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## Gulf War Syndrome concerns revisited

### Pentagon starts stocking blood, screening troops to better track illness

by Spc. Matthew Millham

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The Pentagon, hoping to prevent a repeat of the 1991 conflict's Gulf War Syndrome, has directed mandatory demobilization screening and blood sampling for all soldiers, airmen, Marines and seamen returning from overseas operations.

The demobilization screenings began June 2 at Fort Carson with soldiers from 19th Special Forces Group, said Sgt. 1st Class Merle French, Medical noncommissioned officer in charge of the Mountain Post's Soldiers Readiness Processing site.

In March, the Pentagon's lead health official, Dr. William Winkenwerder, said the military didn't want the mis-

takes of the first Gulf War, the poor tracking of servicemembers' health that has enfeebled the investigation into Gulf War Syndrome, to be repeated in this war.

"If you don't have that baseline information ... it's very difficult to do that research," said Winkenwerder at a Pentagon news briefing March 6.

"That's why they implemented all these pre and post deployment health assessments," said French. The screenings are "for anyone that's deployed for anything other than a (permanent change of station) move," he said.

The Pentagon's decision to require screenings for all mobilized servicemembers came after a 1997 law requiring a medical tracking system for troops serving overseas and a letter from Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld that said such screenings



Photo by Spc. Matthew Millham

### Blood samples taken from soldiers returning from overseas deployments will be stored for later testing in case a new Gulf War Syndrome emerges.

could be critical to diagnosing any health problems related to the current conflict.

"Much of the controversy over health problems of veterans who fought in the 1991 war with Iraq could have

been avoided had more extensive surveillance data been collected," Principi stated in the letter, dated Feb. 14. "I want to ensure we apply this lesson if

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## Carson soldier killed in ambush

3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Press Release

**AL QAIM, Iraq** — A 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment soldier was killed here by individuals pretending to need medical assistance at 10:35 p.m. Sunday. Sgt. Michael E. Dooley, 23, of Pulaski, Va., was killed in the attack.

Troop B, 1st Squadron, 3rd ACR soldiers were manning the traffic control point when a vehicle pulled up and two individuals got out, requesting a medic for their sick friend. Immediately following, they opened fire with small arms, injuring one soldier. Soldiers at the checkpoint returned fire, killing one and capturing another. The vehicle used in the attack left at a high rate of speed as soon as the soldiers returned fire.

The squadron, which had dispatched a medic to the scene as soon as the shooting started, launched a medical evacuation at 10:52 p.m. The MEDEVAC left the pickup site at 11:19 p.m. with the soldier en route to Al Asad. The soldier arrived at Al Asad and was pronounced dead shortly after.

A memorial service for Dooley is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Provider Chapel.

The incident is under investigation.

## Fathers look forward to return

by Staff Sgt. Darren D. Heusel  
Task Force 1st Battalion, 180th  
Infantry, Public Affairs Office  
SOUTH CAMP, SINAI,  
Egypt — June 15. Father's Day.

For many soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 180th Infantry, Oklahoma Army National Guard, being away from home on this important day is difficult.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Darren D. Heusel

**Proud papas Spc. Michael Larkin, left, Maj. Chuck Booze and Spc. Charles Aplin show off photos of their newborns in recognition of Father's Day.**

It is especially difficult for soldiers like Maj. Chuck Booze, Spc. Michael Larkin and Spc. Charles Aplin, whose wives have given birth since they deployed to the Sinai in January to participate in a six-month Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping mission.

Larkin's wife Jodi gave birth to their daughter Bayleigh on May 21 and, since this was the couple's first child, he really wanted to be home to witness the birth. But because of duty obligations and job commitment, it just didn't work out.

That is, until Bayleigh

developed complications soon after she was born. Because of a Red Cross message he received just hours after the baby was born, Larkin got to return home for 10 days. "It was the happiest and scariest 10 days of my life," said Larkin, 20, of Ardmore.

Larkin, who works as a radio transmitter operator in the battalion tactical operations center, said his daughter was born a week and a half early and had developed some fluid in her lungs. "She was crying every now and then, but the doctors could tell something was wrong, so they kept her in a decompression chamber for about a week," he said.

Larkin said he had arranged to speak with his wife on the phone while she was giving birth. The doctors had given her an epidural and after four hours of labor she

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### What's new

Fort Carson vehicle registration has moved from its former trailer home to its current situation in the new Gate 1 Visitor Center. For more information, call 526-1896.

### Early submission date

Submissions for the July 2 edition must be to the *Mountaineer* by June 26.

# Commander's Corner

## She's grand, she's old, she's our flag

by Spc. Matthew Millham  
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While many notable events took place on the 14th of June across the annals of history, most of us should know, especially if there's a board in our future, the Army was founded this day in 1775. It's also the birthday of our national icon, the stars and stripes, flag of the United States of America.

While both events give us cause to open bottles, cases even, of vintage, um, grape juice, I want to focus on the flag.

On this day in 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the stars and stripes to replace the Grand Union flag, which looked a lot like the flag we have now with a British Union Jack in place of the stars. The change was, in part, symbolic of the snubbing of British power and was in a way redundant. The first Stars and Stripes had 13 stripes representing the 13 states and 13 stars representing, and here's the redundancy, the 13 states. The redundancy wasn't mitigated until March 4, 1791, when Vermont, French name intact, became the 14th state of the union and we added a star.

Since Vermont, our country has added 36 states to the union to end up with an even 50 stars on that field of blue. There are people who insist it's 48 states or 52, but this is an ornery and disgruntled bunch who, given their druthers, would rescind the statehood of rival football states or tack on a few in

hopes the start-up baseball franchises that would come with them might increase their team's chances at a playoff berth. They don't understand it's not how many states are in the union, but the union itself that makes football and baseball worship possible.

Most of us have some idea of what the flag represents, and it probably means different things to each of us on a personal level. At its base, it represents our right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, to freedom and to democratic government. But these are abstract ideas, and they are only quantified when we exercise them. Some exercise these rights by voting while others take to shooting deer or antelope with large-caliber rifles. In their pursuit of happiness, a couple may choose to have dozens of children and field their own professional soccer team. If they live in this country, it's their choice.

Choice is probably the greatest right our flag represents because it encompasses everything else our constitution upholds – right to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, freedom and democracy. It is an idea that respects the individual's ability to decide what is right for him. The flag doesn't tell you to use 91 octane gasoline. It doesn't tell you not to leave your acrophobic sister flailing at the up end of a teeter-totter. It respects that you're saving for a new toaster oven and so, for a few weeks, fill your sport utility vehicle with 85 rather than 91. It respects that, while grieving the death of a hamster your sister forgot to feed while

you were at camp, you may do something one should not do, legal or not, to someone they claim, under condition of ice cream, to truly and deeply love.

As patriots we should respect our constitution and that document's representative, the stars and stripes. We can do this by showing it the proper courtesy. According to the flag code, "the flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing." So think of it as a sort of skinny, rectangular grandmother or grandfather. The Flag Code dictates what is and what is not proper courtesy, but most people don't know what to do with or for the flag.

A simple rule is this; if you wouldn't do it to your grandma, don't do it to the flag. You wouldn't wear grandma as a hat or T-shirt. You wouldn't eat off of her stomach and then throw her out because she's dirty. You wouldn't wipe your mouth on her or tattoo an image of a bald eagle on her forehead or use her as a bedspread. I'm not talking about doing these things to an actual flag – it's the same if you do them to representations of the flag. Flag paper plates, flag napkins, flags with pictures of eagles imprinted on them, flag comforters and a number of other things are verboten. Look it up in Section 8 of the Flag Code, which you can find through any internet web browser.

Of course I know what you're thinking – what about hanging it from a pole smart guy? Well, obviously you don't know my grandma.

### A letter to Fort Carson

Dear Friends:

Thank you for inviting me to be a part of the Army's 228th Birthday Ball. I'm sorry I could not be with you in person to celebrate your many years of dedication and honor.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your service to this country. The commitment you have made to preserve the values and freedoms we cherish are the building blocks of our democracy. The courage and bravery of those serving in the U.S. Army are highly commendable and vital to the strength of the United States.

Again, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to you for your leadership during such an important time in our history. It is a great honor for me to wish the U.S. Army a very happy birthday.



Warm regards,

Mark E. Udall  
Member of Congress



Photo by Regional Training and Support Center

### Happy B-Day Army ...

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general, cuts the Army birthday cake with the help of Command Sgt. Maj. Terrance McWilliams, right, 7th ID and Fort Carson command sergeant major, and Pvt. Kyle Shanahan, the junior member present at the Army Ball Saturday.

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# News

## U.S. Forces Korea to start realignment next year

by Spc. Bill Putnam  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army will be moving from bases located near the Demilitarized Zone and the South Korean capital to “hubs” farther south, and that massive shift could start as early as next year, according to a joint document released by the South Korean and U.S. governments June 5.

The move is a sweeping change of policy, according to some reports in the media last week. These reports state it’s a change from the current policy which has used the 14,000 soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division and 7,000 soldiers stationed at Yongson Army Garrison in Seoul, South Korea, as a de-facto tripwire to guarantee U.S. involvement to help defend South Korea from a potential invasion from the north for the last 50 years.

“This is a time to move beyond outmoded concepts or catch phrases such as the term ‘tripwire,’” said Paul Wolfowitz, the deputy U.S. defense secretary, in Seoul June 2.

Although no time line for the move has been established, stated Lt. Col.

Steve Boylan, U.S. Eighth Army public affairs officer in an e-mail interview, the move south and opening of newer facilities will take years and doesn’t mean the alliance between South Korea and America is flagging.

“We are committed to the alliance and will not weaken that alliance by these plans,” Boylan said.

Some South Korean officials initially resisted the move earlier this year saying it would give North Korea the impression of the US pulling out of the peninsula. They agreed to the move after guarantees that the US will still maintain a presence north of the Han through training at the Korea Training Center, located near Camp Casey.

Boylan also said that there will be no immediate effect to the soldiers currently stationed in Korea or those who are being assigned to Eighth Army units in the near future.

The 2nd ID at 15 bases north of South Korea’s Han River and just south of the DMZ will be the major unit moved south of the Han River in two phases that will take place over the next few years, the statement said.

About 6,000 of the 7,000 soldiers stationed at the U.S. Forces, Korea Headquarters at Yongsan Army Garrison, and located in downtown Seoul, Korea, will also move south, the statement said.

The first phase of the move will probably start as early as this year when the 2nd ID begins to move from those 15 bases to camps Red Cloud and Casey.

After the South Korean government procures land south of the Han River next year, the division and the Yongson Garrison will move to major “hubs” south of the river that also bisects Seoul, the statement said. The land now used by the Army will be handed over to the South Koreans at that point.

The US has also offered to pay about \$220 million for the new facilities, said Boylan.

Moving those forces south wasn’t the only thing discussed by the two governments. The U.S. government is also planning “a substantial” investment of \$11 billion over the next four years on 150 projects to upgrade the combined defenses of South Korea, the statement said.

That money will go toward upgrading the Army’s Patriot missile battalion on the peninsula to the newer PAC-3 capability, fielding of unmanned aerial vehicles and the upgrading of the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade to fly the Army’s most advanced Apache helicopter, the AH-64D Apache Longbow, Boylan said.

South Korea officials also said it would upgrade its “military capabilities to strengthen the alliance” and that the two countries would proceed with an “implementation plan for the transfer of certain missions.”

The South Korean and U.S. governments worked out the details of the plan in two meetings held April 8 and 9 and during last week’s visit to South Korea by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. They agreed to a third round of talks in July.

North and South Korea signed a cease-fire in July 1953, but they are still technically at war. Most of North Korea’s 1.1 million-man army and South Korea’s 650,000-man army are located near the 2.5-mile-wide DMZ that separates the two countries.

## Syndrome

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there is another war with Iraq.”

Each demobilized Fort Carson soldier will complete a five-page post-deployment health assessment. A physician’s assistant will review the assessment and interview soldiers about overall physical and mental health and health concerns. Soldiers will also give a blood sample to be stored for testing in case illness develops.

“If another syndrome comes up, they want to be able to test the serum,” said Sgt. Patrick Agustin, 7234 Medical Support Battalion.

More than 300 soldiers have been through the post-deployment health screening at the Fort Carson SRP site so far, said French.

Optimally, soldiers are screened within five to seven days of returning from a deployment, said French. Reserve and National Guard soldiers are almost always screened within this time frame, but regular Army units may not be because priority is given to Reserve and National Guard soldiers who may have to extend their service if the screening isn’t done quickly, he said.

## Fathers

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delivered at 4:01 a.m.

Larkin said he returned to his barracks to get some sleep and told his wife he would check the Internet the next morning to check out photos of his new baby. When he didn’t find any, he said he figured something was up.

“Nearly every member of my family had a digital camera and they all said they would e-mail the pictures to me as soon as possible,” he said. “When I didn’t see any on the Internet that next morning, I immediately called my wife and she couldn’t even hardly talk to me she was crying so bad.

“She was shocked at first, because I couldn’t be there and then she got mad. I just started crying. My emotions just ran wild that whole day.”

Larkin said after he and his wife both calmed down, his wife told him the doctor had sent a Red Cross message about an hour after the baby was born.

Booze, 38, of Norman, is the battalion operations officer and has been married a little more than three years. He and his wife Karen have two children, Mahayla, 2, and Addysen, who was born May 1.

Booze said life gets a little difficult at times, because he wants to be in two different places at one time. But, he said, he feels like the Sinai is where he needs to be.

“We had our first child when I was 35, so I didn’t know what to expect,” he said. “I thought there were a lot of things I would have to give up. But when I first saw Mahayla, I immediately fell head over heels in love with her and I consider her the greatest gift

from God.”

Booze said before he became a father the holiday didn’t mean that much to him, although he said he had a wonderful father. He said he had a great childhood, but he doesn’t remember Father’s Day as being “that big a deal,” certainly not anything like Mother’s Day.

As for returning home, he said he dreads it in some ways because he’s in a situation now where he can ask 500 soldiers to do something and they will make it happen. He expects a different kind of cooperation when he gets home.

“It’s going to be sad not being there for Father’s Day,” he said. “I’ve missed a lot already. I’m looking forward to going back home and getting back to a normal life.”

That’s something Larkin, Booze and Aplin will all have in common this Father’s Day.

# Military

## Weapons registration: serious issue

by Spc. Chris Smith

14th Public Affairs Detachment

When soldiers arrive on Fort Carson, they have a plethora of worries of which on the bottom of the list could be registering their weapons, but if soldiers don't register, they could be putting lives at risk.

Fort Carson Regulation 210-18 states that all soldiers, their families or anyone bringing a weapon on Fort Carson must register the weapon within 72 hours of arrival. The registration must then be carried with the weapon at all times.

"It's for statistical data and officer safety," said Pfc. Ron Feather, Provost Marshal's Office customer service.

The information can protect military police by informing them whether or not a house has a registered weapon inside when they respond to a call, according to Feather.

Helping military police better understand the situation can protect the soldier as well. Situations are handled differently if a firearm may be present.

Feather said soldiers on post are

### Where to register

Building 2700 Christie Street

(719) 526-1455

Monday through Friday:

12:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Thursday:

1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

required to store their weapons appropriately as well.

According to FC Reg. 210-18, the following is required for weapons storage:

- Soldiers who reside in barracks housing must store privately-owned permitted weapons and ammunition in their unit's arms room.
- All E-4s and below must store their weapons in their unit's arms room, unless written permission is granted by their unit commander.
- All E-5s and above, not living in barracks, may store weapons in their quarters.

It is also important to recognize



Courtesy photo

**Weapons registration is serious business, soldiers who don't register their weapons can face nonjudicial punishment.**

that state-concealed-weapons permits are not valid on military installations. The only valid permits are federal ones that specifically grant permission for use on military installations, according to 210-18.

Soldiers who fail to obey the regulation can face punishment under the Uniformed Code of Military

Justice said Feather. Punishments for violations are often left up to unit commanders.

With the possibility of UCMJ action and the safety of fellow soldiers in mind, weapons regulations need to be obeyed.

For further information on weapons registration, call 524-2809.

# 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 to 11 a.m.; Wednesdays 8 to 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. Appointments should be made with Connie Thompson, CIF, at 524-2006.

## 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.

## 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.

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# Dining Schedule

Week of June 13 to 20

## Weekday Dining Facilities

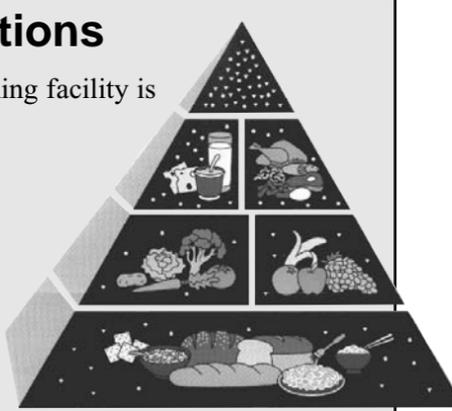
43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)  
3rd ACR Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)  
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)  
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)

## Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)  
6:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Exceptions

- 10th SFG (A) dining facility is open again
- 3rd BCT is closed indefinitely
- Cheyenne Mt. Inn is closed Friday through Sunday



## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)  
43rd ASG (building 1040)  
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)

## 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.  
3 to 5 p.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)

## In with the new ...

In a change of command June 5, Lt. Col. William Schafer (left), passes the flag back to Command Sgt. Maj. Eli Thomas, battalion sergeant major, during the change of command ceremony for 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team. Lt. Col. Timothy Parks relinquished control of the battalion in the ceremony held in Iraq.



Courtesy photo

*Army Family Action Plan ...***BAH tops AFAP conference action priorities**

by Nancy A. Montville

**Army Family Action Plan Program**

Fort Carson held its annual Army Family Action Plan Conference in November of 2002. There were over 100 attendees who represented seven work groups to include housing, relocation, force support, family support, volunteers employment, benefits, entitlements, Directorate of Community Activities, consumer affairs, and child youth and education. The housing workgroup prioritized the basic allowance for housing calculation formula.

The formula used to calculate BAH is based on the average nuclear family with 1.5 children according to Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation Volume 7A, Chapter 26. This penalizes soldiers with large families who are not able to obtain housing on post resulting in

large out-of-pocket expenses for quality housing off post. The work group recommended the following: Soldiers with a number of children greater than average receive additional BAH to cover the additional out-of-pocket housing expenses.

Col. Sharon Duffy, 43rd Area Support Group commander, responded to this issue. Duffy stated that the Finance Battalion staff did not find in the cited regulation any mention of a calculation including 1.5 children to determine this entitlement. BAH is payable to members on active duty and varies

according to the grade in which serving or appointed for basic pay purposes, dependency status and permanent duty station assigned. The Secretary of Defense determines the costs of adequate housing in a Military Housing Area for all members of the services entitled to BAH. The determination is

based on the costs of adequate housing for civilians with comparable income levels in the same area. An adjustment in the BAH rates occurs each year on the Secretary's determination of housing costs in a MHA and takes effect on Jan. 1 of each year. For a change in BAH entitlement computation, the issue must be addressed by the Army G1.

The AFAP Steering Committee, chaired by the garrison commander, meets on a quarterly basis to determine the status of Fort Carson issues. This issue was determined to be complete at this time as the author's intent could not be determined. The issue can be resubmitted after further research at the next Fort Carson AFAP Conference.

For additional information on this issue or to submit a new issue for the next Army Family Action Plan Conference, contact Nancy A. Montville, the Fort Carson AFAP Coordinator. Montville can be reached at Army Community Service, 526-4590, or at [nancy.montville@carson.army.mil](mailto:nancy.montville@carson.army.mil).

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***“Soldiers with a number of children greater than average receive additional BAH.”***

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– Work group recommendation

*In the line of fire ...*

## 3rd ACR troopers thwart TOC attack

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

**AR RAMADI, Iraq** – They were a real mix-match of soldiers. Many were cooks, administrative and communications specialists, military journalists and other noncombat arms soldiers. But they came together like an experienced, battle-tested infantry team.

That was the assessment of Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Kelly, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Rifles Base Quick Reaction Force here on how the QRF, the guards and other soldiers on the compound handled a recent attack on Rifles Base, the headquarters of 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

“Nobody tried to be a cowboy; nobody was a coward,” Kelly said. “Everybody just worked together and made it happen.”

The attack came on a Friday evening. Soldiers were trying their best to make it as much like a typical Friday night by watching movies, socializing and generally being in a relaxed mode. Still, a murky scene caused by an impending sandstorm made for an unsettling feeling in the air.

Then, about 9:10 p.m., a rocket-propelled grenade came hurtling over the compound from the north, sailing over the compound’s east wall, the latrines and the bungalows before landing and detonating in the Euphrates River. Suddenly, another RPG from the north came toward the base, smashing against a wall inside

the compound and detonating. Soldiers searched for their courage, which, according to RHHT 1st Sgt. A.T. Rolfe, “begins with putting your boots on to go out and defend the compound.” Many soldiers did get ready and quickly proceeded to do just that. Soldiers later described a surreal feeling while they were making their way through the fog, not knowing where the next RPG might hit.

A few minutes later, some small-arms fire could be heard. Enemy fire was being received from the east at the front gate. Many soldiers had made their way to the front gate by this time and, on order, returned fire with a vengeance.

“They must have fired for a good three minutes straight,” noted 1st Lt. Garrett Coker, executive officer of Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Troop.

Although the headquarters was obviously under attack, the soldiers remained calm and maintained their discipline. They also remained determined to “not let anybody hurt us,” Kelly said.

The enemy, however, was also determined, firing two more RPGs at the headquarters base from a building across the street. The first one hit a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, but inflicted no damage, even though it detonated. The second

RPG hit Coker’s Humvee, partially detonated and caused a flat tire. Both vehicles were near the front gate.

Meanwhile, Stryker, RHHT’s QRF team, was running a traffic control point at an intersection 300 meters north of the compound. The sequence of events happened quickly.

“It seemed like 20 years happened in 10 seconds,” Kelly said, while noting that, at the same time, it was “surprisingly calm.”

“Everybody knew what they were doing,” added Coker.

Like the soldiers at the front gate, the soldiers running the TCP did not lose their composure. They conducted themselves professionally in relation to six civilians who were present

at the TCP at the time and even had the presence of mind to place them in a safe area until the fighting was over, Kelly noted.

“The hardest part was calling on the radio and waiting to see if anybody got hit,” Kelly said. Nobody did.

The TCP crew later detained the six individuals after the fighting because of suspicions about them. The detainees were taken to the police station where four remained for questioning and two were transported to Tactical Area Redskins to be questioned and to be further

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– Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Kelly  
Quick Reaction Force NCOIC

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# Dragon Company guards Iraqi momument

By Sgt. Danny C. Martin Jr.  
350th Mobile Public Affairs  
Detachment

**HADITHAH, Iraq** — Unlike the U.S. military in this region, the people of Iraq have little or no access to alternate power sources such as generators. They depend on constant, reliable power.

To meet the needs of the Iraqi people, a dam was built on the Euphrates River between 1979 and 1987. It was capable of generating 300 megawatts of power. Simply put, this is enough energy to power nearly the entire Al Anbar province. From Al Fallujah to Al Qaim, power from that dam is available.

Seen as a strategic position, as well as a site which needed security, U.S. Army Rangers secured the dam at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The security responsibility was then passed to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and then to the 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry Brigade from the Florida National Guard. Now, this superstructure of steel, concrete, six power-producing turbines and millions of gallons of water is the responsibility of Dragon Company, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

According to Capt. Jonathan Klug, commander of Co. D., the mission of his troops is to keep the dam secure.

"This is much the same as any security mission," he said.

Some troops see their new mission in a different light. For these tankers and cavalry troops, they have to improvise, adapt and overcome. According to Klug, they trained extensively at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., for tracked warfare and have now transitioned to a security force.

"We (Coalition Forces) really need to be here," said Sgt. Chris Bush, with 1st platoon. "It's just too bad we came in so late," he added in regard to the current impoverished state of Iraq and its people.

Considering the things these troops have been through and the constant change, Klug said, "Morale, overall, is good."

More than 80 members of the 3rd ACR are responsible for the security of the dam. Observation posts line all sides of the dam, keeping the local fishermen and pleasure boaters at a safe distance, as well as keeping away unauthorized traffic.

Before the war began, the dam had approximately 300 employees. Now, 50 employees keep the dam continually running. However, the dam now runs on three turbines, which generates more than enough power for the region.

For the troops of Co. D, the mission here is seen as a relaxation period



Photo by Sgt. Danny C. Martin Jr.

**The job of guarding Hadithah's seven-story dam has fallen upon Dragon Company, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.**

according to some soldiers. Since their arrival in Iraq, these soldiers have not been in the same place for more than five days. Whether it was a short move of 10 kilometers or a 10-hour road march by tracked vehicles, they have always been on the move.

Constantly moving is not only hard on the soldiers, but on their equipment as well.

"Whenever we stop, vehicle maintenance is a priority," said Bush. "The move from Colorado to here was stressful on the vehicles. Right now I'm missing a bunch of track pads and

running mostly steel on concrete."

Now that Co. D. is securing the dam, they are able to "fix, think and relax," according to Spc. James Rigdon, a 3rd ACR communications specialist.

Co. D. soldiers are on duty for 48 hours of rotational guard and then have 24 hours of rest and relaxation, two feelings these soldiers haven't had since leaving Fort Carson.

"Whatever mission they give us, we'll execute to the best of our ability," commented Klug, putting full faith in the training, leadership and profession-

*Delve into history...*

## Forgotten icy island battle remembered

by Pvt. Aimee J. Felix

Mountaineer staff writer

*Editor's note: This month four years ago the 7th Infantry Division was reactivated on Fort Carson. Last month, marked the 60th anniversary of the division's "forgotten battle."*

A seemingly impenetrable fog of snow generated by 190 mile per hour winds grants no mercy on a group of desert-trained soldiers battling the frozen tundra and mountains of the Aleutian Islands.

Between the years of 1918 and 1971, the 7th Infantry Division has surged into the fields of France, hiked through the Aleutians, the islands of the South Pacific, and tore through the mountains of Korea. From 1988 to 1990, they were called to Honduras for "Operation Golden Pheasant" and to Panama for "Operation Just Cause".

On this fourth year of the 7th ID's assignment to Fort Carson, veteran Bill Jones remembers a battle second only to Iwo Jima in the number of casualties suffered, where one in four American soldiers were killed or injured in 19 days of combat. This year is the 60th anniversary of this massacre of a battle. "It is the

forgotten battle of the 20th century," said Jones, former member of the 7th ID who fought in the Aleutian Campaign during World War II.

The 7th ID had been training in the California desert to put a stop to Hitler's "Desert Fox" in North Africa. This was no preparation for the frozen hell they were about to face.

A Japanese assault force occupied Attu and Kiska, two islands at the western end of the chain of the Aleutian Islands bought by the United States from Russia in 1867. The Japanese hoped to use the islands for an attack against Alaska.

It was up to the 7th ID to reacquire these islands. After many failed attempts to dislodge the enemy, a final capture led by Pvt. Joe P. Martinez, a former rifleman of the 7th ID from the small Colorado town of Ault, ended organized Japanese resistance on Attu.

Martinez was mortally wounded on Attu Island after leading a successful charge to capture a mountain pass. He single-handedly killed more than 30 enemy defenders. He was awarded a Medal of Honor Oct. 27, 1945.



Courtesy photo

### The plaque at Martinez's memorial statue in Greeley.

A statue of Martinez stands in Greeley's Lincoln Park. Martinez was the first Hispanic-American in World War II to have ever earned a Medal of Honor.

A plaque honoring all those who served and died in the Battle of Attu, now stands in Attu.

The inscription on the monument was written by Jones. It reads, "This plaque inscribed and placed here by those who fought by your side or served in the defense of this island during WWII to honor the boys — men who prematurely lost their lives during the Battle of Attu and in remembrance of mothers, fathers, wives, children and sweethearts whose lives were forever changed due to their loss."

## Attack

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processed.

With the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Division providing illumination with flares, Stryker, with a BFV, cleared the area. A 761st Ordnance Detonation team cleared and secured all RPGs and munitions on the compound. Stryker planned to search the area the next day for evidence of their attackers.

In the days ahead, they plan to destroy the buildings to the east where the final two RPGs and the small arms fire came from.

The soldiers who defended Rifles Base came away with a sense of accomplishment and faith in their leadership on the ground, the equipment and their comrades, male and female alike, Coker said.

Kelly said the success of the troop's defense of the base came down to brotherhood.

"We cried together when we said goodbye to our families. We complained together when we had to rail load our equipment and we'll go home together. We're a band of brothers," he said.

## Keeping the peace ...

# NCO, team use courtesy, respect to enforce law in Iraq

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

**AR RAMADI, Iraq** – TCP. It stands for traffic control point, a checkpoint on the road where military personnel stop vehicles to check them for illegal weapons and to enforce curfews, detain criminals and show authority. Ask the leader of Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Troop's Quick Reaction Force team, however, and he may tell you that TCP stands for "totally courteous professionals."

Checkpoints are being used by squadrons throughout 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment's area of responsibility in Iraq. Some of the regiment's checkpoints are carried out in a rugged, impersonal manner, but Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Kelly, the noncommissioned officer in charge of RHHT's QRF team, believes in the power of respect.

"We'll respect them until they tell us not to (by their actions)," Kelly said.

And to see Kelly out on the TCP is to see a man who practices what he preaches.

"Hello. How are you tonight?" he said as a car pulled up to the TCP. "Do you have any weapons? Can I check your car?" And as the car pulled away, after he checked it, he said, "Thank you. Goodbye my friend." Courtesy and respect is evident with every sentence he utters, every procedure he performs. He is open to reason. For example, if only one direction of traffic flow is being allowed by the TCP operation, but there's an extenuating circumstance, such as a family who needs to quickly get a sick child to the hospital, he is swift to work fairly with them.

"If they act like criminals, we'll treat them like criminals, but if they act decently then why not establish some good feeling between them and us?" he asked.

There are several parts to a TCP operation. There are scouts who are placed well ahead of the checkpoint

to give advance warning to personnel checking the cars of suspicious vehicles on the way. There are the soldiers who halt the vehicles and those who search them. There are gunners and operators in armored vehicles for security. There are personnel searching for the enemy on a security route. And everybody in the operation is ready to be an infantryman, find a fighting position and engage the enemy, if necessary. Then there's the NCOIC, running the whole thing. And there is courtesy and respect throughout this operation.

There's a pre-determined route every soldier follows to get to their place of duty in the operation and a specific procedure for recovering back into the compound.

Special caution must be taken when it comes to searching the vehicles.

"You never know what you're going to come up against," Kelly said in a way that you can see his full realization of the inherent danger of the job.

It is best to have the driver of the vehicle open the glove compartment and boxes in the vehicle and to have only one soldier inspect the contents of boxes so if the container explodes there will only be one casualty, he instructed.

One trait that is essential in checking vehicles is courage. Kelly's traffic control point operation carried out a TCP the day after their base was attacked, showing the enemy they had little or no adverse effect on base security operations.

And they execute the mission like a well-seasoned



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Qualls Jr.

**In the middle of the night, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Kelly checks the engine at a traffic control point.**

team.

"These soldiers are doing a fantastic job," said Capt. Andy Jacobs, RHHT commander.

When you get right to it, the whole TCP operation comes down to sending messages, Kelly said. One message Kelly and his troops are trying to get out to the enemy is:

We are not afraid. You are not affecting our mission at all and if you try to mess with us we will deal with you accordingly.

And there is one more message Kelly and company are trying to get out, a message most effectively delivered out in the streets by a man who believes in the dignity of people all over the world: We are all human.

# Community

*After saying goodbye . . .*

# Coping with the loss

by Spc. Jon Wiley  
Mountaineer staff

Since March, countless members of the Fort Carson community have hugged friends and family members goodbye and watched as they boarded jets that would carry them thousands of miles away, to a place filled with enemy soldiers who wanted to kill them.

As they saw their loved ones disappear into aircrafts — rifles slung, clothed in recently-issued desert camouflage uniforms — the thought that this moment would be the last time they saw them alive undoubtedly crossed many of their minds. How many truly believed it, though? Intellectually, they may have known some would not return, but who expected their husband, wife, mother, father, child or friend to be one of them?

Even though death is life's only certainty — striking down both young and old, sick and healthy — it has a tendency to happen to faceless strangers, not those we know and love.

Nine soldiers from Fort Carson have died while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom so far. Also, since the deployments, a few soldiers who stayed here have died of car accidents and illnesses, casualties of everyday life.

Death is a part of life, and eventually everyone must deal with the loss of someone close. The Army ensures, however, that no one has to deal with the loss of a servicemember alone.

"The military system is designed with all kinds of ways to help a (grieving) person. I don't know of any civilian equivalent to the number of agencies we have in the Army to help people deal with death," said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Scottie Lloyd, deputy command chaplain, Fort Carson.

For every death notification to the next-of-kin, the Army appoints a chaplain to be present to deal with the immediate shock and disbelief, Lloyd said. It also assigns a casualty assistance officer to each family to help with funeral arrangements and other paperwork. Army Community Services and the Army Emergency Relief fund can assist with financial difficulties, and the chaplain's office and mental health services are available to those dealing with overwhelming feelings of grief and loss.

Deryline Watts, casualty officer for Fort Carson, said the Army provides funds for funeral expenses and pays for bodies to be transported to wherever the families want them buried.

"The casualty assistance officer also helps the family file for benefits ... and a summary court officer is established to gather up the individual's personal effects," Watts said.

In addition to assisting with these relatively

minor business aspects of death, the Army also helps family members cope with the long-term emotional issues associated with bereavement.

"There are a number of ways to express the stages of grief one goes through, but the most common is the five stages of grief — denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance or reconciliation," Lloyd said.

During a recent notification, Lloyd said "the spouse refused to acknowledge (the death). She said, 'you're here for some other reason; you can't be here for this.'"

This sort of denial is oftentimes the way a person first processes a death. Afterward, a person becomes angry either with God or simply with life.

At some point, a person may begin to bargain and "... think things like, 'maybe this is a dream; I will wake up; or maybe if I make a deal with God, they will find him somewhere,'" Lloyd said.

Eventually, the reality of the death sinks in, which may bring depression with it at first, but finally Lloyd said "(the person) comes to grip with it — 'yes, my loved one is dead.'" At this final stage, the loss may still hurt, but the person has learned to move on.

These stages are not sequential. A grieving person may start at stage one, jump to four and go back to two or three before finally reaching stage five.

"Every person is different. There are many different ways to grieve, and everyone grieves in his or her own way. The thing is never to assume," Lloyd said.

Douglas Lehman, licensed clinical social worker and treatment provider for mental health Careline at Evans Army Community Hospital, said the important thing for those grieving is for them just to accept their feelings.

"Realize it's OK to feel overwhelmed and flooded with emotions. It's OK to not be able to concentrate or remember. It's OK to be sad or mad," he said.

However, Lehman noted those who experience symptoms of depression — insomnia, agitation, lack of energy, guilt, feelings of worthlessness and the inability to concentrate — every day for two months or more should seek professional help. He also recommended counseling for grieving people who want to hurt themselves or others.

Grieving children who experience symptoms of depression may need help even sooner. Lehman said because they grieve differently than adults, parents should get counseling for them if they exhibit signs of depression for two weeks or longer.

"(Grieving adults) feel like they're in a lake, and they're drowning, but with kids it's more like skipping from puddle to puddle. The reactions may be really intense initially, but kids can only handle a certain amount of emotional intensity, and then it's over," he said.

Children also conceptualize death differently at different ages, Lehman said. Most children do not grasp the finality of it until they are 11 or older. For this reason, it may take them longer to accept the loss and move on.

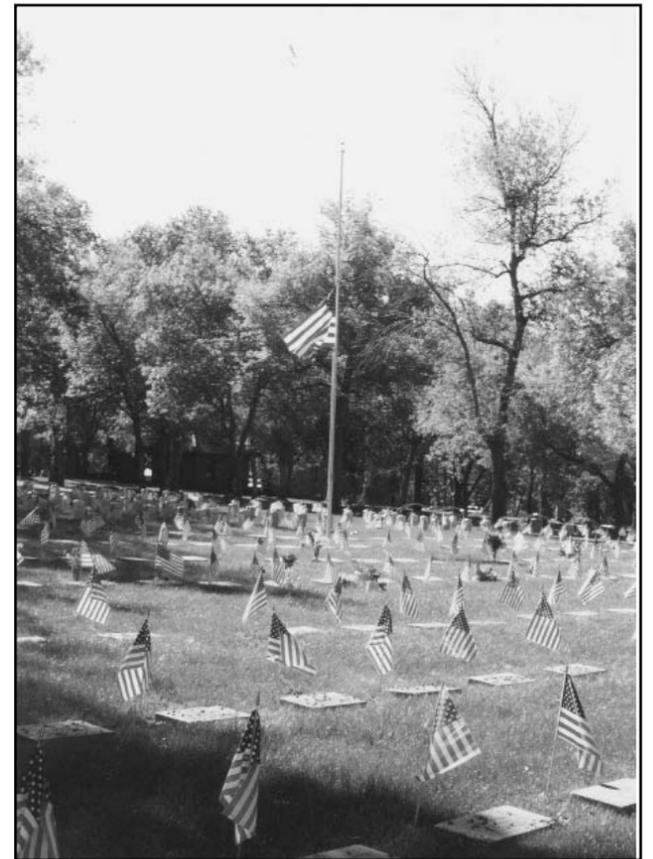


Photo by Nel Lampe

**While nothing can take away the pain that accompanies the death of a loved one, the Army has many agencies to help family members of deceased servicemembers cope.**

Lehman said children should be allowed to attend funerals because, as with adults, it helps with closure. He also said children should be given ample opportunities to express their feelings and discuss their loss. Ultimately though, he said each child deals with loss in his or her own way and timeframe, and parents should simply accept their child's feelings and not force anything.

The grieving process can take several years, and there is no magic formula for speeding it up, Lehman said. One thing people can do during this time is to keep their routine as normal as possible. This comforts children and adults alike. Those in mourning should also stay close to friends and relatives.

"Don't take the attitude, 'I can handle this; I don't need anyone.' In fact, you need someone now more than at any other time," Lloyd said.

Faith can also be a source of strength and comfort.

Numerous studies have shown people with clearly articulated religious beliefs or a philosophy of life cope with death better than those without them. Members of a religious community also have a tight network of people to rely on for their needs — everything from listening with compassion to helping with the person's cooking and cleaning.

To people helping others deal with a death, Lloyd recommended staying away from saying well-meaning things like, "God must have needed another angel."

Instead, he said it's best to just remain close to the person and be ready to do whatever the person requests.

"Remember, sometimes less is more," he said.

***"There are a number of ways to express the stages of grief one goes through, but the most common is the five stages of grief —denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance and reconciliation."***

***Chap. (Lt. Col.) Scottie Lloyd  
deputy command chaplain***

# Community Events

## Miscellaneous

**Memorial service** — A memorial service and reception are planned for the friends and family of Robert L. Dickon, a Fort Carson contract employee, Saturday at VFW Post No. 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The memorial service is at 2 p.m., and the reception is from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 597-5210.

**Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization** — The Enlisted Spouses' Charitable Organization will meet July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Membership in ESCO is open to all spouses of enlisted or warrant officer soldiers, whether active duty, Reserve, Guard or retired and all are invited to attend. If you are interested in meeting new people and having a great time, please join us. ESCO members participate in making long-lasting friendships, volunteer opportunities on and off post and sponsor military family events. ESCO meetings consist of family events like craft night and themed potlucks. Children are always welcome to attend with a parent. If you are interested in joining, please attend a meeting, e-mail us at [CarsonESCO@hotmail.com](mailto:CarsonESCO@hotmail.com) or call our office at the Family Connection 524-1115.

**American Red Cross** — The American Red Cross is offering an adult, infant and child cardio pulmonary resuscitation, automated external defibrillator and first aid classes on Saturday and July 26. The classes will be held at the Red Cross office at Evans Army Community Hospital, Room 1801. For more information, call 526-7825.

Red Cross is also giving baby clothes to children born after Sept. 11, 2001, to soldiers deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

To participate, go to the Red Cross office to fill out an information sheet. The clothing will be sent to your house.

**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.

**Lawn Service** — JA Jones and SolSource are announcing a lawn mowing and trimming service beginning Monday. The cost is \$10 per week paid in advance. For more information, contact Carmen Givens at the Fort Carson Family Housing Finance Office, building 7301.

**Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Support Group** — A meeting will be held Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at 225 S. Academy, suite 104. People with the dis-

orders, their caretakers, parents and loved ones are welcome.

For additional information, call Lea Ann at 636-0009.

**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 difficulty 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.

**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:** Counterterrorism analyst in Colorado Springs Who: Anyone with a secret security clearance, Bachelor's degree or three to five years experience

**What:** Loss Prevention Officer in Colorado Springs, (nationwide positions also available)

**What:** Heavy equipment mechanics, nationwide opening Who: Anyone with three years experience

**What:** Turret mechanics in the Middle East Who: 45 Series, DS Level minimum E-5

**What:** Physician assistant in the Middle East Who: WO preferred, current license required.

**What:** Equipment Operator in Rock Springs, Wyo.; Bakersfield, Calif.; and Farmington, N.M. Must have a clean driving record and no driving under the influence incidents. Anyone in the ranks of E-3 to E-6 may apply.

**What:** Quality Control Technician in Boulder. Bachelor of science in chemistry required.

**What:** Engineering technical manager in Boulder. Bachelor of engineering required.

**What:** Web maintenance program analyst in the Colorado Springs area. High school diploma and three to five years experience required.

**What:** Linguists with a bachelor of arts in the Colorado Springs area.

For more information, contact ACAP at 526-1002.

**The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be sponsoring an in-service day** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the CPAC Conference Room. This event will give employees an opportunity to meet with health care representatives and ask questions regarding health care coverage. Representatives include: Pacificare, Kaiser, Mail Handlers and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. For more information, call 526-6971.

**The Fort Carson Thrift Shop** will be closed for the summer.

From June 27 to Aug. 4 it will be closed, but will reopen Aug. 5. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 526-5966.

**A historic review of the North Vietnam campaigns** will be held July 20 at the Penrose Library located at 20 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs.

Ed Rasimus, F-105 pilot and author, will speak. The review starts at 1:30 p.m.

**Vehicle Loading ramps** — From Monday through July 18, the Directorate of Logistics' Vehicle Storage yard loading ramps, building 8020, can't 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 Avenue (behind unit motor-pools). For more information, call Allen Jackson, DOL engineering technician, 526-2896, or Roy Hakenberg, 526-6042.

## Water restrictions

**Fort Carson is currently at Stage II — Level B watering restrictions** until further notice due to ongoing drought conditions. The *Mountaineer* will publish detailed, updated watering guidance for Fort Carson when released. For more information on current water restriction or Stage II — Level B watering guidance, visit the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Web site at [www.carson.army.mil/Decam/Homepage.html](http://www.carson.army.mil/Decam/Homepage.html) or log on to the Colorado Springs Utilities Web site at [www.csu.org](http://www.csu.org).

## Claims against the estate of:

**Sgt. Michael Brian Quinn:** With deepest regret to the family of Sgt. Michael Brian Quinn, deceased. Anyone

having claims against or indebtedness to his estate would contact 1st Lt. Daniel R. Thompson at 382-8858 or 526-6514.

**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.

**Cpl. Richard Paul Carl:** With deepest regret to the family of Cpl. Richard Paul Carl, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Adam Grow at 524-3529.

**Chief Warrant Officer Hans N. Gukeisen:** With deepest regret to the family of Chief Warrant Officer Hans N. Gukeisen, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Daniel R. Thompson at 382-8858 or 526-1954.

**Maj. Earl William Schram:** With deepest regret to the family of Maj. Earl William Schram, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Paul Creal at 524-1281.

**Sgt. Keman Lavor Mitchell:** With deepest regret to the family of Sgt. Keman Lavor Mitchell, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Wade Barker at 526-3456.



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

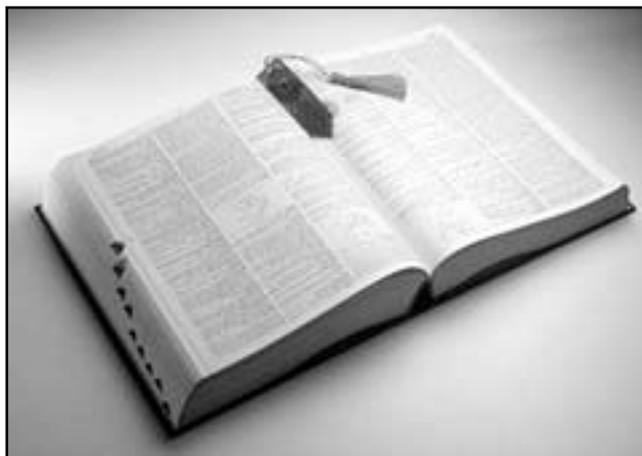
ACS Financial Readiness Program

# Get Control Of Your Finances

Attend our monthly  
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## "Car Buying" Thursday, July 10 (2nd Thursday of Every Month) 6-7:30pm

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



## Chapel

### Wicca group meets at Fort Carson:

There are many "traditions" within Wicca and the tenets, practices and politics vary as they do in many religious groups. The goal for the Fort Carson Open Circle is to allow people of all traditions to come together and learn from each other. They are openly eclectic in that their members are of many different faiths and traditions. They are here to teach each other and to learn from one another. They invite those who have years of experience in their tradition and those who are still seeking their path to come together. The group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Family University Building, next to McKibben Physical Fitness Center, corner Ellis and Barkeley, on Fort Carson. If you have any questions please call (719) 229-8948 or 634-7243, or via e-mail [ftcarsonopencircle@hotmail.com](mailto:ftcarsonopencircle@hotmail.com).

**Fort Carson AWANA Club:** AWANA shapes children's lives with a combination of good clean fun, Bible memory and spiritual teaching. The group is similar to scouting. Participants wear uniforms, earn badges and are motivated through awards. Meetings are held Thursdays 5:15 to 7 p.m. Spaces are available for adults who want to be ministry leaders. The leadership training is free. For information, call Susan Webb at 538-9306.

## Chapel Schedule

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>					
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/526-5769
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
<b>PROTESTANT</b>					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-4206
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/524-1166
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
<b>LITURGICAL</b>					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
<b>JEWISH</b>					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
<b>WICCA</b>					
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Bldg. 1161	Ms. Costantino-Mead
<b>MORMON</b>					
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Jones/526-4416
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 11 & Joshua 22-24**

**Saturday — Psalms 12 & Judges 1-3**

**Sunday — Psalms 13 & Judges 4-6**

**Monday — Psalms 14 & Judges 7-9**

**Tuesday — Psalms 15 & Judges 10-12**

**Wednesday — Psalms 16 & Judges 13-15**

**Thursday — Psalms 17 & Judges 16-18**

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 1st Cavalry Division ("First Team"), headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas. **Army:** For all company commanders throughout the Army, that God might guide them as they mold their soldiers into effective training teams in peace and effective fighting forces in war. **State:** For all soldiers and families from the state of Oregon. Pray also for Gov. Ted Kulongoski, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Beaver state. **Nation:** For the Secretary of State, the Honorable Colin Powell, and all the thousands of employees of the Department of State. Pray that as these dedicated Americans represent our country that others might see our nation's values lived out in its citizens. **Religious:** For all fathers on Father's Day, that they might be living models of the love, mercy and compassion of our Heavenly Father. 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](http://www.usarmychaplain.com).

## Chaplain's Corner

# Show appreciation this Father's Day

**Commentary by  
Dr. Dennis R. Scheck**

**Director of Religious Education**

When we men don our barbecue aprons and head for the grill on Father's Day, it sometimes seems like we have been fooled into a holiday designed to support the greeting card industry. Yet, the origin of Father's Day is based on the honor and respect a daughter had for her single-parent father.

William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died in childbirth with their sixth child. As a single parent, he raised his six children in rural Washington state. Years later his daughter Sonora Dodd came to realize the selflessness and strength of her father. Convinced there should be a special event for all fathers Dodd asked her pastor for a special service dedicated to fathers. He agreed, and in June of 1909 the first Father's Day worship service was celebrated in Spokane, Wash. Many presidents supported the idea of a special day for fathers, and in 1924, President Calvin

Coolidge proclaimed Father's Day an official holiday to be marked on the third Sunday of June each year.

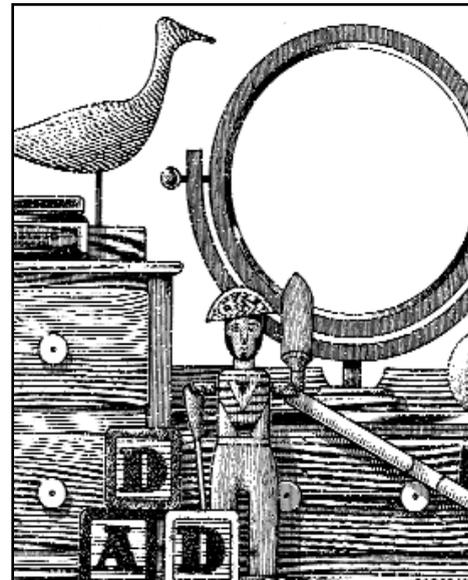
President Bush in his Father's Day proclamation for 2002 said, "Fathers play a unique and important role in the lives of their children. As mentor, protector and provider, a father fundamentally influences the shape and direction of his child's character by giving love, care, discipline and guidance." He could have been talking about William Smart.

The intimate reality of the place of fathers in our lives at Fort Carson is brought home to us in these days of deployments to far away places. The threads of communication are broken by time and distance. Our own fathers may have died or are distant because of geography or past pain. Though separated, memory and photos keep our loved ones present in thought.

There are many feelings on the day set aside for fathers. Many fathers are remembered as heroes, while some of us have less happy memories. Our earthly fathers are no less flawed and

human than we. But, we have another Father who is perfect.

Our Father God loves us without reservation and accepts us without regard to what we have done, or what our past looks like. Father's Day is an opportunity to remember our dad. We remember him for all he may or may not have been. Yet, we also know we have a heavenly Father who mentors, protects, provides and loves us with an everlasting love.



### Chapel

#### Lutheran worship

— The Lutheran worship service meets at Provider Chapel at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays. While the congregation uses The Lutheran Book of Worship (the "green book"), the worship follows the historic form and substance of Holy Communion as handed on through the years in the liturgical tradition. The Eucharist will be offered weekly. All members of the Mountain Post who are of the Lutheran faith, those interested in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or those who prefer traditional worship, are cordially invited to attend. If you have questions, please call Chap. John Bauer at 526-0480 or Chap. Leif Espeland at 526-5772.

#### Protestant Sunday School 2002

— Soldiers' Memorial Chapel is sponsoring a new Sunday adventure each week at 9:30 a.m. Children will enter the fun world of firelight crafts, activities, drama and building new relationships, while experiencing the world of the Bible. Children must be at least 4 years old to register. Registration is ongoing Sunday mornings at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, building 1500. Volunteer positions are available. For information, contact Dennis Scheck, 526-5626.

# HOMETOWN HEROES

Story and photos by Pvt. Aimee J Felix  
Mountaineer staff

**N**umerous structural fires, mangled traffic accidents, 1042 Emergency Medical System calls, 121 wildland fires, 191 hazardous materials responses, and a childbirth are just a few of the things tackled by Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services this year.

From childbirth to wildland fires, the fire department responds all emergencies here. For its service to the Fort Carson community, the fire department won the Army's 2002 Fire Department of the Year Award.

This is not the first time the department has earned such an award. It won this title in 1999 and was runner up in 2001.

The award is based on innovation, customer service, quality management and quality of life, and it makes the department eligible to compete for the Department of Defense Fire and Emergency Services Award. This competition is held annually between the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Defense Logistics Agency and Coast Guard fire departments. The winner this year will be announced Aug. 27 at the DOD awards banquet in Dallas.

"Since the gates opened in 1942, we've been here," said Chief Verne Witham, chief executive of the fire department here.

Firefighters work on 24 hour shifts. 24 hours on and 24 hours off. Their work ethic lives up to the department's slogan, "Protecting those who protect our country."

The department is committed to ensure the best quality of life for personnel and community, said Glen Silloway, shift paramedic commander of the fire department. They work by the statement, "People first - mission follows."

Fort Carson's fire department is equipped to provide a quick response time to the Fort Carson community. Four stations can respond to the location while waiting for one civilian ambulance.

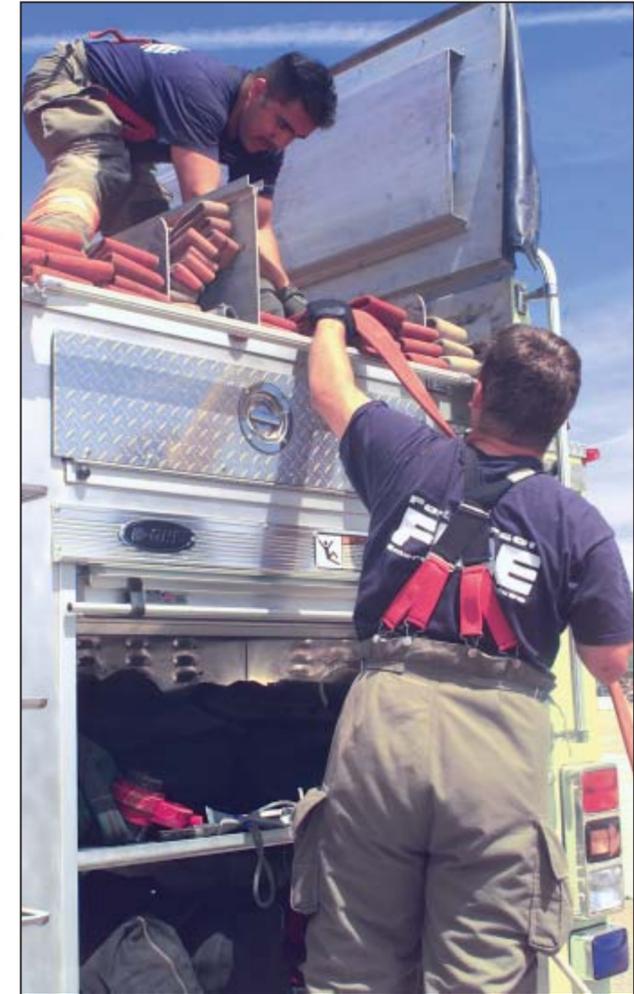
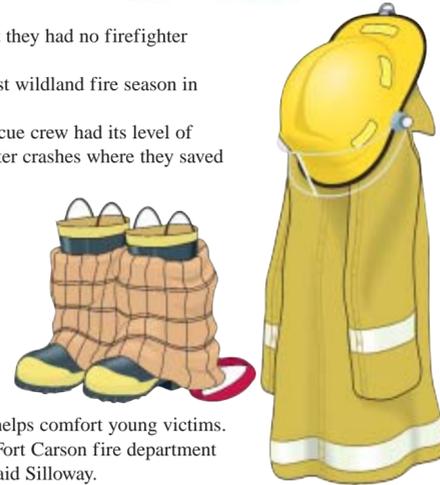
A self-built accredited training division is responsible for the thorough training the firefighters receive. Their resulting high level of skill is apparent in their mortality

rate this year, zero; and by the fact that they had no firefighter injuries.

The department withstood the worst wildland fire season in Colorado history, said Silloway.

The department's aircraft crash rescue crew had its level of readiness put to the test in two helicopter crashes where they saved six lives.

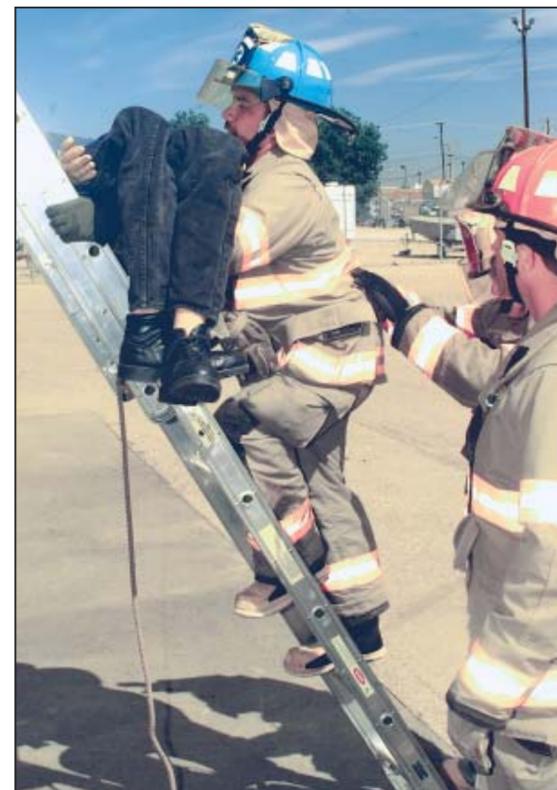
Always equipped, each firetruck staffs an emergency medical technician, an engineer, a firefighter and a captain. The trucks themselves come fully equipped with bolt and wire cutters, saws, hoses for all structures, extension ladders, wildland gear, heart monitors, oxygen tanks and even cat litter to clean up small spills. A box of stuffed animals helps comfort young victims. Motivated, caring and progressive, the Fort Carson fire department has the best firefighters in the Army, said Silloway.



After the training, Loves Montaya and Pat Tepley load the hoses onto the truck. The hoses must be emptied of air and water before being loaded. The cleanup process is always the hardest, said Tepley.



Jason Barry, an engineer for the Fort Carson fire department prepares hoses to use on a burning apartment building during a mock training exercise at the department's training unit on post.



Emergency medical technician, Louis Montaya practices a fireman carry with a dummy that is lifelike in weight and size. While Mike Orr, captain in the department, supports his back.



Pat Tepley, on emergency medical technician prepares a fire hydrant for the hose evolution during training.



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# Sports & Leisure

## Sprinting into summer

# Busy season ahead for Track Troupe

by Bill Scharton  
Montaineer staff

Joe Gentry's Track Troupe is off and running once again. The troupe is actually a track and field club that is based at Fort Carson.

John Smith, retired Army, is currently the president and head coach of the troupe. His assistant coaches this summer are Raphael August, Greg Stinson, Glenn Hamilton and Charles Rollins.

The troupe bears the name of Joe Gentry, a retired Army colonel who continues to work all over the country as a physical fitness consultant. Gentry formed the track troupe approximately 35 years ago while stationed at the Mountain Post. The troupe has been

headquartered in Colorado Springs for all these years but did not call Fort Carson home until 1996.

"I was active duty at Fort Carson at that time," Smith said. After retirement, Smith continued his involvement with the troupe.

"The track troupe was started with military kids in mind," Smith continued. "The purpose was to expose track and field to military kids and to help them develop their athletic skills. Our goal each summer is to get as many kids as possible to the national junior olympics."

Local and state track and field meets during the spring and summer serve as qualifiers for a regional junior olympics meet. The top three finishers

from each event at the regional junior olympics meet qualify for the national junior olympics.

The 2003 troupe members participated in their first meet of the spring/summer Saturday at Harrison High School in Colorado Springs. The meet was the 14th annual Run to Help Housing charity fund-raiser track and field event. The event was created to generate funds to help provide housing and housing up-keep for lower income or homeless families in the Colorado Springs community, and proceeds from the event benefit Greccio Housing, Unlimited, Inc.

The competition age group classifications for troupe members are open (19-years-old and up), young men and women (17-and 18-years-old), intermediate boys and girls (15-and 16-years old), young boys and girls (13-and 14-years-old), midget boys and girls (10-to 12-years-old) and bantam boys and girls (9-years-old and younger).

The 2003 troupe members, by age classification, are: open — Raymond Blackledge, Rodney Pope Jr. and Rodney Pope; young men and women — Chris Singleton, Jerrod Landress, Michael Jones, Matt Bartholomew, Rena Bartholomew, Rena Napoleon, Precious Gilbert, Ivory Stewart, Jamile Young and Tiffany Morton; intermediate boys and girls — Daniel Blackledge, Kevin Lambkins, Allison Hawes, Jasmine Rollins, Faybiana Gorbort and Jesse Humeston; young

boys and girls — Mark Sterling, Maurice Blackledge, Kiera Pittman and Zoria Brooks; bantam boys and girls — Chris Sterling and GinAsia Hamilton.

At the Run to Help Housing meet, Hamilton placed first in the 400-and 200-meter dashes and second in the long jump for bantam girls. She is the defending state champion in both running events.

Twin brothers Rodnee and Rodney Pope ran well for the troupe. Rodnee captured first place in both the 200-and 400-meter events.

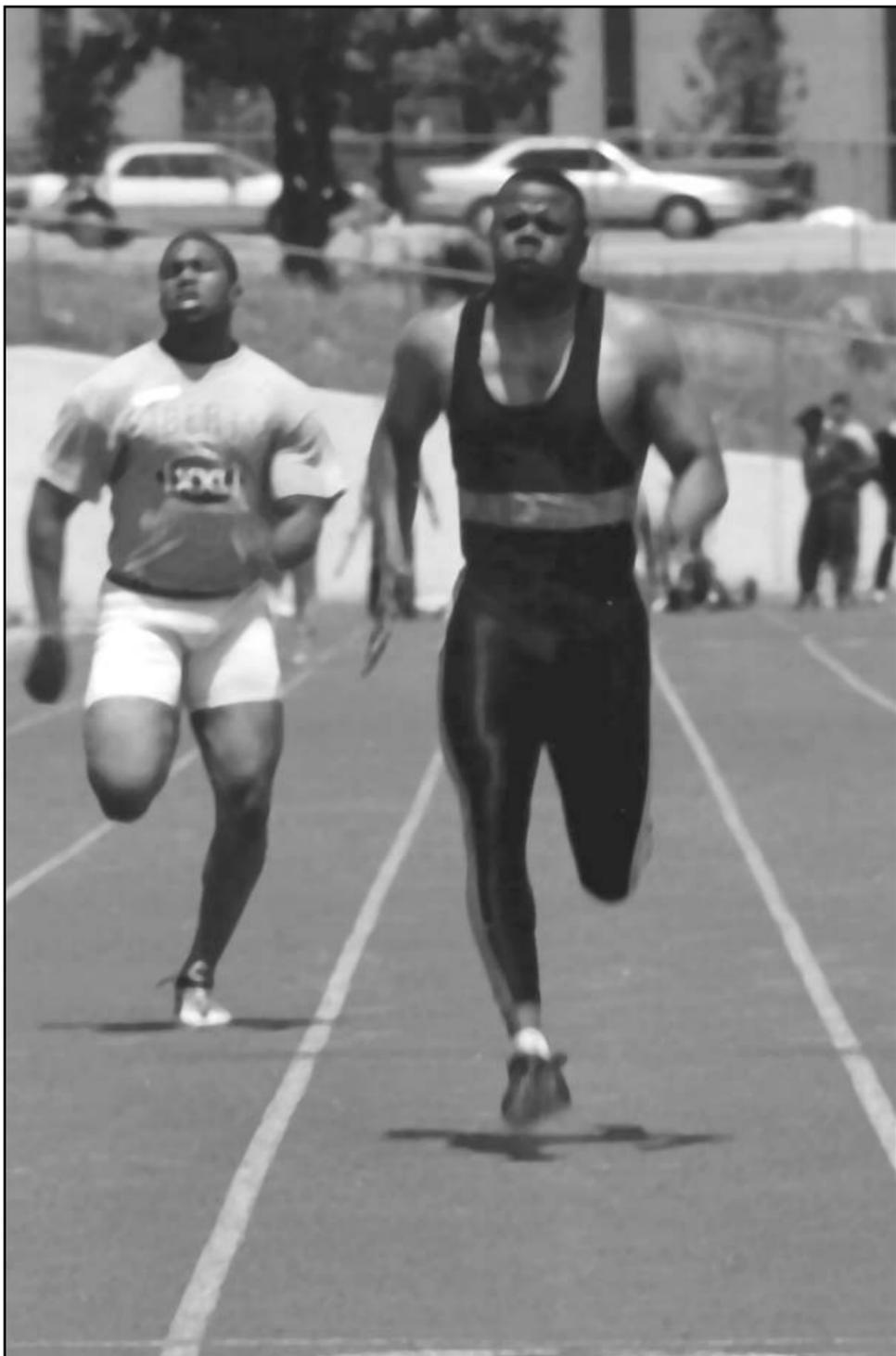
Rodney was third in the same two events. Raymond Blackledge won the open long jump.

The Pope brothers graduated from Mitchell High School in Colorado Springs in 2002 and ran track at Fort Lewis College in Durango, this past year. They became a part of the troupe this year because of word-of-mouth advertising.

"Some friends told us about it," Rodnee said. "They said we would get the best coaching by being members of Joe Gentry's Track Troupe."

Maurice Blackledge placed second in the long jump and 100-meter dash in the young boys' division. Landress was third in the young men's division 400-meter dash. Lambkins finished second in the 400-meter hurdles for intermediate boys. Napoleon was third

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Photos by Bill Scharton

World class master's sprinter Raphael August, a staff sergeant at Fort Carson, powers down the track in the 100-meter dash last Saturday during the Run to Help Housing charity track and field event at Harrison High School. August will be competing in the XV World Masters Athletics Championships in Carolina, Puerto Rico, in July.



Joe Gentry's Track Troupe member Rena Napoleon shows the form that earned her a third place finish in the young women's division 400-meter dash last Saturday at the Run to Help Housing meet. Napoleon will attend Baylor University this fall on a full-ride track scholarship.

# Weather forces Lady Mountaineers to miss June 4 league game

by Bill Scharton  
Mountaineer staff

A rain out forced the Lady Mountaineers competitive slowpitch softball team to miss the regularly scheduled game of June 4. The Lady Mountaineers play in the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation women's silver league. Games are played each Wednesday on Field 4 at the Skyview Softball Complex. The Lady Mountaineers reeled off three straight victories at the beginning of the league campaign before experiencing league loss number one May 28.

At the start of the season, the Lady Mountaineers won handily over Joe's Bar (21-15), Noah Heating/Baxley Oil (23-3) and Connie's Kitchen and Catering (19-11). The three wins produced a lopsided 63-29 scoring margin for the Lady Mountaineers over the opponents.

Offensively, the Lady Mountaineers were pounding the ball and this resulted in a 21 runs per game average. The defense was giving up

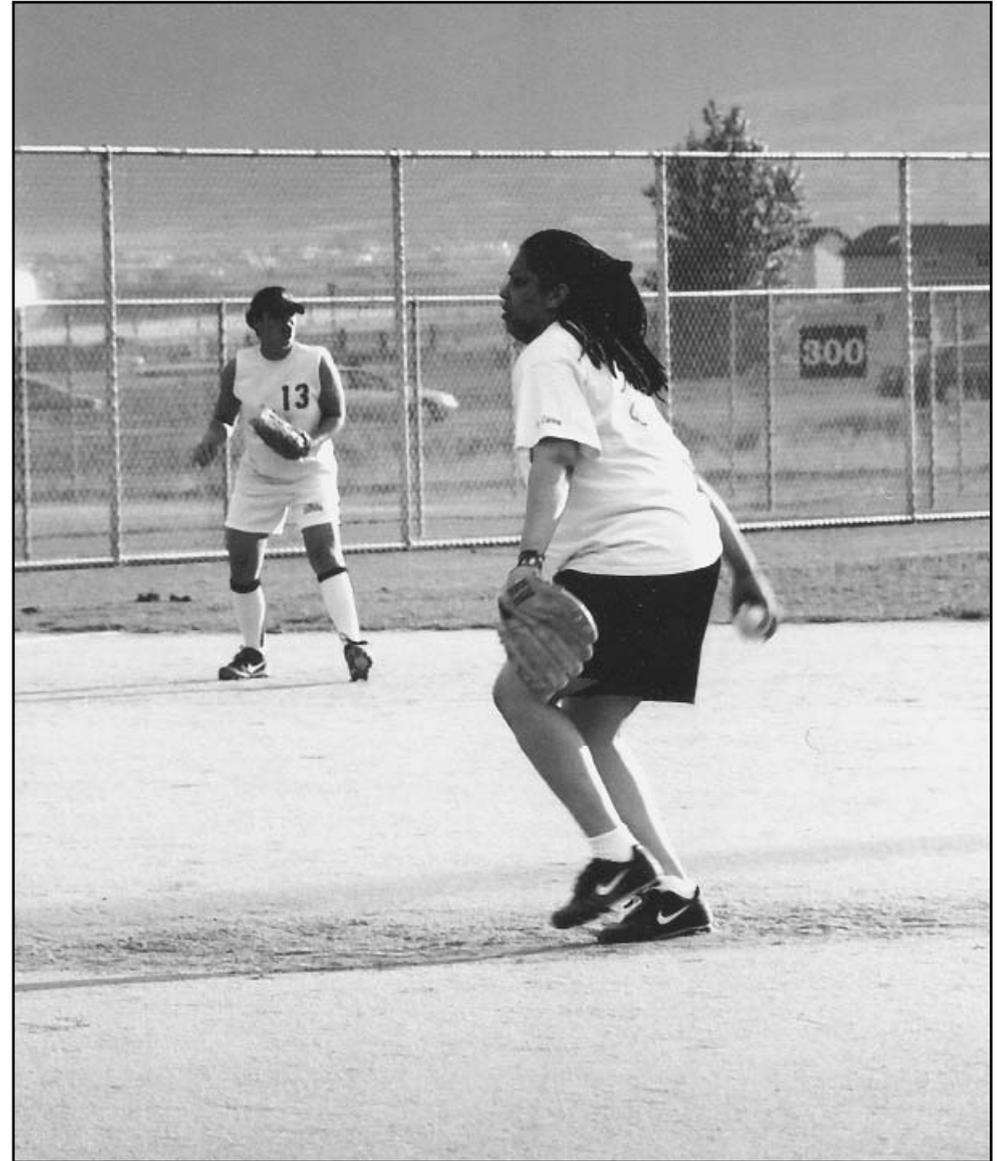
fewer than 10 runs per game and was fairly consistent in the field.

Then came the May 28 contest. The Lady Mountaineers' defense was poor and the pop in the bats was not on display like it was the three previous games. The result was a 25-14 setback at the hands of the Little Rascals.

Normally, a team wants to get back in action as soon as possible following a bad outing. However, in this case, manager Catherine Satow felt the postponement of last week's game came at a good time.

"We had some good practices and the week of rest was good for us right now," Satow said. "It also allowed us to get some philosophical issues straightened out, and we should be ready to go this week."

The Lady Mountaineers were scheduled for a rematch with Joe's Bar Wednesday. Next Wednesday at 7 p.m., the Lady Mountaineers will attempt to knock off Connie's Kitchen and Catering for the second time this season.



Photos by Bill Scharton

**Lady Mountaineers pitcher Nina Dawson has been stellar on the mound and a force at the plate for the team through the first four games of the season. She is an excellent fielder and one of the team leaders in runs batted in.**

## Track

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in the young womens' division 400-meter dash. Hawes placed second in the 400-meter dash for intermediate girls. Brooks finished second in the 400-meter dash for young girls.

August, a staff sergeant in Fort Carson's 2nd Brigade, 91st Division, Training Support Battalion, competed in the open division 100-and 200-meter dashes. At the age of 42, August is a world class master's runner and all of the runners he competed against Saturday were 19 years old. He placed second in the 100 (ahead of two of the 19-year-olds)

and third in the 200.

In three weeks, he will take off for Carolina, Puerto Rico, where he will get the opportunity to compete in the XV World Masters Athletics Championships. He will run in the 100-and 200-meter dashes. It will be his first appearance at the World Master's Athletics Championships. His goal is to become the fastest man in the world in the 40-to 44-years-old master's age division.

The next competition for troupe members will be the Fort Collins Invitational Saturday at the



**Joe Gentry's Track Troupe member Rodnee Pope was a double winner last Saturday at the Run to Help Housing track and field meet. He captured first place in the open division 200-and 400-meter dashes.**

## Elkhorn site for Thursday carnival

The Elkhorn Conference and Catering Center will be the site for a family carnival night Thursday.

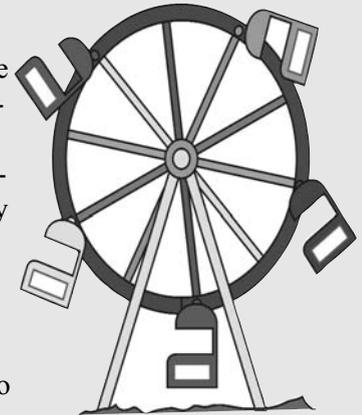
A carnival theme was selected for June by Elhorn manager Stephanie Camp and her staff. The center has been staging a special once-a-month theme night the past several months.

"A family carnival night is certainly a family friendly event and this is what we wanted for June," Camp said. "We will continue to support the Fort Carson community any way we can. A lot of moms and kids are still here and this should be a fun event for them."

The cost of the carnival is \$8.95 for adults 12 and over, \$4 for 6 to 12 year olds and children 5 and under are free. The cost includes a buffet dinner.

Outdoor events will include pony rides, bouncy castle and a moon bounce. Indoor activities include face painting, cookie decorating, balloon art and several children's games. Clowns and a roving magician will provide entertainment all evening.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 576-6646.



# Carson schedules for T-ball, baseball and softball for Youth Services summer leagues

Summer T-ball and baseball youth sports sponsored by the Youth Services Center are scheduled to begin Saturday. All T-ball and baseball games will be played at either Mt. Massive Field (#1 or #2) or Mt. Princeton Field (#1 or #2) at the Mountain Post Sports Complex. Saturday will also be picture day for all T-ball and baseball teams. Photos will be taken in the Youth Services Center small gym.

The summer slate features six Bam Bam (3- and 4-year-olds) T-ball teams, six 5- and 6-year-old T-ball teams, two 7- to 9-year-old baseball teams and one 10- to 12-year-old baseball team. The Youth Services Center is also sponsoring one 7- to 9-year-old girls softball team. This team is playing at the Widefield Community Center and started play last week.

### Bam Bam (3- and 4-year-olds)

#### T-ball schedule

##### All games at Mt. Massive (#1 or #2)

June 14:	A vs. B	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	C vs. D	at 10 a.m.	(#2)
	E vs. F	at 11 a.m.	(#1)
June 20:	A vs. C	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	B vs. E	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	D vs. F	at 6:30 p.m.	(#2)
June 21:	A vs. E	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	C vs. F	at 9 a.m.	(#2)

#### 5- and 6-year-old T-ball schedule

##### All games at Mt. Princeton (#1 or #2)

June 14:	A vs. B	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	C vs. D	at 10 a.m.	(#2)
	E vs. F	at 11 a.m.	(#1)
June 16:	A vs. C	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	B vs. E	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	D vs. F	at 6:30 p.m.	(#2)
June 21:	A vs. E	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	C vs. F	at 9 a.m.	(#2)

#### 7- to 9-year-old baseball schedule

##### All games at Mt. Massive

June 14:	A vs. B	at noon
June 16:	B vs. Pete.	at 6 p.m.
June 19:	A vs. Pete.	at 6 p.m.
June 21:	A vs. B	at 11 a.m.
June 26:	A vs. Pete.	at 6 p.m.
June 28:	A vs. B	at 11 a.m.
June 30:	B vs. Pete.	at 6 p.m.
July 1:	A vs. Pete.	at 6 p.m.

#### 7- to 9-year-old girls softball schedule

##### All games played at the Widefield Community Center

June 14	at 6:30 p.m.
June 21	at 2 p.m.
June 28	at 12:45 p.m.
July 12	at 3:15 p.m.
July 19	at 2 p.m.
July 26	at 12:45 p.m.
Aug. 2	at 3:15 p.m.

	B vs. D	at 10 a.m.	(#1)
June 23:	A vs. F	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	D vs. E	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	B vs. C	at 6:30 p.m.	(#2)
June 27:	E vs. F	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	C vs. D	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	B vs. A	at 6:30 p.m.	(#1)
June 28:	A vs. D	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	B vs. F	at 9 a.m.	(#2)
	C vs. E	at 10 a.m.	(#2)
July 11:	D vs. F	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	B vs. E	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	A vs. C	at 6:30 p.m.	(#1)
July 12:	B vs. D	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	C vs. F	at 9 a.m.	(#2)
	A vs. E	at 10 a.m.	(#2)
July 18:	B vs. C	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	D vs. E	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	A vs. F	at 6:30 p.m.	(#1)
July 19:	C vs. E	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	B vs. F	at 9 a.m.	(#2)
	A vs. D	at 10 a.m.	(#2)

	B vs. D	at 10 a.m.	(#1)
June 23:	A vs. F	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	D vs. E	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	B vs. C	at 6:30 p.m.	(#2)
June 28:	A vs. D	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	B vs. F	at 9 a.m.	(#2)
	C vs. E	at 10 a.m.	(#1)
June 30:	E vs. F	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	C vs. D	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	B vs. A	at 6:30 p.m.	(#2)
July 7:	D vs. F	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	B vs. E	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	A vs. C	at 6:30 p.m.	(#1)
July 12:	B vs. D	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	C vs. F	at 9 a.m.	(#2)
	A vs. E	at 10 a.m.	(#2)
July 14:	B vs. C	at 5:30 p.m.	(#1)
	D vs. E	at 5:30 p.m.	(#2)
	A vs. F	at 6:30 p.m.	(#1)
July 19:	C vs. E	at 9 a.m.	(#1)
	B vs. F	at 9 a.m.	(#2)
	A vs. D	at 10 a.m.	(#2)

July 7:	B vs. Pete.	at 6 p.m.
July 8:	A vs. Pete.	at 6 p.m.
July 12:	A vs. B	at 11 a.m.
July 15:	B vs. Pete.	at 6 p.m.
July 17:	A vs. B	at 6 p.m.
July 19:	A vs. B	at 11 a.m.

### 10- to 12-year-old baseball schedule

#### All home games at Mt. Massive

June 14:	Ft. Carson vs. Pete.	at noon
June 21:	Ft. Carson vs. Academy	at 9 a.m.
June 24:	Ft. Carson vs. Pete.	at 6:30 p.m.
June 26:	Ft. Carson vs. Pete.	at 6:30 p.m.
June 28:	Ft. Carson vs. Pete.	at 11 a.m.
July 8:	Ft. Carson vs. Pete.	at 6:30 p.m.
July 10:	Ft. Carson vs. Pete.	at 6:30 p.m.
July 12:	Ft. Carson vs. Academy	at 9 a.m.
July 19:	Ft. Carson vs. Academy	at 11 a.m.
July 26:	Ft. Carson vs. Pete.	at 11 a.m.

## *Intramural softball ...*

Regular season play for three intramural softball leagues started this week at Fort Carson and the last of the 1-pitch Memorial Day tournaments was decided Thursday night. The Mount Yale league 1-pitch Memorial Day tournament finally came to an end Thursday night. Regular season play for the Mount Yale league will get underway Wednesday. The other three leagues, Mount Lincoln (coed), Mount Oxford and Mount Belford, started regular season league play this week.

League schedules are available at the intramural office in the Special Events Center. For information, call Lamont Spencer at 526-6630.

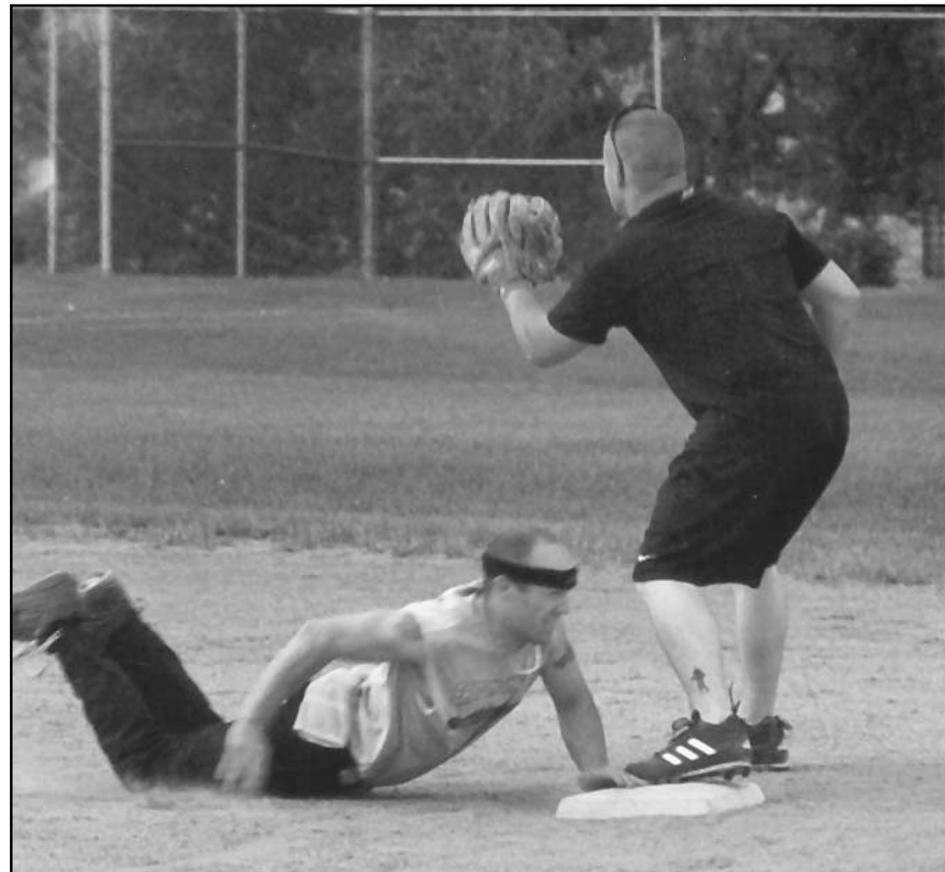
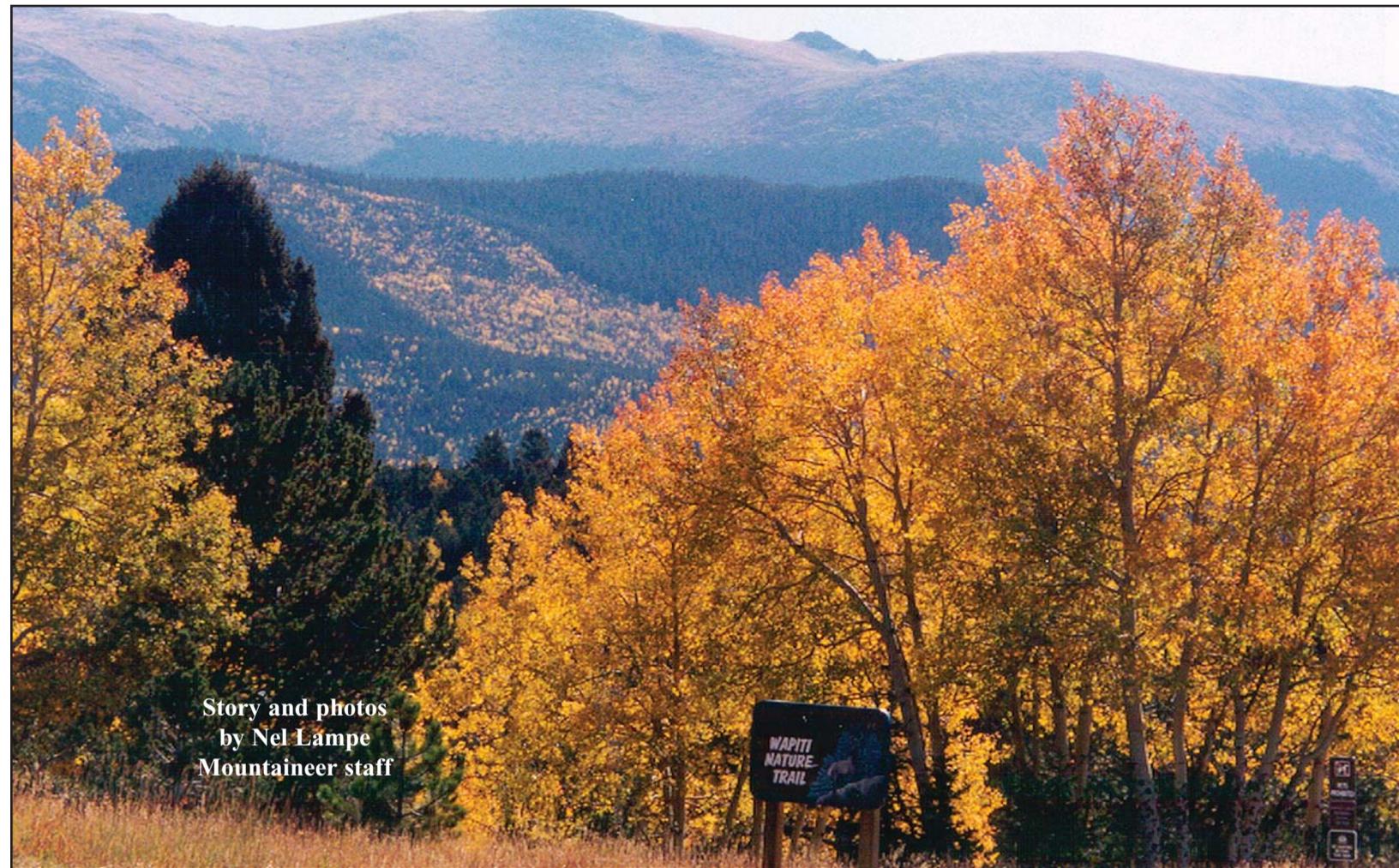


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# Mueller State Parks: scenic views,

# Harporamas



Story and photos  
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

Mueller State Park provides scenic views of the Rocky Mountains. The park has 50 miles of hiking trails.

An ideal place for outdoor activities, such as hiking, camping or picnicking, is Mueller State Park. It's one of 40 state parks in Colorado. At present, it's the state park nearest to Colorado Springs — about 25 miles away, just off Highway 24 West.

Two other state parks are farther east on Highway 24 West. Eleven Mile Park is reached by taking Highway 24 West for 38 miles to Lake George then turning left on County Road 90, and following that road for 11 miles. Spinney Mountain State Park is about 60 miles from Colorado Springs on Highway 24 West, going over Wilkerson Pass. Turn left on Park County Road and proceed 2.8 miles, then take a right on County Road 59, for a mile.

A third state park, Pueblo State Park, is about 50 miles away, just west of Pueblo.

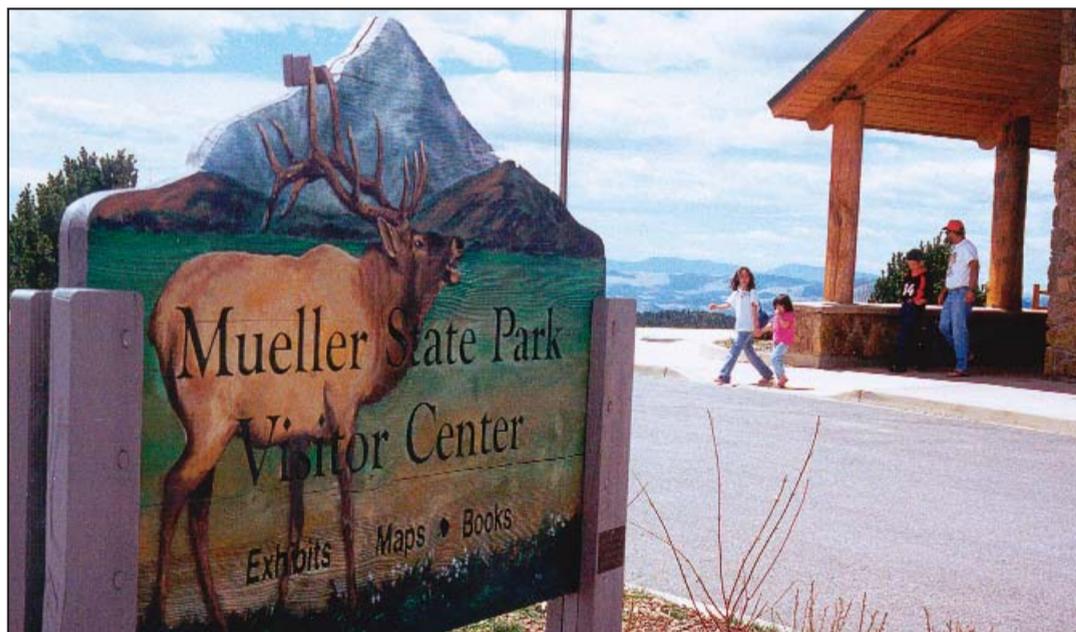
The state's newest park, Cheyenne Mountain State Park, is scheduled to open in a couple of years. It will be directly across Highway 115 from Fort Carson. The park will have hiking trails, amphitheatres and camping.

All state parks are scenic, have trails, wildlife and outdoor recreation.

Mueller State Park is one of the state's newer parks but is one of the top 10 most visited parks. More than 200,000 people visit the 5,121-acre park each year.

The park was formerly a cattle ranch belonging to the Mueller family.

The Mueller family had treated the ranch as a game preserve and wildlife in Mueller State Park is abundant. Herds of elk and big horn sheep roam the park. Other wildlife seen at Mueller include deer, bears, rabbits, badgers,



Mueller State Park is one of the newer parks in Colorado. A visitor center displays history and exhibits of the area's wildlife.



A youth group heads for a hiking trail after touring the visitor center. Some of Colorado's 14,000-foot mountains can be seen on the horizon.

coyotes, mountain lions, porcupine, chipmunks and foxes. Numerous birds are seen in the park.

The excellent visitor center should be visitors' first stop. Several first-class exhibits depict the history of the park and some of the park's wildlife.

Other exhibits display gold and the area's geological history.

Summer programs include ranger-led hikes and guest speakers. Call 687-2366 for information about programs or

go to the Web site [Coloradoparks.org](http://Coloradoparks.org).

Amphitheater programs are on Wednesdays, Friday and Saturdays.

Mueller State Park has very scenic views, including tall pines and aspen trees, snow-covered mountain tops and several "fourteeners" (mountains higher than 14,000 feet). Mountains as far away as Leadville can be clearly seen from parts of the park. A "Big View



Places to see in the  
Pikes Peak area.

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## Mueller

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Overlook” is across the parking lot from the visitor center. The various mountains are identified on a map in the overlook shelter.

Mueller State Park has visitors year around, but the most popular time for visitors is summer.

Warm weather activities enjoyed by park users include camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking, photography or just looking at the wildlife and spectacular scenery.

Mueller has 50 miles of hiking trails. All 33 trails are named and numbered. Hikers can get a trail map at the visitor center or at the park’s entrance. Trails are designated as easy, medium and difficult. Hikers are asked to stay on the established trails and to sign the log at the trailhead.

Some trails are designated for use for trail bikes and horses — bring your own horse or bike.

A few picnic sites are available near the visitor center entrance at Mueller State Park. Restroom facilities are available at the visitor center.

Fishing is allowed at a few ponds that require a two-mile walk to reach. Ask at the visi-

tor center for fishing locations. A Colorado fishing license is required.

Tourist Assistant Susi Yost said some people like to stay at Mueller State Park then go 25 miles to Eleven Mile State Park to fish. Fishing is good at Eleven Mile, Yost said.

As good as the scenery, picnicking and hiking are, camping may be Mueller State Park’s best asset. The park has 132 camping sites located in a forest of spruce, fir and aspen trees.

Campers can enjoy an outdoor, roughing it experience in a deep woods, within an hour of home.

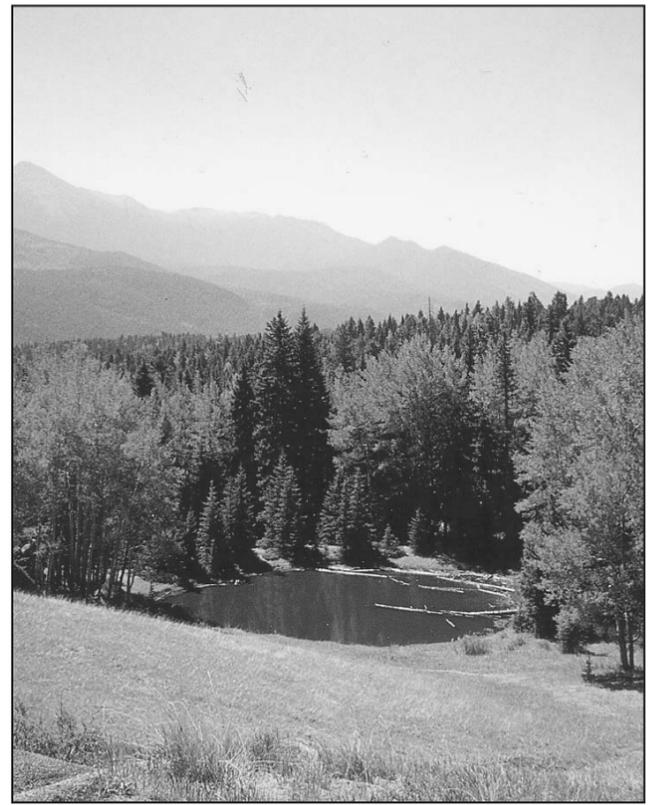
There is also a group campground which can be reserved.

Most sites have electric hookups and can be used by a recreation vehicle, motorhome, trailer or tent. The cost is \$18 per day.

There are 22 walk-in sites for tent-use, which rent for \$14. The walk-in sites are 50 to 400 yards away from the parking area and all equipment must be carried in.

Campground reservations are available from April through September. To make reservations for a camping site, call (800) 678-CAMP or 687-2366.

At present, fires are allowed in Mueller park but must be built inside fire rings.



**A few ponds on Mueller State Park can be fished. A state fishing license is required.**

In addition to paying the camp-site fee, each vehicle must have a park entrance day pass. The day pass costs \$5 and is good until noon the day after purchase. The day pass is good for entrance at any Colorado State Park during its validity.

Winter visitors snow shoe and cross-country ski. If there is enough snowfall, sledding may be enjoyed. Snowmobiles are not allowed.

A few walk-in sites are open in winter but do not have water.

Mueller State Park is near other attractions which can be explored as day trips while camping at Mueller.

The Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is 12 miles from Mueller State Park.

The old gold-mining town of Cripple Creek is 15 miles south on Highway 67, with museums, shopping, dining and casinos available.

The historic mining town of Victor is a few miles south of Cripple Creek. Victor is very small but has the Lowell Thomas museum, a few antique stores, shops and a few places to eat.

Manitou Lake, north of Woodland Park on Highway 67 and about 20 miles from Mueller State Park, is open this year, Yost said. Manitou Lake is available for fishing and picnicking.

Mueller State Park is at 9,500 feet altitude. Keep high-altitude precautions in mind. Use sunscreen, bring drinking water along on hikes and prepare for weather changes.

All Colorado State Parks require a pass for all vehicles. A day pass is \$5 and may be obtained at the entrance. An annual pass may be purchased for \$50. The passes are good for all Colorado State Parks.

To reach Mueller State Park from Fort Carson, take Interstate 25 to the Cimarron Street Exit. Follow Highway 24 west through Woodland Park to Divide. At Divide, turn south on



**Displays about Mueller State Park’s history are shown in the visitor center. The park was previously a ranch.**



**Exhibits in the visitor center depict wildlife in Mueller State Park. Big horn sheep and a herd of elk are in the park area.**

### Just the Facts

- Travel time 45 minutes
- For ages all
- Types state park
- Fun factor ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- Wallet damage \$ to \$\$

\$ = Less than \$20

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

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

(Based on a family of four)

## Get Out!

### Races

**The Pikes Peak International Raceway's** next race is the Indy Racing League Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are half price for military; call 382-7223 or buy them at the track. PPIR is south of Fort Carson on Interstate 25.

### New space exhibit

**The long-awaited Space Odyssey exhibit** at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science opens today. The 13,000 square-foot exhibit has been years and \$17 million in the making. The Gates Planetarium and new atrium are also open. Space Odyssey is included in museum admission, \$9 for adults, \$6 for ages 3 to 18. Gates Planetarium requires an additional fee. Combination tickets are available.

### Stomp

**Stomp**, the popular group that makes noise into an art form, performs at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade July 15 to 20. Tickets start at \$28.50 and may be arranged at 520-7469.

**"Hot Club of Cowtown"** is in the Pikes Peak Center June 14. 190 S. Cascade. Call the box office at 520-7469.

### JoyRides

**Fathers get free rides and play golf for free**, when accompanied by their families Saturday and Sunday. Summer hours are Saturdays from 11 a.m. until midnight; noon to 9 p.m. Sundays. Hours Mondays through Thursdays are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Denver Theater

**"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.

### Local theater

**"There's Gold in Them Thar Teeth" 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.

**The melodrama "Rocky Mountain Flyer,"** by the Cripple Creek Players, begins today 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.

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

### 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.

**"The Eagles"** are in the Pepsi Center June 24 at 8 p.m.; get tickets at 520-9090.

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

### State Fair concerts

**Concert tickets are for sale for the Colorado State Fair** at Ticketmaster, 520-9090, and the State Fair Box Office. An appearance by Weird Al Yankovic opens the series Aug. 16. He's followed by Kellie Coffey and Gary Allan, Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo. Other performers are Rascal Flatts; Sawyer Brown; Last Man Standing; Lonestar; Jaci Velasquez; Tom Jones; 3 Doors Down and Chicago. Professional bull riders, super tough trucks, a demolition derby and amateur boxing are also on the agenda. A Charreada rodeo is at 5 p.m. Aug. 31.

### Renaissance Festival

**The annual Renaissance Festival** at Larkspur begins Saturday and runs through Aug. 3 on weekends only. Admission is \$15.95 for adults and \$8 for children 5 to 12 years of age. The festival is Saturday and Sundays only, rain or shine. More information available at [www.coloradoarenaissance.com](http://www.coloradoarenaissance.com).

### Blues and Bones fest

**The annual Denver Blues and Bones Festival is set for Saturday and Sunday** at Invesco Field at

Mile High — just think "music" for blues" and "barbecue" for bones. This popular fest features music groups and a barbecue-cooking contest. There'll be refreshments for purchase. Go online at [www.blue-sandbones.com](http://www.blue-sandbones.com) for information.

### Blues, barbecue in Pueblo

**Boats, blues and barbecue** are featured at the riverwalk near downtown Pueblo Saturday. Activities include a blues concert at the pavilion on Lake Elizabeth, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Entry to the festival is free, as is the concert. Food vendors are on site, boat rides and entertainment for children. Check out [www.puebloharp.com](http://www.puebloharp.com) for information.

### Ride the rails

**The Royal Gorge Route Railroad** has started its summer season. Trains run twice each day, at 9:30 and 12:30 p.m., and beginning Saturday, a third excursion is at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26.95 for adults and \$16.50 for children. This year, for eight Saturdays a twilight dinner excursion at 7:30 p.m. is offered for \$69.95. Reservations are recommended, call (888) Rails-4U.

### Gem show

**The Pikes Peak Gem and Mineral Show** is June 28 and 29 at the Masonic Hall, 1150 Panorama Dr., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers, a special room for children, special exhibits and dealers will be featured. Call 632-9686 for information.

### Pancake street breakfast

**The annual Colorado Springs Street Breakfast** is set for July 16, from 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The street breakfast of pancakes and the trimmings is served in the middle of Pikes Peak Avenue downtown.

### Theater productions

**"Lone Star,"** a comedy production, will be presented in the Fine Arts Center theater June 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door. Call the box office at 634-5583.

**"The Patchwork Girl of Oz"** is presented June 28 and 29 at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center theater. This production is a sequel to the Wonderful Wizard of Oz and is presented by the Youth Repertory Theatre Workshop. Tickets are \$4 for children 12 and under and \$7.50 for those over 12. Call the box office at 634-5583 for tickets.

# Happenings



Photo by Nel Lampe

## *Indy racing ...*

**Gil de Ferran, winner of the Indianapolis 500, makes a pit stop during a practice run at Pikes Peak International Raceway. The Indy Racing League race is at PPIR this weekend. Tickets are half price for all servicemembers.**



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to June 20.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on job fairs in Bagdad, the children's hospital in Kirkuk and National Guard transformation (repeat). Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on the Carrier Air Wing 8, the USS Theodore Roosevelt and the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group. Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on the Air Force Academy graduation, the Space Command and the tanker lease proposal. Airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign

language news broadcasts. Access the schedule at the Fort Carson Web site.

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

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

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

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