing, quantitative methods, or organization and management.

For property management positions: Bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting, law, marketing, statistics, production management, or industrial management; or one year of experience with management, control, utilization, or disposition of personal or industrial property; or three years of general business and/or industrial experience that demonstrated the ability to deal satisfactorily with others.

OPM representatives will assist candidates in completing an online occupational questionnaire, and possibly set them up for on-site interviews. Hiring decisions will be made shortly after the event.

Qualified and interested candidates are encouraged to participate. For more information, call 526-8318 or e-mail



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Water restrictions

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Claims against the estate of:

Sgt. 1st Class Deborah L. Johnsen: With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. 1st Class Deborah L. Johnsen, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate should contact Capt. Chad M. Callahan, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 759th Military Police Battalion, 526-5106.

Staff Sgt. Efrem L. Williamson: With deepest regret to the family of Staff Sgt. Efrem L. Williamson, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate would contact 1st Lt. Christina R. Pagano at 526-1585 or 526-1591.

Chief Warrant Officer Brian K. Van Dusen: With deepest regret to the family of Chief Warrant Officer Brian K. Van Dusen, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate would contact Capt. Jae Pyon at 524-3529.

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Chapel

National Prayer Breakfast — The National Prayer Breakfast is Wednesday at 7 a.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. The National Prayer Breakfast began under the Eisenhower administration and is observed annually at the White House, in many communities, and on most military installations around the world. It is a time to stress our unity under God, as Americans and believers, and to pray for the spiritual health, blessing and protection of our nation.

Guest speaker this year is retired Col. Harold Johnson, United States Air Force, who spent six years in the Hanoi Hilton as a prisoner of war. He was held prisoner of war until his release March 4, 1973, spending a total of 2,135 days in captivity.

Harmony In Motion, Hannah Lee and the "Prayer for the Nation" given by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Steve Moon, 7th Infantry Division chaplain, will also be at the event. Breakfast is provided by the Elkhorn Conference Center.

Tickets are limited this year, so get yours early. Tickets are available from all command sergeant majors and chaplains, a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, contact the Command Chaplain's Office, 526-5279.

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Chapel Schedule

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/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	Jim Sciegel/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Sunday	8 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Olson/526-5772
EASTERN ORTHODOX					
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Simmons/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Drake/526-4206
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Atkins/524-1822
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kincaid/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	6:30 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
LITURGICAL PROTESTANT					
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					
2nd and 4th Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Spiritual	Fitness Center	Barkeley & Ellis	Ms. Costantino-Mead/ (303) 428-7703

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 — Psalms 128 & 1 Peter 3-5

Saturday — Psalms 129 & 2 Peter

Sunday — Psalms 130 & 1 John 1-3

Monday — Psalms 131 & 1 John 4-5

Tuesday — Psalms 132 & 2 John, 3 John,

Jude

Wednesday — Psalms 133 & John 1-2

Thursday — Psalms 134 & John 3-4

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 10th Infantry Division, (Light Mountain, headquartered at Fort Drum, N.Y.)

Army: For all Army wives, past and present, whose quiet sacrifices to the nation may never be noticed, but whose service in the cause of freedom is immeasurable.

State: For all soldiers and families from the state of New York. Pray also for Gov. George E. Pataki, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Empire State.

Nation: For the thousands of mayors of villages, towns and cities in our land, that God would strengthen them to lead their communities.

Religious: For all Army mothers on Mother's Day (Sunday) and for our great Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps on Armed Forces Day.

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.

Chaplain's Corner

Rebuilding through faith ...

Bible best guide for family, life problems

Commentary by
Chap. (Maj.) Allen Stahl
Garrison chaplain

Recently tornadoes in the Midwest destroyed many homes, buildings and lives. Many people who have lived through the devastations of floods, winds or earthquakes hesitate to rebuild in the same spot lest it happen again.

Others, however, build again with courage and conviction, determined to keep their home. They know they have to build in the necessary precautions and engineer a better house — but their love for their home is that vital force that keeps them building on the same spot again and again.

Many hesitate to rebuild a marriage or a faltering family, but it too can frequently be done — provided the vital force is a Godly faith that works by love is present. So there is always hope for a better life, a better marriage, a better family life. Yet, we need the wisdom to know what to keep, what to add and what to let go. Gradually, people learn this through God and through those around them who know the way.

The Bible is the best instruction book on how to build the best life, the best marriage and the best

family. If you are like me, the last thing I read is the instruction booklet that comes with the things I buy. Why bother? Anyone can figure this out. Yet, when we are frustrated and at our wit's end, we finally take that booklet to heart. We realize reading it first would have made the job much easier and better.

Jesus reminded his disciples to build a good foundation; built upon rock, not sand. How often we hear about multi-million dollar homes in California slipping down into the ocean after a torrential rain. Without a firm foundation, we build in vain.

Building a firm foundation for one's life is one of the reasons why people go to worship services. They are trying to find ways of building a better life from the bottom up. What better way can be found than from the master builder him-

self? One should leave the service thinking, "There's something I didn't know before. This will strengthen my marriage, my relationship with others and even my family life." We are left with the question.

The foundations of most buildings are unseen and hidden from view. But, the foundations of our life, our marriage and our family can easily be seen by us and others. Maybe now is a good time to check those foundations.



Chapel

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

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Water safety: Boaters should always wear life jackets, stay sober in the boat

by David Hartzell
Fort Carson Safety Office

Just prior to Memorial Day weekend, is National Safe Boating Week, Saturday to May 23.

The National Safe Boating Council, the National Association of Safe Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard are sponsoring the event. The week will focus on life-jacket wear to increase awareness among recreational boaters. It's not enough to have the life vest on board — boaters must wear them to save lives.

According to the latest Coast Guard statistics from 2001, nearly 80 percent of those who died in boating accidents were not wearing life jackets, even though there were life jackets on board. Colorado recorded 10 boating related deaths in 2001. Two-thirds of the reported fatalities involved capsizing and falls overboard, making drowning the number one cause of boating fatalities. Wearing a life jacket while boating is the best way to avoid these very preventable deaths.

How can you select the right life jacket? The NSBC has booklets, developed by the Personal Flotation Device Manufacturer Association, on everything you need to know about life jacket selection. Pick one you feel comfortable in and will wear. You can find new life jackets that are lighter, more flexible and more comfortable, making it easier than ever

to wear it. Even with a life jacket, boaters can quickly succumb to hypothermia, a condition in which the body fails to maintain its normal temperature, resulting in loss of mental or physical ability. To increase your odds of survival in cold water, make sure you wear the right life jacket for the activity, location and water temperature. Try to get out of the water by climbing onto the boat or other floating object,

because cold water depletes body heat much faster than air. It is very common for water in Colorado to be cold into the summer months.

The five top tips for boating safety are simple and can dramatically reduce your chances of being hurt or killed in a boating accident:

1. Wear your life jacket.
2. Stay sober in your boat.
3. Take a safe boating course.
4. Get your boat checked.
5. Be aware of carbon monoxide.

Here are a few more facts about boating fatalities in 2001:

1. 34 percent of all boating fatalities involved some alcohol.
2. Highest numbers of deaths were among boaters ages 40 to 49.
3. About 80 percent of all boating fatalities occurred in which the operator had not completed a boating safety course.
4. Worst months for fatalities: May, June and July.

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6. Capsizing and falls caused 60 percent of the deaths overboard.

7. Collision with another vessel was the most commonly reported accident.

There are many ways to gain information on Boating Safety and National Safe Boating Week. Contact any one of the campaign partners, the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety at www.uscg-boating.org, the U.S. Coast Guard Info Line at (800) 368-5647, the National Safe Boating Council at www.safeboatingcouncil.org, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators at www.nasbla.org or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at www.cgaux.org. The Fort Carson Safety Office also has brochures and information on boating safety.

In the local Colorado Springs area you can contact Dave Story at 391-2181 or at flotilla@lycos.com for free Vessel Safety Checks. Vessel inspections can be scheduled now from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through Aug. 24. These checks can be done at your home. If your boat meets the requirements, you will be issued a Vessel Safety Check decal. Please ensure you have the proper equipment aboard your boat prior to the inspection. Also, Story can provide you information on Boating Safety Classes.

The annual campaign heightens boater awareness just prior to Memorial Day, the unofficial start of the boating season. By being safer and smarter on the water, we allow law enforcement officials to concentrate on other duties.

Time to turn off the heat ...

Schedule for cooling changeover

by Peggy Martinez

Directorate of Public Works

It's that time of year again when everyone starts thinking about summer and the inevitable heating season to cooling season transition.

Thursday, LB&B Associates Inc. began the seasonal transition from heating to cooling. As always the transition will be done by type of facility to minimize discomfort for the residents and users of all of our facilities. Following is a schedule for the transition.

Heating turn off

Thursday to May 23 — Child-care and community service facilities regardless of the block in which they are located.

May 27 to 30 — All residential facilities and all buildings located in the following blocks: 800, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500 and

2700.

June 2 to 9 — All warehouse and storage facilities throughout the industrial area of the installation and all buildings located in the following blocks: 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 900, 2600, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 6000, 6100, 8000, 9000, 9600 and all areas outside the main cantonment.

Cooling turn on

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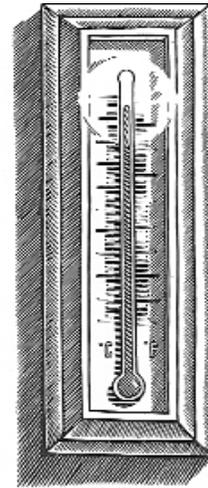
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Requests for repair work for heating and cooling systems may be called in to the Work Order Desk at 526-5345 at any time. We do ask however, that all occupants use their good judgment in requesting repair work for a cooling system that has not been turned on yet.

Questions concerning this schedule should be directed to the DPW Contract Officer Representative, Vince Guthrie at 526-9262.





Construction Up Ahead

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer Staff

A new barracks complex, a dining facility that will be one of the biggest in the Army, a centralized troop medical clinic with state-of-the-art equipment, an 8-foot high security fence around the post's main area and a \$30 million digital multipurpose range complex – that's just a few of the major construction projects either in progress or in development by Fort Carson's Directorate of Public Works to improve the security, training and quality of life at the Mountain Post.

Over the next five years, DPW has more than \$237 million worth of improvements planned for the installation, according to its latest monthly project review.

Edward Whitcraft, acting director, DPW, said the overall purpose of the new construction is to ensure Fort Carson "has first-class housing, training and recreation facilities to draw soldiers here and encourage them to want to stay in the Army."

Currently, single soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team are staying in barracks that were built in the early 1960s, but a new complex is being constructed for them at the corner of Nelson Boulevard and Barkeley Avenue. The project is 60 percent complete and is projected to be finished next year.

"The new barracks will meet the Army's one plus one standard. That's where every soldier has a

living space to himself that he can lock, with lower enlisted sharing a shower, bath and kitchenette," Whitcraft said.

Additionally, a new barracks complex for Carson's Medical Company soldiers near Evans Army Community Hospital is scheduled to be completed by 2006, which will also meet the Army's one plus one standard, Whitcraft said.

Construction is also under way to make going to sick call easier. A former dining facility in building 1042 is being renovated to accommodate a consolidated troop medical clinic. The \$3 million project will create a centralized location which can service most soldiers on Carson, Whitcraft said.

Soldiers are getting a new place to eat as well. The ground has already been broken for one of the biggest dining facilities in the Army, which will stand adjacent to the post headquarters on Specker Avenue and service the 43rd Area Support Group, Whitcraft said.

Plans to improve the post's security are also in the works.

"Later this year, we're going to put up a seven-foot chain link fence with a foot of barbed wire on top of it around the post's cantonment area," Whitcraft said.

The security fence will tie in with the post's new gates, which have a multilane toll booth design. Gate 1 is 90 percent complete, and construction has

begun on Gates 2 and 3 and is scheduled to start on Gate 4 Monday.

"Eventually, each gate will have an electronic card reading device that will be able to scan (Department of Defense) identification cards to allow access," Whitcraft said.

Besides security, new construction projects are also planned to take full advantage of the post's training areas.

"When you include Piñon Canyon, Fort Carson has the second largest training area in the Army," Whitcraft said.

Carson plans to attract more active duty, Reserve and Guard components to utilize these areas by updating existing ranges and constructing new ones.

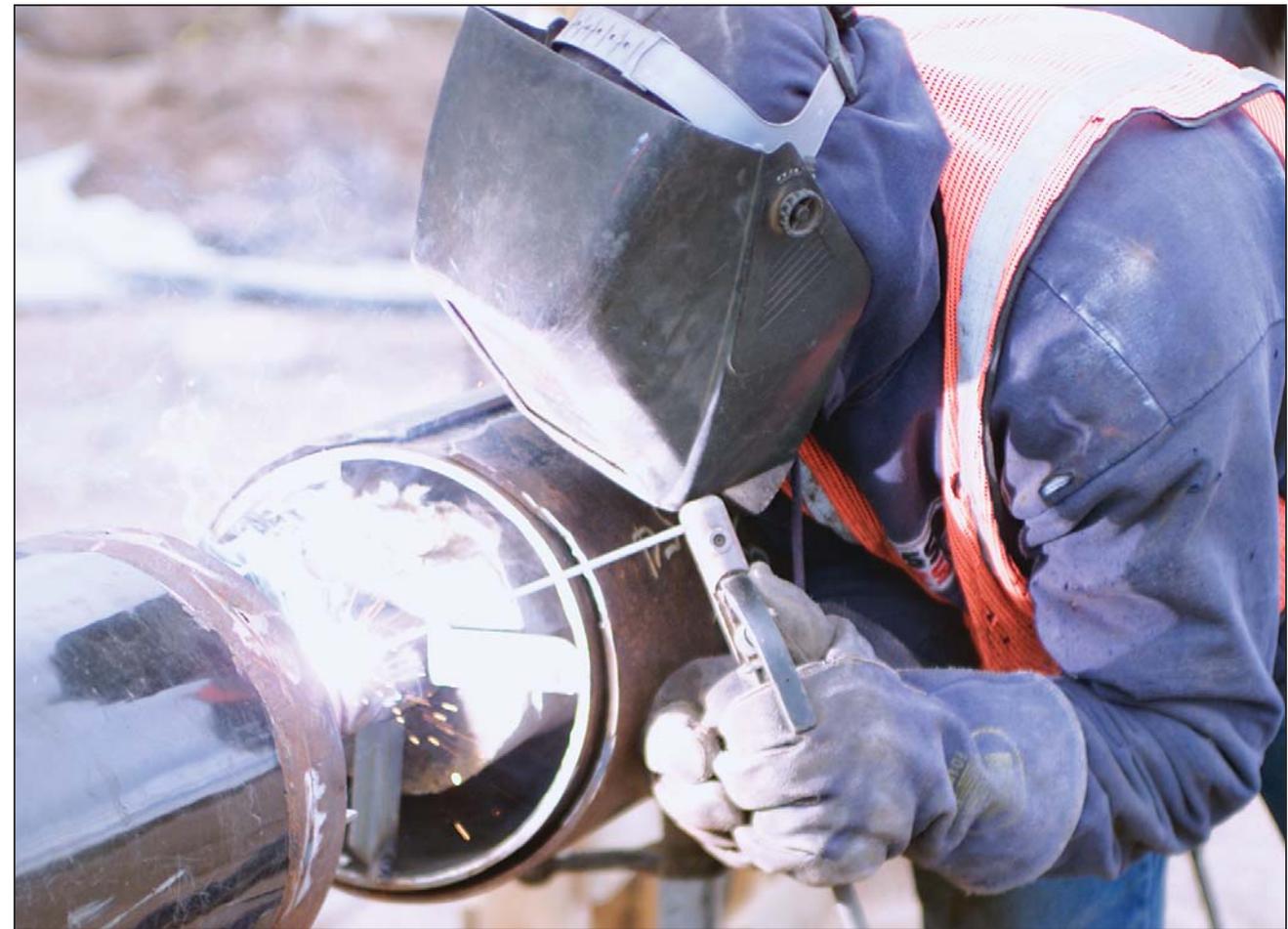
Over the next few years, construction of a multi-purpose machine gun range, a shoothouse, a battle simulation center and a digital multipurpose range complex are planned, according to the DPW's project review.

"The ranges that are slated to be built and modernized are going to ring us into the 21st century," Whitcraft said.

Based on DPW's current and projected construction projects, the future of the Mountain Post is clear – more training, tighter security and a higher quality of life for the soldiers. In short, Fort Carson will be a better place to work and live.



Site of the future 3rd Brigade Combat Team barracks complex –the project is 60 percent complete and is scheduled to be finished sometime late next year.



Brian Millikan solders pipes for the water lines for the new one-plus-one standard barracks complex being built for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team alongside Nelson Boulevard.

Photos by Spc. Jon Wiley



Carlos Caballero uses a tamper machine to pack the dirt for the foundation of a building in the new barracks complex.



Guy Norris digs a trench for electrical power lines for the new barracks complex.

Volunteers:

Making a difference in our community

Courtesy Gwen Ragle

Installation Volunteer Coordinator

Fort Carson is blessed with many outstanding volunteers who serve in various organizations — all focused on making Fort Carson a better place for those who work and live here.

Weekly articles have featured the various organizations that serve our community. We have also listed the names of the volunteers of each of the organizations who registered with the installation during 2002. This article features the dedication of volunteers of the Officers' Wives Club Charitable Organization, the Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization, the Thrift Shop, Harmony in Motion, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the Directorate of Community Activities.

These organizations and their volunteers, as do all of our volunteers, strive to share their knowledge, skills, and love of the community and the

Army to find innovative ways to improve the quality of life for everyone at Fort Carson. The volunteers of these organizations give countless hours every year to projects such as: SHARE Colorado and St. Nick's Tea. Volunteers from these organizations are also serving the community daily by brightening our lives through music, assisting soldiers and families in need of emergency food support, and provid-

ing assistance and information to those who need our moral support services. Volunteers of the Thrift Shop dedicate their time and skills to providing an opportunity for soldiers and family members to stretch their dollars and obtain quality merchandise. A

smile and a thank you is all volunteers need to make their efforts worthwhile.

Fort Carson will honor the volunteers of these organizations and other installation volunteer agencies at a community picnic at Ironhorse Park May 31 from noon to 3 p.m. Please join the Fort Carson Morale Support Program and the community for food,

entertainment and fun for children and adults. Child and Youth Services will provide children's games and activities. Installation awards for outstanding volunteers will be presented by Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson. We hope to see you at Ironhorse Park (inclement weather — the Special Events Center) to recognize Fort Carson volunteers.

There are opportunities for everyone to volunteer at Fort Carson. Join the Mountain Post Volunteer Team and make a difference in your life and the lives of others. Call the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 526-4590 for more information.

Enlisted Spouses' Charitable Organization

Alexander, Kim
Beach, Alicia
Burton, Erica
Crowe, Hayden
Crowe, Hoden
Crowe, Nikki
Galvez, April
Hende, Heidi
Johnson, Kristi
Keller, Brenda
Little, CiGi
McWilliams, Georgia
Miltko, Kelly
Payne, Andrea
Payne, Dennis
Payne, Keegan
Payne, Logan
Payne, Michael

Phipps, Jane
Ragle, Gwen
Roy, Connie
Russell, Heidi
Schnitker, Lory ann
Settle, Michelle

Officer Wives' Charitable Organization

Aaron, Liz
Andrews, Karen
Andrews, Sarah
Battaglia, Dinae
Behringer, Karen
Campbell, Diane
Chambers, Alma
Cleveland, Mary Ann
DiSalvo, Leigh
Finney, Jean
Fitzgerald, Megan
Forman, Sonya
Gomez, Beth
Green, Susan
Holowiti, Lee
Harper, Karen
Harriman, Marilyn
Ivy, Alice
Knowlton, Corey
Kranc, Molly
Jablonski, Karen
Lamey, Kimberly
Langford, Marie
Maccagnan, Debbie
Mackall, Michelle
Nadal, Jessica
Perna, Susan
Piscal, Theresa
Powell, Angie
Powell, Effie
Reynolds, Karen
Rideout, Karen
Rudesheim, Peggy
Scott, Sonia
Stevens, Renee



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Tudor, Nichole
Welch, Julie
Wilson, Lynn
Zigler, Dee Dee

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Alexander, Kim
Ancina, Richard
Arneson, Garth
Arneson, Kelsey
Arneson, Lindsay
Arneson, Mary
Arneson, Shari
Bledsoe, Corey
Brooks, Jason
Classen, Joshua
Cline, Steve
Collins, Jim
Contart, Bradley
Coppi, Matt
Craft, Kayla
Cruz, Julie
Cuneo, Kerry
Danzler, Mary
Davis, Amanda
Dawson, Robin
DelaRosa, Lisa
Drakeford, Angela
Drakeford, Dexter
Dillion, Kellie
Espinoza, Rafael
Farrand, Nicholas
Felton, Walker
Fenner, Richard
Flynn, Valarie
Gaines, Bryan
Galvez, April
Gonzalez, Luis
Gapko, Mary
Greenwalt, Terena
Hawthorne, Annette
Hawthorne, Morgan
Hohman, Brian
Hulbert, Michelle
Hudson, Rosalinda

Hughes, Keith
Irizarry, Denise
Jackson, Eddie
Kelley, Mike
Kilthron, Brandon
Lane, Jim
Lane, Pat
Lane, Ray
Leake, Frances
Levy, Daniel
Lopez, Daniel
Luckens, Joseph
Mack, Ein
Mancayo, Candice
Mancayo, Deb
Mancayo, John
Mancayo, Kayla
Marin, Michael
McCoy, Kimberly
McLoughlin, Robert
McMichael, Norma
Mcriure, Anthony
Medina, Miquel
Moore, David
Mosher, Kelly
Motton, Tiana
Munoz, Cheri
Munoz, Steve
Nadal, Jessica
Paige, Tyrone
Patterson, Ron
Pateron, Rochelle
Payne, Andrea
Payne, Dennis
Payne, Michael
Payne, Mike
Penwell, Christopher
Penwell, Doreen
Potter, Chris
Powell, Effie
Opalenski, Nicholas
Ragle, Gerry
Ragle, Gwendolyn
Rittenhouse, Angela
Rittenhouse, David
Robinson, Glenn
Rodriguez, Laura
Rolack, Antoinetta
Rollins, Jasmine
Rosa, Gary
Samuel, Doretta
Saint Germain, Christopher
Saint Germain, Juliana
Schramm, Daniel

Schramm, Marvie
Selby, Dwarnelle
Smith, Duane
Stall, Cheryl
Stanley, Ann
Steanthrealt, Diana
Sternner, Diana
Strabla, Raleigh
Thomas, Mihalko
Topp, Peter
Topp, Regina
Trombitas, Kellie
Trombitas, Simeon
Trotter, Walter
Tuttle, Thomas T.
Vande Kamp, Cari
Villanueva, Gregorio
Walker, Patricia
Walton, Dellana
Watkins, Charlie
Weeber, Jessica
Williams, Damian
Yates, Barry
Yates, Emmanuel
Yates, Joshua
Young, Michael
Zapier, Jaime

Thrift shop

Alie, Mrs.
Arbelle, Claudie
Archart, Art
Archart, Lisa
Ario, Chris
Aubin, Carson
Bellon, Beth
Bond, Gisela
Bones, Irene
Bronson, Kay
Burgess, Petra
Carlton, Mary
Coppock, Tammy
Cumfer, Kathy *
Gonzalez, Alie
Gonzalez, Elie
Guerrero, Carmen
Hall, Sherry
Hanlen, Kate
Helmick, Diane
Hohmam, Sandra
Housam, Frieda
Johnson, Debbie
Johnson, Rosi
Langdon, Harriett

Littleton, Nicole
Littleton, Rebecca
Luken, Joyce
Maccagnan, Debbie
Marino, Trudy
Ohilie, Davy
Palmer, Barbara
Pietrosanti, Pat
Picinich, Karen
Prescott, Paula
Richards, Nancy
Rowe, Kenny
Schaefer, Sharon
Schneikelen, Cathy
Spriggs, Kelly
Warren, John
Wheatley, Ann
Winget, Helga
Winget, January

Noncommissioned Officers Association

Capps, Stephen
Carnahan, Diane
Carnahan, Scott
Cupp, Lonny
Grant, Jim
Kelly, Connie
Kelly, Gary
Mallette, James
Peneranda, Ramiro
Ragle, Gerry
Ragle, Gwendolyn
Ranck, Dave
Schumacher, Curt

Harmony in Motion

Baldwin, Janine, Spc.
Cartwright, Rebekah, Spc.
Claybrooks, Travis, Spc.
Henry, Tanya, Spc.
Knight, Wanda, Staff Sgt.
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Roberts, April, Sgt.
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Sports & Leisure

Byers, Sieracki capture national wrestling titles

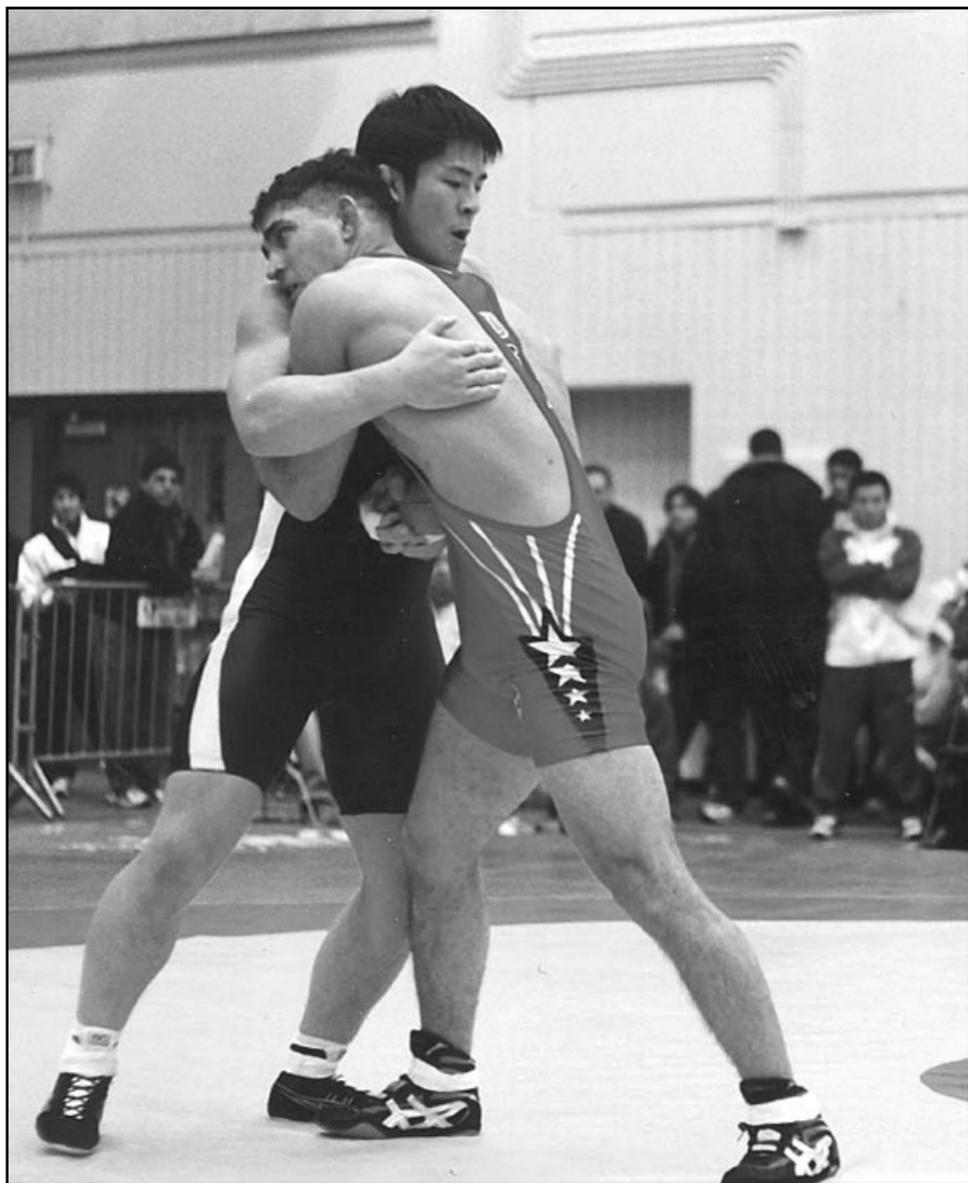


Photo by Bill Scharton

Fort Carson Army World Class Athlete Program Greco-Roman wrestler Keith Sieracki, right, takes on an opponent earlier this year at the Dave Schultz Memorial Tournament in Colorado Springs. Sieracki successfully defended his 74kilograms/163 pounds. individual weight class national championship Saturday and Sunday in Las Vegas.

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson Army World Class Athlete Program Greco-Roman wrestlers Dremiel Byers and Keith Sieracki captured individual weight class championships Saturday at the U.S. National Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas.

Byers was expected to meet 2000 Olympic champion Rulon Gardner for the Greco-Roman super heavyweight title at the 2003 nationals. However, this did not materialize because Gardner was defeated 4-2 in overtime by Air Force WCAP wrestler Corey Farkas in the semifinals. At the same time, Byers was defeating Army teammate Paul Devlin 4-0 in the other semifinal match.

Therefore, it turned out to be an Army versus Air Force clash for the 2003 Greco-Roman super heavyweight national crown. In the title tilt, Byers kept his title of best super heavyweight in the world intact with a 3-0 win over Farkas.

Byers used a lift and throw in the first period to score all of his points. It turned out to be a lift he was not sure he could complete.

"It was slower than I thought it was going to be," Byers said. "Farkas is big. He's probably about 290 lbs right now.

"Winning these tournaments just confirms the things that people have been telling me for years. They tell me I have it in me to be an Olympic champion. I am believing it too."

Two weeks ago, Byers was named the 2002 Greco-Roman Wrestler of the Year by USA Wrestling.

Sieracki was the defending Greco-Roman national champion at 74 kg/163 lbs., and he successfully defended his weight class crown with a 6-1 decision over college freshman Kenneth Cook from Ames, Iowa.

It was a tough road to the title tilt for Sieracki. He had to pull off four victories to make it to the finals.

Several other Fort Carson Army WCAP wrestlers placed in the top eight of their weight class at nationals.

Army female freestyler Tina George lost the 55kg/121 lbs. championship match to Tela O'Donnell by the count of 6-4. Army teammate Iris Smith earned a bronze medal in the 72kg/158.5 lbs. weight class with a 10-0 technical fall over Elena Mena.

In men's freestyle competition, Army's Dominic Black (96kg/211.5 pounds) and Jason Kutz (60kg/132 lbs.) placed fourth and sixth respectively.

Devlin lost to Gardner in the Greco-Roman super heavyweight third place match. The other top eight finishers for Army WCAP Greco-Roman wrestlers included: Anthony Gibbons, fourth at 55kg/121 lbs.; Michael Santos, sixth at 55kg/121 lbs.; Glenn Nieradka, second at 60kg/132 lbs.; Glenn Garrison, third at 66kg/145.5 lbs.; Oscar Wood, fourth at 66kilograms/145.5 lbs; and Jason Loukides, seventh at 96kg/211.5 lbs.

Lewis named Greco-Roman coach of year

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer staff

Army World Class Athlete Program Head Wrestling Coach Shon Lewis has been selected 2002 Greco-Roman coach of the year by USA Wrestling.

Lewis served as the assistant coach of the 2002 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team that placed fifth in the World Championships in Moscow last fall. This world team was led by Army WCAP super heavyweight Dremiel Byers who became the first military wrestler to win a world championship.

This year, USA Wrestling picked Lewis to be the head coach for the 2003 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team. This marked the first time an Army coach was picked to be the head coach for a world team.

"It feels outstanding," said Lewis about the selection as world team head coach. "I'm excited about this opportunity to lead this team.

"This is the first, and hopefully not the last, time," said Lewis. He said he hopes he or other

Army Coaches, will continue to get assignments as the head coach or assistant coach for the World Championships, World Cup or Olympics."

Lewis, an Oakland, Calif., native, joined the Army in 1990. As a soldier-athlete in the Army WCAP, Lewis won six Armed Forces Greco-Roman wrestling titles and competed in the World Military Championships. He was the 1993 Army Athlete of the Year.

Lewis also competed on the 1993 and 1999 U.S. World Championships teams. He was a four-time U.S. Nationals Greco-Roman champion (1993, 1994, 1996, 1998) and was a medalist in three U.S. Olympic Trials (1992, 1996, 2000).

"WCAP meant a lot to me as a soldier-athlete and now as a coach," Lewis said. "Without WCAP, I wouldn't still be participating in the sport of wrestling. WCAP has allowed me the opportunity to continue in my quest to improve as a coach. My mission right now is to put WCAP athletes on the world and Olympic teams."



Photo by Bill Scharton

Shon Lewis, All-Army Team and Army World Class Athlete Program head wrestling coach, was named the 2002 Greco-Roman coach of the year by USA Wrestling. Lewis was picked by USA Wrestling to be the head coach for the 2003 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team.

Sprint to the finish

Carson Eagles' track, field team prepare for season finale

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer Staff

The Carson Middle School track and field team will wrap up its 2003 season Saturday at the Fountain-Fort Carson High School Sports Complex. Fourteen middle school teams will compete for the league title in the season-ending event. Field events begin at 8:30 a.m. and running events get under way at 9 a.m.

On May 8, the Eagles warmed up for the season finale by traveling to Manitou Springs to compete in a four-way meet against middle schools from Cañon City, Ellicott and Manitou Springs.

In this meet, the Eagles' 7th-grade girls team and 8th-grade boys squad both finished in second place against their equal grade counterparts. The Eagles' 8th-grade girls team and 7th-grade boys team both placed third in their equal grade standings.

The Eagles had several individual event winners at the May 8 meet.

Eagles' 8th-grade boys competitor Alexis Rodriguez earned a pair of first place finishes in the 110-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash. The other 8th-grade boys highlights included: Josh Nichols, first place in high jump, third in long jump, second in 800-meter run, and third in 1600-meter run; Emanuel Taylor, first in the 100-meter dash, second in shot put and discus; Dominique Figueroa, first in long jump and third in 100-meter dash; LaJon Caldwell, third in 110-meter hurdles and triple jump; Paul Conway, second in 1600-meter run; R.J. Espiritu, second in 200-meter dash; Chris Shamlee, fourth in triple jump; Tim Deeren, third in high jump; Shamlee, Espiritu, Allen Johnson, Michael Ventura, second in 800-meter relay; Shamlee, Figueroa, Caldwell, Rodriguez, second in 400-meter relay.

Eagles' 8th-grade girls team sprinters Kiara Pittman (200-meter dash) and Zoria Brooks (400-meter dash) earned blue ribbons. Pittman also placed second in the 100-meter dash and Brooks finished second in the 200-meter dash.

The other top performances for the 8th-grade girls were: Ashley Broughton,



Photos by Bill Scharton

Carson Middle School 7th-grade girls high jump record holder Crystal Grandberry is silhouetted against the blue sky and clouds during a track and field meet May 8 in Manitou Springs. She set the school record of 4-10 earlier this season and will be trying to clear the five-foot barrier in the season finale Saturday.

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Next at bat ...

Tournaments to highlight Fort Carson pre-seasonal intramural softball games

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer Staff

Intramural softball teams at Fort Carson warmed up for the regular season this week with pre-season tournament play.

Four separate tournaments were put together by Lamon Spencer, interim director of intramurals at Fort Carson. The four tournaments were labeled Mount Oxford, Mount Yale, Mount Belford and Mount Lincoln (field names at the Mountain Post Sports Complex).

According to Spencer, when regular season league play gets under way Monday, four separate leagues will be in action and play will always be on the same field — Mount Oxford, Mount Belford, Mount Yale and Mount Lincoln (coed).

In the Mount Oxford pre-season tournament, 2nd Brigade, 91st Division Training Support steam-rolled opponents on the way to the championship. 2nd Bn., 91 DTS buried a reserve unit (2/361 Battalion, 2-91st Division Training Support) from South Dakota 21-9 in the title tilt.

Shortstop Adam Palmisano was the slugging star for 2nd, Bn, 91st DTS in the championship game. He belted a two-run homer and a grand slam to pace the offensive attack.

“We are coming together as a team,” said

Palmisano. “We are starting to hit the ball and I think we will have a good season.”

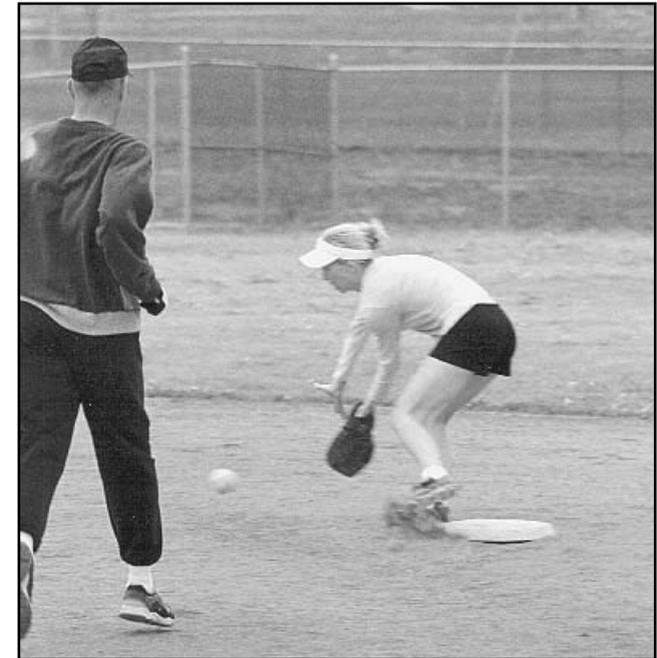
Bryangt Rushing, coach of the tourney title winning 2nd Bn., 91st DTS club, was pleased with the team’s performance in the pre-season event. “We scored 88 runs in four games and held the opponents to 13,” Rushing said. “Eight of these players also play on a competitive team in the Colorado Springs Park and Recreation league. So we should have a very competitive club when intramurals start.”

It took two games to decide the champion in the Mount Belford pre-season tourney. The team from 32nd Transportation Company came through the loser’s bracket and defeated winner’s bracket team 4th Finance Battalion 17-8 in the first game and this forced a second encounter to decide the title.

“We wanted to make them play two games,” said 32nd TC catcher Timothy Wilson following the first game victory. “We want to make them earn it.”

In the second contest, 4th Finance did earn the title with a 14-7 win. Trailing 7-5 in the third inning, 4th Finance scored nine unanswered runs in the final three innings to earn the crown.

The coed pre-season tournament was a six team affair and the squad from 3rd Battalion, 361st



by Bill Scharton

Amy Mullaney gets ready to record an out at for the 3rd Battalion, 361st Regiment (Treehuggers) coed intramural softball team Tuesday during the championship game of the coed league pre-season tournament. The Treehuggers outslugged 5025th Military Police Company 16-10 in the title tilt.

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second in the 100-meter hurdles and fourth in the triple jump; Candice McCollum, third in the triple jump; Ashley Ricks, third in the 200-meter dash; Pittman, Ricks, Brooks, Amanda Davis, first in the 400-meter relay; and Pittman, Ricks, McCollum, Brooks, first in the 800-meter relay.

Three members of Carson's 7th-grade boys team picked up first place finishes. Terrance Hutchins placed first in the long jump (also second in the 100-meter dash), Rodney Watson won the 110-meter hurdles (also second in the long jump) and Jason Schatz finished first in the 200-meter dash. The other highlights for the 7th-grade boys included:

Jacob Salinas, fourth in the shot put; Dominique Staples, fifth in the 400-meter dash; and Schatz, Hutchins, Watson, Jerry Ventura, second in the 400-meter relay.

Crystal Grandberry, Candice Buckles and Raven Ray earned individual event blue ribbons for the Eagles' 7th-grade girls squad. Grandberry won the high jump event and is undefeated in the event this season. She set a new school record of 4-10 in the event earlier this season and will be seeking to break the five-foot barrier Saturday. Buckles won the 100-meter dash and also placed second in the 200-meter dash. Ray finished first in the shot put.

Other top performances for the 7th-grade girls included: Grandberry, second in the long jump; Krystina Richardson, third in the 100-meter hurdles and fourth in the 100-meter dash; Jasmine King, third in the long jump and 200-meter dash; Ashley Arney, fourth in the 400-meter dash; Demi DeLoach, fifth in the 400-meter dash; Ajasta Blake, second in the 800-meter dash; Kye Lewis, fifth in the 800-meter run; Tamara Tillman, third in the shot put; Courtney

Morris, fourth in the 200-meter dash; DeLoach, Buckles, Arney, Richardson, first in the 800-meter relay; DeLoach, Grandberry, Buckles, Richardson, first in the 400-meter relay.

Eagles' head coach Rose Terrell and first-year assistants Justin Arnell and Mark Perkins have been doing technique drills and polishing skills this week heading into the big finale Saturday.

"This group is a well-disciplined team," said Terrell. "The best Carson group in years. If they stay focused, I expect them to do really well on Saturday."



Photo by Bill Scharton

Carson Middle School 7th-grader Rodney Watson soars like an Eagle during the long jump competition May 8. She finished second in the long jump and also captured a first place in the 110-meter hurdles.

Sports briefs

Skate Night returns to Special Events Center

Starting Saturday, Skate Night will be moving back to the Special Events Center.

Beginners skate from 3 to 5 p.m. From 5 to 9 p.m., skating is open to everyone.

There is a \$1 admission fee and the skate rental fee is also \$1. A snack bar will also be available.

10 K Freedom Fun Run set for Saturday

A 10-kilometer Freedom Fun Run, co-sponsored by the Directorate of Community Activities and the Association of the United States Army, will take place Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Special Events Center. Registration for the race begins at 6 a.m.

The run is open to active duty military, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and civilians in the local community.

There will be a free children's fun run immediately following the 10-kilometer run. Awards will be presented following the race.

Lady Mountaineers start league play

The Lady Mountaineers competitive slowpitch softball team started play this week in the Colorado Springs Park and Recreation League.

All of the Lady Mountaineers league games will be played Wednesdays on Field 4 at the Skyview Softball Complex.

The next outing for the Lady Mountaineers will be a double-header Wednesday at 8 and 9 p.m. Contact player/coach Catherine Satow at 526-9373 for additional information.

Softball

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Regiment (Treehuggers) proved to be the class of the field. The team is a combination of reserves and active duty.

In the championship game, the Treehuggers thumped 5025 Military Police Company by the count of 16-10. Richard Avila secured the win for the Treehuggers with a late inning, three-run, inside-the-park homer.

The Mt. Yale final featured a lopsided 21-3 win by the 3rd Brigade, 360th Battalion Combat Support team over the squad from 5025 Ordinance. The 3/360 CS club wrapped up the title in just four innings of play due to the mercy rule.



by Bill Scharton

First baseman Rodney Lamberson, a member of the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division Training Support intramural softball team, gets ready to catch a throw from a teammate as the opposition runner streaks down the first base line.

Four Army boxers earn regional Golden Gloves titles

Four boxers from the Fort Carson Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team won regional Golden Gloves titles in Denver Saturday.

Regional winners included Torrence Daniels (119 pounds), Edward Joseph (152 pounds), Clarence Joseph (165 pounds) and Deandrey Abron (178 pounds).

Fort Carson Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team members Aaron Bensigner (132 pounds), Keith Mason (141 pounds) and Rondale Mason (152 pounds) have already won regional Golden Gloves titles in other parts of the country. Army WCAP boxer Miguel Albares will go after a regional title Saturday.

The regional winners will box at the National Golden Gloves tournament May 26 to 31 in Las Vegas.



AIRCRAFT MUSEUM HONORS BASE, B-24, FLIGHT CREWS

Story and photos
by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

An aircraft museum in Pueblo honors the Army Air Corps B-24 aircraft used in World War II. Pueblo Army Air Base was the site for aircrew training in the B-24 aircraft from 1942 through 1946.

Southern Colorado skies were busy during the early 1940s as photo reconnaissance pilots trained in P-38 aircraft at the Army Air Field east of Colorado Springs. Other aircraft taking off from Peterson Army Air Field included an AT-9, a C-45, B-25, B-17, B-24 and a Maytag Bomber.

Pueblo Army Air Base flight crews trained in B-24s and B-17s.

The Pueblo base, which is now the Pueblo Memorial Airport, was constructed in just over 90 days.

The world's only B-24 museum is also located on the former base, next door to the an outdoor collection of aircraft.

The outdoor aircraft collection had its beginnings in 1961.

An A-26 was put on display followed by a Lockheed F-80 Shooting Star. The aircraft collection was started as a tribute to American airmanship by Pueblo City manager Fred A. Weisbrod. More aircraft were added to the outdoor collection over the years.

The B-24 museum had its beginning in 1986 when the Pueblo Historical Aircraft Society became involved in a 50th anniversary celebration of the B-24's first flight. The historical society assembled large panels about the manufacture and military history of the B-24.

The display was so well received at the reunion that the historical society decided to start a B-24 museum. The International B-24 Memorial Museum was dedicated three years later.

The museum is a tribute to the B-24, the aircrews who trained at Pueblo Army Air Base and the base itself.



A Zeppelin airship model and a Nazi flag are part of the German exhibit in the B-24 Museum.

Unfortunately, there is no B-24 display at the B-24 Museum as the asking price for a B-24 aircraft is nearly \$1 million. There are a dozen B-24s still in existence.

During our visit at the museum, guided tours are available and volunteers are on duty, which is a better alternative than the self-guided tour, even if you are a B-24 enthusiast. The volunteers provide interesting stories about the aircraft.

The museum has a display of original World War II posters and a display of original photographs made at Dachau, the German World War II Concentration Camp.

Exit the building and go the few feet to the new hangar. While 1940s-era music sets the mood, visitors can see the many displays available throughout the hangar.

The museum makes the story of the B-24 known through photographs, technical data, flight log books, memorabilia and model aircraft. The museum also has historical information about Pueblo Army Air Base, including a model of the base and some of the people involved in its history and training, such as movie star Clark Gable, who trained as a crew member at the Pueblo base in 1942.

The B-24 was used in all combat theaters during the second world war. Its long range permitted long, over-the-water missions, such as the oil field raids at oil refineries near Ploesti, Romania.

An exhibit in the museum contains artifacts, pictures, letters, articles and books about the low-level Ploesti raid,



A new, large hangar allowed the B-24 Museum to expand exhibits and bring aircraft inside.

which was said to be a turning point in the war. The B-24s came in at treetop level 100 miles deep into enemy territory, with 177 planes and 726 crewmembers.

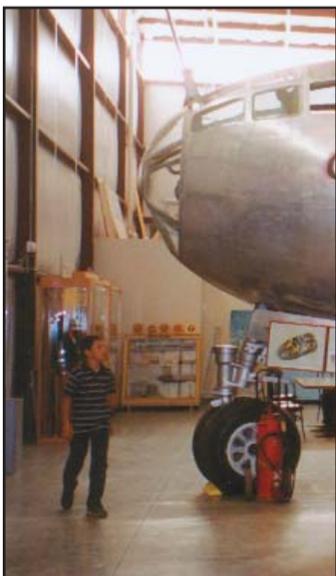
Although the B-24 Museum is dedicated to the B-24 aircraft, the museum has an extensive collection of World War II artifacts and displays.

A collection of uniforms women wore during World War II, such as Army, Navy, Marines, Red Cross and Women's Air Service Pilots, are shown. A progression of uniforms worn by soldiers are also displayed as well as some uniforms from other countries.

Other collections include unit patches; an extensive display about aircraft nose art; World War II aircraft radio and navigation systems; and aircraft engines.

There's an exhibit dedicated to Henry A. Stetson, a Southern Colorado resident who lied about his age to enlist

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Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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Cliff Kelley pretends to fly an aircraft during "Open Cockpit Day" at the Pueblo B-24 Museum.

Air Museum

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in the Army for the first World War and served again in World War II and Korea.

More original World War II American recruiting posters are displayed in the hangar as well as some German recruiting posters.

A Norden bomb sight, which was an important breakthrough during World War II, is displayed. Visitors are able to see a Norden bomb-sight on the B-29, named "Peachy," displayed in the hangar. There are displays of Russian artifacts, Japanese and German flags and displays.

A 1943 parachute has recently been added to the museum. Artifacts are regularly donated to the B-24 Museum.

There are displays about the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. A Tuskegee airmen exhibit is shown.

Aircraft displayed in the hangar are a Douglas-26 Invader, a Lockheed F-80 Shooting Star, B-29, C-47 Skytrain, F-100 D Super Saber and a few other aircraft are in the hangar. Army, Navy and Marine aircraft and helicopters are displayed outside as well as several experimental mass transit vehicles.

The B-24 Museum has a small gift shop near the entrance which has military related items for sale, such as books, videos, caps, model airplanes, key chains and military patches. There are magnets, pins — including a yellow ribbon — cups and mouse pads.

There's also a library visitors may use for research, which contains 4,000 books and videos about aviation and combat.

"Open cockpit day" is held the last Saturday of the month. On that day a certain aircraft is designated to be open for visitors to actually



The B-24 Museum is at the Pueblo Memorial Airport, east of Pueblo. It is the site of the World War II Pueblo Army Air Base.

climb in the cockpit. There's no charge other than museum admission.

The Open Cockpit for this month is the T-28 trainer, used to train Navy and Air Force pilots May 31, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. It was used in Korea and Vietnam.

A fund-raiser for the museum is an Armed Forces Day Moonlight ball and dinner held Saturday in the hangar at the museum. It begins at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner is at 7 p.m. with a dance following. Music is by "The Swing Connection."

Admission at the museum is \$5 for anyone older than 12. However, for one day only, May 24, admission to the B-24 Museum is free from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in honor of Historic Preservation Month.

The B-24 Museum is at the Pueblo Memorial Airport, about 10 miles east of Pueblo. The phone number is (719) 948-9219.

From Fort Carson, take Interstate 25 south, about 40 miles. Take Exit 100A east to reach the airport. Take the exit off Highway 50 East for the airport and drive onto airport grounds, heading toward the passenger terminal. The B-24 Museum is on the left, at 31001 Magnuson, adjacent to the fenced compound which houses the historic aircraft. Park in front of the B-24 Museum, a beige build-



A German soldier's uniform is among the displays in the B-24 Museum.

ing to the left of the blue hangar.

The museum is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The museum is open Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m.



A tour guide tells a group of visitors about the B-29 aircraft which is in the hangar at the B-24 museum.



A C-47 Skytrain is in the hangar. It was used to carry troops and goods during World War II.

Just the Facts

- Travel time one hour
- For ages all
- Type aircraft museum
- Fun factor ★★★★★
- Wallet damage \$

\$ = Less than \$20

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

\$\$\$ = \$41 to \$80

(Based on a family of four)

Happenings

Get Out!

Armed Forces day events

The annual "In Their Honor Airshow" is at the former Colorado Springs Airport Saturday and Sunday. Vintage aircraft will be on display and will perform airshows and flybys. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for military and \$3 for children. For information, call 635-8803. Take Fountain Boulevard east of Powers to the old airport. Parking is available for \$3. Refreshments will be sold.

Servicemembers receive free admission Saturday and Sunday as JoyRides honors active duty, reserve and retired soldiers. Pick up tickets at Fort Carson Information, Tickets and Registration. JoyRides Family Fun Center is off East Platte Avenue, near the Flea Market.

An **Armed Forces Day "Moonlight Ball"** is Saturday at the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum hangar. The fund-raiser for the nonprofit museum includes a steak or chicken dinner and a dance for \$40. The evening begins with a cash bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Call the museum (719) 948-9219. The museum is at the Pueblo airport, on E. Highway 50.

Races

The **Pikes Peak International Raceway** opens May 30, 31 and June 1 with the Cruise America AM Superbike weekend. Fridays events are free to the public. Tickets are available for the rest of the weekend at 382-7223 for half price for military.

New Zoo exhibit

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo opens its new exhibit, the African Rift Valley May 23. Giraffes, gazelle, hippos and lions will share the valley with other hooved animals from the zoo in a natural setting. The zoo is at 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road. Parking is free. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3 to 11. Children 2 and other are admitted free.

Arts fest

The annual **Manitou Springs Memorial Weekend festival** includes three days of arts, crafts,

food and music in the park next to City Hall May 24, 25 and 26. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Free admission, refreshments will be sold.

Got milk?

The **Milk Mustache Mobile Shake Stuff Up Tour** is in town May 24 to 27. Activities include a battle of the bands, karaoke and competition for a "got milk" mustache photo. Activities Sunday are at the Wal-Mart, 1575 Space Center Dr., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and May 27 at the Chapel Hills Mall from 5 to 9 p.m. Log on to www.whymilk.com for information.

Denver Theater

"**Les Miserables**" is at the Buell Theatre in downtown Denver through May 24, with ticket prices starting at \$15. Go to www.denvercenter.org or call (303) 893-4000.

"**The Blue Man Group**" is in the Pepsi Center in Denver May 25, at 7:30 p.m. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090 for tickets, which start at \$30.

"**Footloose**" is featured at the dinner theater at the Country Dinner Playhouse in south Denver, just off Interstate 25. The buffet begins at 6 p.m. and the performance follows. Tickets start at \$25.50. Call (303) 799-1410. The show runs through June 22.

"**Cats**" plays in the Buell Theater in downtown Denver June 17 to 22. With 8 p.m. performances and matinees Saturdays and Sundays. Call (800) 641-1222 for tickets which start at \$20.

"**Cher**" is set for the Pepsi Center in Denver June 17, with tickets starting at \$34.50; call 520-9090.

"**42nd Street**" is in Denver's Buell Theatre downtown June 24 through July 6. Tickets start at \$25, call 520-9090.

The melodrama "**Rocky Mountain Flyer**," by the Cripple Creek Players, begins June 14 in the Butte Opera House in Cripple Creek. Tickets start at \$6.50 and performances are Wednesdays through Sundays. Call (800) 500-2513 for times.

Local theater

"**Same Time Next Year**" is now playing at the 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.

"**Montana Serenade**" is at the Manitou Springs Iron Springs Chateau, 444 Ruxton Ave. through September. Dinner and show cost \$23.50 at 685-

5104. Dinner is at 6 p.m., with the show at 8 p.m.

Pikes Peak Center's Broadway series next show is "Lord of the Dance," May 28 and 29 in the Pikes Peak Center. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090.

"**Stuart Little**" is in the Fine Arts Center theater, 30. W. Dale, June 9 to 14. Performed by the Fine Arts Center Theatre for Children, shows are at 10 a.m. and noon. The tickets are \$3; call 634-5583.

"**Alison Krauss and Union Station**" are set for the Pikes Peak Center Aug. 20. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

"**Proof**," presented by the Star Bar Players is at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, May 23 through June 7. There's a matinee at 2 p.m. June 8. The performances are in the Lon Chaney Theater in the City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa St. Tickets start at \$10. Call 573-7411 for information.

Denver events

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.

Children's Chorale

Colorado Springs Children's Chorale take a tour of the Americas in song at the Pikes Peak Center Sunday. Tickets are \$10 to \$14, with a \$4 discount for military.

Street Fest

"**Territory Days**" are celebrated in Old Colorado City May 24 through 26. There's food, entertainment, arts and crafts and music, beginning at 10 a.m. Events end at 7 p.m. on May 24 and 26, and at 6 p.m. Memorial Day. There's free entrance and parking is along the streets, unless you want to park at Coronado High School on West Fillmore and take a shuttle bus for \$1. For further information, call 475-0955.

Bear spectacular

Bear Creek Nature Center presents "Spring Bear Spectacular" May 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Smokey the Bear will be on hand, and wildlife officers will make presentations about the fascinating world of bears. Activities include bear crafts, bear stories and bear face painting. There'll be door prizes coloring contests and food. The cost is \$3 per person. For information, call 520-6387.

Happenings

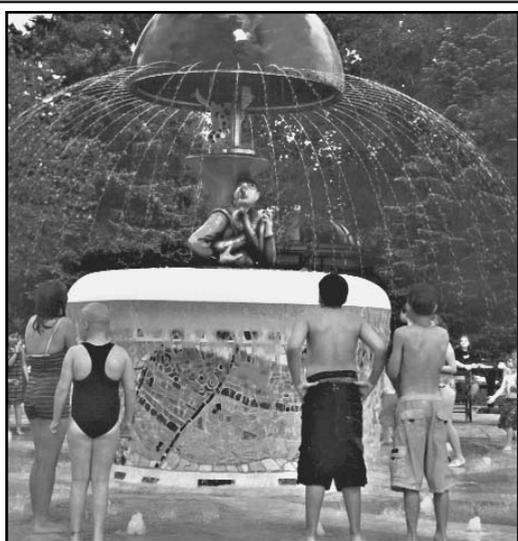


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Uncle Wilber ...

Uncle Wilber's fountain opens for the season Saturday at 11 a.m. The fountain is at the corner of Bijou and Tejon in Acacia Park. The fountain has 200 water jets, music and animation.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to May 23

Army Newswatch: includes stories on rescued American POWs, Kiowas in Kuwait and Central Command war update (repeat). Airst 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 sailors returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Earth Day and honors to POW/MIAs (repeat). Airst at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on securing northern Iraq, weather forecasters and A-10 maintainers (repeat). Airst at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign

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