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Engineers score goal for Iraqi youth athletics

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

AR RAMADI, Iraq — Judging from the smiles on their faces, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment engineers are rating high with Iraqi children through a soccer project they are engaged in here.

The South Carolina National Guard, 122nd Engineer Battalion, is emplacing soccer goals at locations throughout the city and has also given the Al Anbar Youth and Sports program here \$3,000 to buy uniforms, including shoes, for every child competing in the youth soccer league, which is eventually supposed to encompass all of Al Anbar. In addition, the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion of Abilene, Texas, donated \$810 worth of soccer balls to the youth league with funds the unit applied for, according to unit financial records.

"Seeing the kids out there yesterday made us feel like we were accomplishing our mission," said 1st Lt. Christopher Rauch, a construction management section officer in the S.C. National Guard, the day after emplacing goals at some soccer fields in the city.

The soccer project doesn't require the big budget of some of the engineers' other tasks like sewer and water

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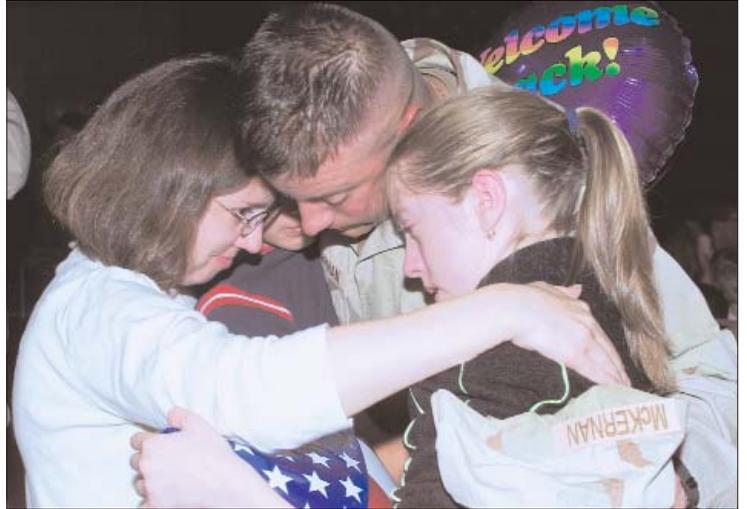


Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

Home at last ...

After a seven-month deployment, Maj. Tim McKernan embraces his wife Victoria and children Tim and Lauren. McKernan, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 43rd Area Support Group, plans and operations commander, returned Aug. 9 with a group of HHC, 43rd ASG soldiers. When the homecoming ceremony was over and the command "fall-out" was given, McKernan sprinted up the bleachers into the arms of his wife and children. "I'm glad to be home," he said.

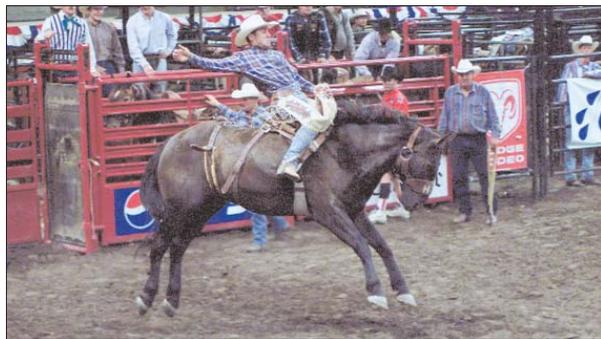


Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

Giddyup ...

Bareback riding was one of many events that took place in the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Aug. 6 at Fort Carson's appreciation night.

West Nile a concern for Fort Carson community

by 2nd Lt. Jason Wright
Chief of Environmental Health

West Nile Virus is a concern for the Fort Carson community again this season. Fort Carson officials have found West Nile Virus positive mosquitoes and a number of WNV positive birds. So far there have not been any positive human cases identified on Fort Carson. However, there have been positive mosquito and human cases in surrounding areas, to include nearby Pueblo County.

The primary means of transmission of mosquito-borne viruses to peo-

ple and animals are bites from infected mosquitoes. Only certain species of mosquitoes carry the virus, and very few mosquitoes actually are infected. In Colorado, these viruses are transmitted to people by a species called culex tarsalis, which feeds in the few hours before dawn and dusk. During the day they rest in shady, secluded areas, and they breed in almost any source of standing water.

Mosquito-borne viruses are maintained in a bird-mosquito-bird cycle.

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Early Deadline

Due to the training holiday Aug. 29, ad submissions for that week's paper must be submitted to the *Mountaineer* no later than noon Aug. 25.

Post Weather hotline:
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Home may never be the same

Soldiers should expect a period of readjustment after deployments

Commentary by Spc. Matt Millham 14th Public Affairs Detachment

When one Fort Carson soldier came home from Iraq last weekend and set out to buy propane for a welcome home barbecue, he found the business where he used to get his gas replaced by a car dealership. Instead of fenced-in tanks of liquid natural gas, he came upon a parking lot full of sport utility vehicles, sedans and pickup trucks. He was in a haze following his return from six months in the desert. Things weren't where or how he had left them. His family had moved into a new house. His children, who had been home schooled until he left, finished out the last term in public school. His wife, after six months of managing the household on her own, was revealing an unsubtle streak of independence and she had different friends and a different routine.

What he got from all this is: things are going to change. And for someone returning from six months in a Middle Eastern desert with little contact from the other side of the pond, it can seem like everything has changed.

Adjusting to these changes will take time. Before trying to figure out how to make the adjustment, before doing anything else, take some time off. Whether single or married, take some leave to help ease the transition

into the less hectic, more stable society and community of Colorado Springs and Fort Carson. While a welcome change, getting used to sleeping without the worry of sniper or rocket propelled grenade attack is a change none-the-less. It will take some time to adjust to the more relaxed posture, one in which a loud bang is more likely a car backfiring than a homemade bomb explosion.

For single soldiers, the changes at home might not seem so drastic. The relocation of a barracks room or burger joint doesn't qualify as a life-changing event. That's not to say single soldiers don't have anything to adjust to, but soldiers with families will find the transition a more cumbersome task.

Soldiers coming back to their families might feel entitled to their previous place in the family structure, but that's not a reasonable expectation. In a way, a returning soldier is a visitor in his own home. The family has gone on growing and changing without him. The trick is to relax and settle into the new environment as if a guest, to grow into the environment as an addition and not to return as a despotic dictator.

It is especially important that soldiers don't come back and try to reassert their authority right away.

While prior to a six-month stint in the desert he may have been the exclusive

manager of all household finances and made all major purchases and decisions, a returning soldier has to realize his family survived just fine on their own. The soldier's spouse might have gained an air of independence, but this is something to be expected. For six months the left-behind spouse ruled the household without consensus.

Returning soldiers should take the time to reacquaint themselves with their spouse and appreciate the spouse for managing the household the same way the spouse appreciates the soldier for fighting for the country. If it was the spouse's first time handling finances and household issues without help, some problems may have popped up, but it's their efforts and not their mistakes that deserve attention.

Not all of the tiptoeing falls on the soldier's shoulders though. The family also has to be sensitive to the abrupt change in environment soldiers face when returning from a war zone. Families have to give their soldiers a lot of leeway during readjustment and realize their soldiers are trying to adjust to a new environment — not the same one they left, but an entirely new set of circumstances. Likewise, returning soldiers should realize the family is also adjusting.

Fundamental to the adjustment process is communication. Soldiers and

their families have to be able to talk about their expectations. Expecting either side to adjust without discussing what needs to change or giving ample time for the change to occur is clearly unreasonable. Keep in mind there's no way to avoid all disputes, but communicating and talking things out will keep a family moving forward.

Beyond the family, it can be important for soldiers and families to have an external support network, such as a church or community group. While soldiers are deployed, these groups can become a backbone for the family, providing moral, emotional and material support and are often vital in helping soldiers' families cope with deployment. They can be just as effective in helping the family adjust to homecoming. These groups can ease the transition by providing a community of support and an ear to bounce ideas and concerns off of.

Change occurs with or without people, regardless of an individual's influence on family or society. These changes happen every day in subtle ways we may not be able to perceive. It's only when the change occurs without us we really take notice of it. Realizing things are never the same, that adjustment is a way of life and not in opposition to it will help soldiers and families cope with change.

To our Heroic Troops and their Families:

I thank you with all my heart for your constant courage and selfless deeds on behalf of our nation. I am awestruck by your heroic accomplishments in the cause of freedom, in Afghanistan, Iraq, and so many other places around the world where the people in our military are asked to undertake the most difficult and dangerous missions imaginable. You risk your precious lives for America's future.

You do so because you understand how precious and vital America is to the future of the world. You represent all that is good, strong and honorable about our nation, the highest principles

of character and commitment, which trace themselves back to our Founding Fathers. You are continuing their fight and carrying their fondest hopes for America, and for humanity, inside your hearts. As you prosecute this war on terrorism, which is no less than a fight for freedom's survival, please know that your fellow citizens hold you and your families in our hearts and in our prayers. Our faith and confidence in you and in the mission which you are committed to is unshakable. We understand what is at stake in Iraq and how crucial our victory there is. We grieve for our troops who have been lost. They will never be gone from our hearts.

Their memory will inspire us to push forward in spite of our fears, because we know this war is just. There is no more important and noble a task than the defense of liberty. As we will secure freedom in Iraq, we will strengthen it everywhere.

To back down in any way would mean dishonoring your friends and colleagues, our countrymen, who have made the ultimate sacrifice in this effort. With faith in God, in our cause, and in ourselves, we will achieve victory for America, and for the world.

May God bless you all.

Marisa Harris

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News

Signal soldiers building communication



Photo courtesy of 3rd Brigade Combat Team in Iraq

Spc. Chad Connelly and Capt. Erik Koenig make a phone call to 4th Infantry Division headquarters in Iraq using Single Channel Tactical Satellite Communication.

**by Capt. Erik Koenig
3rd Brigade Combat Team**

BALAD, Iraq — 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, from Fort Carson deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in April 2003, but the work of the signal soldiers began months earlier.

The signal soldiers prior to deployment were to prepare 3rd BCT for war with Iraq by ensuring all of the communication equipment worked properly, batteries were distributed, and automation equipment was prepared to assist in the success of the brigade's deployment.

The signal soldiers were a vital part of the unit's movement from Fort Carson to the port of Beaumont, Texas, and deployed with the brigade advance party to assist in the reception, staging, onward, and integration of the brigade's equipment in Kuwait and the movement into Iraq.

A 3rd BCT signal soldier has the task of making sure the warfighter can

communicate and control the fight. A signal soldier's job entails installing, operating and maintaining all types of communication systems within the brigade. The signal soldier is also responsible for designing, networking and integrating automation equipment that is purchased commercially. Much of the automation equipment is beyond the basic skills taught at Advanced Initial Training so soldiers must learn on the job, not in a classroom. Some tactical systems include Army Battle Command Systems, FM radios, Single Channel Tactical Satellite, Mobile Scriber Equipment, Blue Force tracking equipment and high frequency radios. One could imagine in a controlled environment that working on these systems would prove to be challenging, but the soldiers of 3rd BCT have worked in sandstorms, extreme heat, extreme distances and occasionally with little or no sleep.

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projects and bridge missions, but it is considered a "big impact project" because of the tremendous potential it has to influence the perception of the city's parents and, consequently, their children toward Coalition Forces.

"Children will have the perception that parents give them," Rauch said. "Us doing something for them might change their perception."

Imad Mitlib Mekhlif, director of Al Anbar Youth and Sports, requested \$43,000 for the program. The way the funds are being used is being monitored in the project, Rauch said. Further funding is dependent on evaluation of previous use of funds, he explained.

Future improvements to the soccer program could include bleachers, field irrigation systems, chalk

and chalk dispensers and more goals.

Another possibility on the horizon is funding independent inter-city leagues in addition to the Youth and Sports League. Other youth leaders in the community have expressed interest and their requests will be looked at on a case-by-case basis, Rauch said.

There is one more benefit Rauch said he believes the soccer program will bring.

"When it (the climate) cools down and school is back in session and they're playing competitive soccer games on nice fields with good equipment, life will be back to normal," he said.

Normality is one commodity both Iraqi citizens and Coalition Forces yearn for.

Signal soldiers

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The signal soldier has run seven miles of computer cable and 14 miles of telephone cable while deployed in Iraq. This brigade has also been stretched out over 120 miles, which is not the doctrinal distance for a brigade to cover. 3rd BCT deployed all of its FM retransmission assets to ensure that radio coverage for the brigade would not be interrupted.

3rd BCT signal soldiers also assist in the civil affairs arena. They give assessments for phone switches and radio stations throughout the brigade's area of operations. Once the assessment is complete, funding for repair of the phone switches and radio stations is provided so they can be brought back to an operational

status.

While in Iraq the signal section has accessed more than nine phone switches and radio stations. This is the signal soldier's way of assisting the people in developing a cohesive infrastructure for the people and the nation of Iraq.

This BCT has moved eight times over great distances and still the resolve of the signal soldier to maintain communication for the command is a great credit to the 3rd BCT soldiers in the communication arena.

The job of the signal soldier is a thankless one, but if not done, soldiers would be alone and disconnected on the battlefield.

Military

U.S. Northern Command

Showcases firefighting capability

by Tech. Sgt. Devin Fisher
U.S. Northern Command Public
Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE

BASE, Colo. — Americans can rest assured the military's highly skilled firefighters are ready to lend a helping hand to assist local, state and federal firefighters contain ravaging wildland fires should the need arise.

U.S. Northern Command officials treated local, regional and national media to a briefing and hands-on presentation of firefighting aircraft, vehicles and equipment Aug. 5. The presentation showcased the command's roles and capabilities regarding wildland firefighting.

"The military has been called upon in the past (to assist with wildland firefighting), and is likely to be called on again," said Mike Perini, U.S. Northern Command director of

public affairs. "And when that call comes, you can be assured the military will be ready."

While homeland defense is the primary mission of the command established as a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, officials noted that U.S. Northern Command also provides "one-stop shopping" for military assistance to civil authorities in the event of disaster relief operations to include wildland fires.

U.S. Northern Command consolidates existing missions previously executed by various Department of Defense organizations under a single unified command. This means the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, the nation's support center for wildland firefighting, has one focal point when it comes to military support.

The Department of Defense is a

"last resort," and thus is only called in after all local and state assets have been utilized, noted Army Col. Jay Marts, deputy chief of current operations at U.S. Northern Command.

If and when local communities and federal agencies need additional support — in the form of equipment, expertise, manpower, plans, organization, communications and training — the men and women in uniform are prepared and ready to lend a helping hand.

Marts explained that if NIFC determines military firefighting assistance is needed, the center sends a request for assistance to the Department of Defense. Once authorized, the tasking is sent to Northern Command to execute.

"When called upon, Northern Command's mission is to expeditiously support NIFC in order to lessen or

eliminate the effects of wildland fires," he said.

The hands-on presentation showcased personnel and equipment, which U.S. Northern Command could call upon to lend a helping hand. This included C-130 aircraft equipped with the Modular Airborne Firefighting System from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson; a Colorado Army National Guard UH-60 helicopter equipped with an aerial firefighting bucket; and Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services Wildland Fire Section personnel and equipment.

Although U.S. Northern Command has not been called on to assist with the fight this fire season, the command continually trains for the worst-case scenario — an uncontrolled blaze which local and state authorities need assistance in containing.

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 Legal Assistance are back to normal. Walk-ins to see attorneys are Mondays

and Thursdays only; sign in 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., Monday through Thursday.

New CIF Hours

Effective immediately, individuals may conduct their business at Central Issue Facility (draw, turn-in, direct exchange) 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

eArmyU — eArmyU program briefings are conducted at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, Tuesdays at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Are you ETSing?

If you're within 120 days of ETS, you must immediately call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make your appointment for your MANDATORY Reserve Component Briefing.

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.

Hours of operation

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Claims Office hours of operation —

Claims division office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Personnel Claims Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for mandatory briefing to submit DD 1840/1840R and receive documents for filing. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 526-1355 for more information.

The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services will change Monday. Hours are:

eArmyU Testing center, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Learning Center and Basic Skills Classes, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Counselor Support Center, Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

ETS Briefings, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Claims Division new hours — The Claims Division office hours are now Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

Personnel Claims hours:
Mandatory briefing: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Submit DD 1840/1840R

Receive documents for filing:
Submitting completed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Claims: 1 to 4 p.m. Closed on Friday.

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352 to see if it warrants an appointment.

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

Explosive devices kill 3 soldiers, wound 5 in Iraq

by Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Explosive devices apparently planted by pro-Saddam insurgents killed two U.S. 4th Infantry Division soldiers and injured three in two separate incidents in Iraq Aug. 12 and 13, according to U.S. Central Command news releases.

Two soldiers were taken to the 28th Combat Support Hospital after their M-113 armored personnel vehicle hit an explosive device Aug. 13 near the town

of Ad Dwar. One soldier died of his injuries.

And CENTCOM reported another 4th Division soldier was killed and two wounded early evening Aug. 12 when their convoy encountered an explosive device near Al Taji. The injured soldiers were taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment.

The Aug. 12 evening attack had been preceded earlier that day by a similar incident near Ar Ramadi, which also involved an explosive device that killed one U.S. 3rd Infantry Division soldier and wounded

two.

In other Iraq news, CENTCOM reported a 101st Airborne Division soldier had died of injuries and a civilian interpreter was hurt Aug. 12 when their vehicle was struck by a taxi.

And a soldier with the U.S. 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment apparently died in his sleep Aug. 12 at a camp in Ar Ramadi, according to CENTCOM.

The names of the dead and wounded were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Week of Aug. 16 to 22

Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

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

- Butts Army Airfield dining facility is closed until further notice.
- Patton Inn is closed Sat., Sun.
- Mountaineer Inn is closed until further notice.
- Cheyenne Mountain Inn is closed Fri., Sat., Sun.



Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)
43rd ASG (building 1040)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

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)

Fort Carson MPs stand guard at Guantanamo Bay

by Sgt. Erin Crawley
Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay
Public Affairs

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba —

When the 984th Military Police Company departed Fort Carson in November to join the fight in the War on Terrorism, they didn't know exactly what to expect. But this active duty unit welcomed the unique challenges this one-of-a-kind mission had to offer.

Once the 984th MPs stepped off the plane they stepped right up to the plate — or better yet, right up to the gate. Since their arrival, lives have changed, soldiers have grown and lessons have been learned. The 984th has met many challenges here with the highest set of standards, professionalism and determination. The junior noncommissioned officers and junior enlisted soldiers of the 984th can be credited with much of this unit's success. As a result of their concentrated teamwork and attention to detail, the 984th has accomplished much here, setting the standard for the next rotation of units coming in. Failure is not an option to the proud soldiers of the 984th, according to 1st Sgt. David DeBates.

“What makes this unit a great unit

is the soldiers. They have immense pride in themselves, their unit and their contributions to the War on Terrorism. They come from all parts of the country and have come together as a unit to do the job they've been tasked with.

They interact well with each other and have grown dependent on each other. We have focused on the team building since we have been down here to maintain our standards, do the job right the first time, take it home and get ready to do it again someplace else,” DeBates said.

The 984th thrives on teamwork. Part of being a successful team player is being adaptable to change and open to new challenges. Sgt. Katie Faccioli, an administrative clerk with the headquarters platoon of the 984th, has been with the unit for more than three years. She has learned a lot here through different jobs she's held during this deployment. “I've done general contractor escort, security at the sally ports, charge of quarters, overseen motor pool operations and my administrative duties,” said Faccioli.

Faccioli said she has seen the unit

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West Nile Virus

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Mosquitoes receive the virus through feeding on an infected bird with the virus in its blood. The virus is transmitted to a new host in the mosquito's saliva when the insect bites a person or animal. Person-to-person transmission does not occur. These viruses are prevalent from May to September when mosquitoes are most abundant, but the risk to humans occurs primarily from August through early September.

Most people who are infected with mosquito-borne viruses do not become ill and have no symptoms. For people who do become ill, the time between the mosquito bite and the first symptoms ranges from five to 15 days.

There are two different types of WNV diseases for humans. The first is viral-fever syndrome, which includes fever, headache and fatigue that persist from two to seven days. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, less than 1 percent of people infected with WNV will experience the second form of disease, encephalitis. Encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, begins with a sudden high fever and a headache, and then may progress to stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, and coma. Severe infections can result in permanent brain damage or death. Most deaths occur in people over 50 years of age.

While there is no specific treatment for WNV, if you believe that you may have become infected you should consult with your personal health-care

provider.

In accordance with the Fort Carson WNV Surveillance and Control Plan, efforts are being coordinated with all concerned agencies including Fort Carson Veterinary Services, Preventive Medicine, the Directorate of Environmental Compliance, the Fort Carson housing contractor and the El Paso County Health Department.

The DECAM and the housing contractor continue to monitor the WNV situation and apply pesticide to areas of standing water, such as storm drains, which are potential mosquito larvae breeding sites.

Mosquito-Borne Virus Prevention and Control

To decrease exposure to mosquitoes and the viruses they may carry:

- Limit outside activity around dawn and dusk when *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes feed. This is particularly important for elderly adults and small children.
- Wear white or light colored long sleeve shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors, although mosquitoes can bite through clothing if insect repellent is not also applied.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors. For young children, only apply repellent that contains 10 percent or less DEET. Avoid spraying or applying DEET to their hands and mouth area.
- Make sure screens on doors and windows are tight fitting, and repair any holes or tears.
- Avoid standing water in stagnant puddles, wetlands and ditches. Standing water provides an ideal

*Military police blotter***National Night Out****Courtesy Provost Marshal Office**

The proclamation of the "National Night Out" was read Aug. 5 by Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general, at Ironhorse Park and was followed by a community picnic, entertainment, child and youth activities, sporting events, educational displays and booths as well as safety and crime prevention demonstrations. This was the sixth year the Fort Carson Drug Abuse Resistance and Education team with McGruff The Crime Dog has participated in National Night Out.

DARE officers fingerprinted more than 500 hundred family members ranging in ages from birth to 13. The purpose of fingerprinting the children is to help with identification if children go missing. The name, gender, hair and eye color, height, weight, date and place of birth and an updated photo of the child will be shown on the card. The information was passed on to parents for safekeeping.

National Night Out was designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs

Traffic Roll Up

In the past week there were 84 total citations:

- 64 for speeding
- 20 for other violations (e.g.: malfunctioning equipment, lack of insurance or registration, expired plates and improper vehicle operation)

and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnership. Local law enforcement agencies were also in attendance and included Officer Dave Langfeld, Fountain DARE officer.

Vehicle registration tip

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles recommends that active duty military personnel who are Texas residents residing in another state carry their registration receipt in their vehicle, because this may be a requirement in that state or the military installation where they are currently assigned. Texas residents who have lost their registration receipt may obtain a duplicate by sending the Texas DMV a completed request form. For further questions, call 524-1896.

Top enlisted soldier to retire in January

by Natalie Granger
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's top enlisted soldier announced his retirement plans today at the Army Retirement Services conference in Crystal City, Va.

After almost 35 years of service, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley announced that he will be retiring in January. Tilley was speaking to retirement services officers and transition personnel at their biennial conference.

In his opening statement, he thanked the audience for everything they do.

"You make a difference in the attitudes of soldiers as they leave the military," Tilley said.

He went on to tell the audience stories of wounded soldiers and personal experience of his retirement preparation. The room filled with laughter as he told jokes about his years in service and being a grandfather.

Tilley focused on the importance of family and friends and of the little things done everyday. He also stressed having faith and staying motivated and motivating others.

"We are all leaders," Tilley said. "We need to start talking to soldiers about how to plan for retirement earlier, so they are prepared when that time comes," he added.

Ninety-seven retirement services officers and transition personnel representing 35 installations, including those from Korea and Europe, attended this week-long conference.

This conference gives the Army Retirement Services staff a chance to teach, mentor, exchange ideas with personnel in the field, said retired Col. John W. Radke, chief of Army Retirement Services. It builds camaraderie, he added.

After Tilley spoke, Radke presented him with a certificate of appreciation. "I have seen him speak on several occasions, and each and every time it is deeply motivating," said Radke.

"He is a soldier's soldier," Radke said.

EUCOM Transformation may send soldiers back to United States

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Moving troops out of Germany and positioning them closer to terror threats is part of the transformational plan for U.S. Europe Command.

“We don’t foresee a war in Germany. So, why have a large force there?” said Air Force Gen. Chuck Wald, the U.S. Europe Command deputy commander. “We have to face the fact that there is a new threat, and to address the new threat takes a different type of strategy, force and a different displacement of troops,” Wald said.

In 1989, there were 315,000 active-duty troops in Europe. Today there are 106,000 in Europe, not counting those in the Balkans. Transformation has already begun, Wald said. The Air Force and Navy have already dramatically downsized, he added.

The Army is looking at one of three options, Wald said. Some soldiers will either stay in the EUCOM area of operations, go back to the States or go to countries like Bulgaria, Romania or Lithuania — all former Soviet-bloc countries and republics — or to the continent of Africa.

Most will go back to the States and rotate to the east on a six-month rotational basis, Wald added.

Department of the Army officials were not able to provide a timeline because the plan causes for operational decisions that are still under review.

Marine Gen. James Jones, who has been commanding EUCOM since January, is devising a plan that would place troops closer to terrorist hotspots and in the backyard of NATO allies who are in need of developing a stronger military force.

“The possibility exists that we may have to shift some of our forces and basing assets to give us the flexibility, agility and ability to project power in areas where new challenges are emerging,” said Jones in an open letter to servicemembers, civilians and their families under his command.

Within the next year, seven more countries are scheduled to become NATO allies, Wald said. “We need to set programs in place to help countries where the government, military and police force isn’t as mature, and it’s easy for the terrorists to come and go.”

Just a few years ago there was not a military threat in Africa, Wald said. However, the proliferation of terrorist training camps was unpredictable, he said.

“Now we need to develop a habitual relationship with Africa and set up forward operating locations so we can train and train them so they can protect their borders and capture terrorist themselves.”

Even though Africa often goes through civil strife, missions in Africa will be to deter terrorists, Wald said. There are many other countries that have armies that can certainly perform peacekeeping missions. The Army needs to do operations on the high-end of the spectrum, he added.

The Army can do peacekeeping, but it is too good for that, Wald said.

“The threat is that al-Qaida alone has trained between 25,000 to 70,000 terrorists,” he said. “Who can say that Syria isn’t going to pose a threat in the Middle East? No one can say that North Korea is all of a sudden not a threat. We don’t know what China is going to do.”

Change in the EUCOM theater will not happen for change’s sake, Wald said, but because it

makes sense.

“For example, Grafenwoher has a world-class, irreplaceable range,” he said. “What good would it do to give something like that up just to say you did it? It’s the same thing with Ramstein or Stuttgart,” Wald said.

A military presence will remain in Germany. The size of the force hasn’t yet been decided, he added.

“We don’t foresee a war in Germany. So, why have a large force there?”

Air Force Gen. Chuck Wald
U.S. Europe Command
deputy commander

984th Military Police

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go through a lot of changes and that this deployment has given members an opportunity to get to know each other better. "I think we always strive to be the best no matter what. That's the one quality we (984th) all share. Our unit has evolved into this."

Pfc. Roy Mitchell feels that this deployment has also brought the 984th closer together. Admittedly, he said, they have been through some rough times, but overall, this mission has brought the unit closer.

Mitchell, who has been in the Army about 13 months, feels this deployment has been an excellent experience in which he has learned a lot about law enforcement and has grown as an individual. He felt the 95C (corrections specialist) training to be extremely beneficial. "The 95C side of the training is something that will help me in the long run ... it was good. I enjoyed it, and I appreciate them (JTF) giving it to me," Mitchell said. Making history and serving your country all wrapped up in one mission could be daunting to some, but not to the members of the 984th.

"We're 95 Bravos (military police), and we're doing something that is new down here in Cuba. It's new and it is still evolving. We're laying down the

guidelines for the future deployments here," Mitchell said. Spc. Troy Taylor also feels his company is making history here.

"I think definitely a positive aspect is we can go back to Fort Carson knowing we took part in the global War on Terrorism. We can look back when it is in the history books 20 years from now and we can say we took part in that," Taylor said. "I was in Korea when 9-11 happened, and to me it was kind of surreal to all of a sudden be placed down here guarding enemy combatants that I heard about on the news. Now I'm here face-to-face with them.

"Our specialty isn't to know exactly what information is coming from these detainees, but if there was no information, then we wouldn't be here," Taylor said. "As far as the hero role goes, I think that ought to be given to the guys in Iraq and Afghanistan right now that are keeping their head down, dodging bullets and really facing dangers. Here, it would be good to get recognition and to inform people what exactly goes on down here and the outstanding job that all the MPs do. It is a hard mission and we do get frustrated, but we've been able to show restraint in highly stressful situations. I consider that an accomplishment."

"The biggest thing that I want people at home to know is exactly how the detainees are being treated here because there is a lot of negative press out there.

The detainees are being treated well and receive excellent medical attention. We display a high level of professionalism towards running the blocks, following the Standard Operating Procedures and executing the orders of the command," Taylor explained.

The collaboration and camaraderie of the 984th is what makes them flourish as a team and carry out the mission.

Their respect for one another has also enabled future leaders to learn more and take on additional responsibilities.

The 984th received specialized training when they first arrived in Guantanamo to prepare them for conducting detainee release and receipt missions, otherwise known as air bridge missions.

"I think the biggest impact we've made down here is setting the groundwork for the air bridge missions," said Sgt. Gabe Sansom.

"The instructors of the training were really impressed that we knew so much about the tactics that they were able to take us to the next level and the next level after that, fairly quickly,"

Castillo said. "They told us they were very impressed with our performance, how we handled ourselves, and how we carried ourselves with respect to the situations they presented to us."

"I'm extremely proud of the job they have done. My soldiers try hard each and every day to do the right thing, to do what is expected of them and to do it to the best of their abilities.

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Spc. Troy Taylor
984th Military Police

This works because the NCOs emphasize it to our soldiers every day — to do their best and not to be satisfied with the minimum standard," said DeBates.

After you've worn through the soles of your boots a few times from months of conducting escort missions in Camp Delta, it's either time for another pair of boots or a new mission. In the case of the 984th, it is a new mission.

Soon the 984th will be focusing on future operations, but first they'll spend some time with their families and friends back at Fort Carson. They leave here knowing they have left their mark on JTF Guantanamo.

Community

Soldiers wage war on battlefield stress

by U.S. Army Spec. Shauna
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1st Armored Division Public Affairs
Office

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In a combat environment, it's easy to get fatigued.

Long work hours, combined with less time for physical exercise and sleep, add to the stress of being away from family and friends and can push soldiers to the breaking point. The 528th Medical Detachment (Combat Stress Control) helps soldiers avoid reaching that breaking point.

"People can get physically exhausted because of the tempo," said Dr. (Maj.) John Parsley, a psychologist and the commander of 528th Medical Detachment. "Our main mission is to try to prevent combat stress and battle fatigue casualties." The detachment is split up into four teams, spread throughout the 1st Armored Division.

Three are prevention teams working to prevent combat stress. Currently prevention teams are located with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the

3rd Brigade Combat Team and on Baghdad International Airport. These teams can change their locations depending on soldiers' needs.

Prevention teams work directly with unit's leaders and soldiers to get their message out. They advise commanders about work/rest cycles and provide classes on stress management, conflict resolution and suicide prevention. They also do critical event debriefings.

"When a unit is involved in a serious incident, we go out and talk with them," said Staff Sgt. Marc Selby, a mental health noncommissioned officer. "We'll get soldiers to open up and start talking. It really helps the recovery process when people don't keep things bottled up inside."

The detachment also has a restoration team located with the 47th Forward Support Battalion. The restoration team, which includes a psychiatrist and an occupational therapist, treat combat stress and battle fatigue casualties.

"The restoration team tries to work

with the commander to make sure a battle fatigue casualty gets the right treatment," said Parsley. "They need plenty of rest, plenty of food and they need to be kept hydrated."

In more severe cases, patients might also require some physical treatment, said Parsley. This includes occupational therapy, exercise and job-related physical tasks. Though the 528th Medical Detachment will do whatever it takes to help a soldier, interventions are usually pretty brief. In-patient treatment rarely lasts for more than 72 hours.

"Treatment out here is kind of at warp speed," said Parsley. "We try to get people back to their unit. Our job is to help them recover and get them back to work."

"We have to hit things as hard as we can as fast as we can, but results have been really good," added Selby. Unfortunately, not everyone recovers from battle fatigue and combat stress with local treatment.

"Occasionally, we see some pretty

serious psychiatric patients with extreme disorders," said Parsley. They literally can't feed themselves or do personal hygiene. They can be serious risks to themselves or other people. These people have to be medically evacuated."

However, medical evacuations are the exception and not the rule, he said. Most battle fatigue casualties are good, normal soldiers dealing with extraordinary circumstances, said Parsley.

Parsley encourages soldiers to pay a visit to the prevention teams if they are feeling stressed or fatigued. "People that become battle fatigued could get worse if they don't get help now," he said. "We're here for anyone who needs us."

Soldiers should also be aware of their own mental health. According to Parsley, there are several ways to help prevent combat stress. Soldiers should stay hydrated, eat a balanced diet, avoid skipping meals, maintain a regular sleep schedule and participate in physical training.

Community Events

Miscellaneous

Service examinations — Soldiers wanting to take the Automotive Service Examinations in November must register by Sept. 12. Three funded exams are available for servicemembers who have a Military Occupational Specialty in the following automotive/mechanical service specialties: 52B, 52C, 52D, 61C, 62B, 63B-H, 63B-N, 63B-2, 63B-T, 62B-W and 63B-Y.

Funded exams are available for anyone who previously held the MOS/RATE/AFSC (such as warrant officers) or are currently enrolled in an associate degree program in automotive technology. Soldiers taking the examinations must pay a \$29 registration fee. For information, contact guidance counselors in building 1117, room 160B, or call the Testing Section, 526-8072.

Education festival — The Mountain Post Training and Education Center is hosting an Education Festival Aug. 20 at building 1117 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from the following institutions will be available to answer questions regarding their institution and programs: University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colorado State University at Pueblo, DeVry University, National American University, Colorado Christian University, Colorado Technical University; University of Phoenix, Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Regis University, Webster University and Troy State University. There will also be representatives available to talk with individuals about the Troops to Teacher Program, Veteran's Affairs Education Benefits and Financial Aid.

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: Graphics Artist at Schriever Air Force Base
Who: Anyone with audio visual experience and a high school diploma

What: Satellite communications technician in Colorado Springs
Who: Anyone with space operations/GPS experience required and a high school diploma

What: Systems engineer at Schriever Air Force Base

What: Systems Engineer in Omaha, Neb.,
Who: anyone with satellite ground systems experience
BSEE Degree Required

What: Information Systems OSR Engineer in Sunnyville, Calif.

Who: Anyone with ATM technology experience
What: Materials planning in Colorado Springs.
Who: Anyone with logistics background; BA with two years experience

Annual leave donations — Alan Wright, an employee in the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, needs annual leave donations to help cover his absences due to an illness and the exhaustion of available paid leave.

Civilian employees willing to donate annual leave under the "Voluntary Leave Transfer Program" should refer to Fort Carson Regulation 690-4. Leave donation forms (OPM Form 630-A) may be obtained from your personnel section or at the OPM Web site at www.opm.gov/forms/index.asp. Completed donation forms should be forwarded to your leave approval official for approval, and then to the Customer Service Representative at DRM. For more information, call Patrick McCusker at 526-1696 or Kathy Green at 526-1729.

Job openings at Fort Carson chapels —
Soldiers' Memorial Chapel
Catholic parish priest
Catholic parish deacon
Choir director/cantor for 5 p.m. Saturday
Catholic service
Choir director/cantor for 9:30 a.m. Catholic service
Organist/pianist for 9:30 a.m. Catholic service
Organist/pianist for 11 a.m. Protestant service
Choir director for 11 a.m. Protestant service
Provider Chapel
Musician/cantor for 12:15 p.m. Catholic service
Pianist/organist for 9 a.m. Protestant service
Pianist/organist for 5 p.m. Saturday Catholic service

Choir director for 9 a.m. Protestant service
Pianist/organist for 10:45 a.m. Liturgical
Prussian Chapel
Musician/cantor for 8 a.m. Catholic service
Pianist/organist for 11 a.m. Gospel service
Choir director for 11 a.m. Gospel service
Veterans' Chapel
Pianist/organist for 9:30 a.m. Protestant service
Family Life Center
Clinical supervisor

If you are interested in any of these positions, contact Jean Gatta at 526-6600 located in the Directorate of Contracting 1850 Mekong, building 6222.

Command and General Staff College Offered at Fort Carson — All active, Reserve component and National Guard majors and promotable captains are invited to enroll in the U.S. Army Reserve Command and General Staff College offered through the 10th Battalion, 104th Division (IT). This course is an equivalent alternative to residence attendance at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the correspondence option. Small group instruction takes place in four phases. Phases one and three are conducted at Fort Carson from October through May, one night a week. Phases two and four are conducted in a two week annual training or temporary duty status in June and July each year. These phases are currently planned to be held at Fort Carson as well. Hurry — classes begin Oct. 1. Contact Maj. Greg Kropkowski for additional information and details at 668-8530 or at greg.kropkowski@us.army.mil.

Christmas in July — The Christmas in July Toy Collection for Project Santa is still in need of toys. The tree and the donation box will be in the main post exchange hallway until Monday for those interested in donating a new toy to a needy Fort Carson child.

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus precautions — Mosquito season is here and so is the need to take precautions against West Nile Virus. Here are some simple preventive measures individuals can take to reduce the risk of mosquito bites:

- Wear white or light colored long sleeve shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors, especially in the early mornings and evenings in areas where mosquitoes are most active. Dark colors tend to attract mosquitoes.

- Apply insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors. Be careful applying repellent to children under 12 years old. For young children, only apply repellent that contains 10 percent or less DEET. Avoid spraying or applying DEET to their hands and mouth area.

- Avoid standing water in stagnant puddles, wetlands and ditches. Standing water provides an ideal breeding sites for mosquitoes.

- Change the water in birdbaths, pools and other containers of standing water at least every two-to-four days.



Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
526-4590

Fort Carson Career Fair

Employment Readiness, in partnership with private companies from Colorado Springs, will host a Career Job Fair for youths and adults.

Friday Sept. 19 10am-3pm

Post Field House, Bldg. 1829

Call 526-4590 for details.

If you notice standing pools of water on Fort Carson, notify Pest Control at 526-5141.

Report dead crows, jays, ravens, magpies and other birds to the DECAM Pest Control Facility (526-0979/5141) or Fort Carson Wildlife Office (576-8074) Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., or the Military Police (526-2333) during non-duty hours, weekends and holidays.

Claims against the estate

Claims against the estate — With deepest regret to the family of Sgt. Michael Eugene Dooley, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his/her estate should contact 2nd Lt. Scott Weaver at 577-4096.

Health programs

Fort Carson's instructional walking program — The Fort Carson Well Walkers walk Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. for the duration of the summer. Pre-registration is required and is ongoing so you can start anytime. Call the Mountain Post Wellness Center at 526-3887 for information and to receive your registration packet.

Missing Scales — The Installation Transportation Office is missing one passenger/baggage scale used to weigh deploying personnel and their baggage for manifesting purposes. The scale is green, 3-foot high with a dial and 3-foot long with a platform. The serial number is 2KP18711. Also missing are two portable pad scales, used to weigh vehicles and pallets. The serial numbers on the pad scales are 14295 and 14306.

Anyone who may have any information on the location of these items, please contact the Unit Movements Branch, Transportation Division, DOL at 526-1159/1151/1150 or 1162, and we will arrange to have them picked up. If you have any questions, please give Patty Martinez, 526-1159 or Shanette Thornton, 526-1151 a call.

Mass casualty exercise a success

Courtesy National Defense Medical Service

Mass casualty exercises are part of all medical treatment facilities' training objectives, but Evans Army Community Hospital at Fort Carson added a new dimension by conducting a two phased MAS-CAL exercise that started at the Colorado Springs Airport.

The exercise was designed to test and train Evans' staff and local civilian community partners in airfield response that resulted in meeting the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' requirement for an annual joint exercise. It also met the requirement for the National Disaster Medical System Federal Coordinating Center mission at Fort Carson to be able to estab-

lish a patient reception site at the local airport and track those patients to definitive medical care.

The exercise scenario involved soldiers deployed to Iraq being injured as a result of a bomb blast at a mess facility near Baghdad during post-war stabilization in May. Some soldiers were treated in theater or were sent to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany for care beyond theater capabilities. After stabilization at Landstuhl, 40 of these patients needed to be evacuated to medical care closest to their unit of assignment at Fort Carson.

Upon notification of the arrival of the air evacuation flight through Transportation Command Regulating and Command and Control Evacuation System (TRACE2ESP) and further coordination with the Global Patient Regulating Movements Center at Scott Air Force Base, all the staff at E.A.C.H. responded by setting up at patient reception station at the Colorado Springs Airport for triage and holding. Patients arrived on a C-130 provided by the 302nd AirLift Wing from Peterson

Air Force Base. The patients were successfully triaged by the Evans staff and sent to local hospitals or to the airfield holding area to await further transport.

Ambulance transport was accomplished in part by the local civilian American Medical Response. The Fort Carson Adjutant General joined in the exercise by providing a patient tracking team that worked with the Patient Administration team at the airfield. This coordination facilitated the transmission of timely information back to the post. The Patient Administration team successfully input patient data into TRACE2ESP from a laptop at the airfield, one of the exercise objectives, and was able to maintain visibility of all patients in the process from the receiving the plane manifest to disposition to local hospitals. Local civilian ham radio operators provided excellent communications and staff interaction between the airfield and Fort Carson, thus proving the reliability of this method.

Col. Scott Goodrich
Evans Army Community Hospital commander

While in the holding area, some patients exhibited emotional distress, causing some challenging play for the mental health and chaplain responders. In addition to the military chaplains, the Colorado Springs Fire Department made chaplain support available at the airfield. The Fort Carson Public Affairs Office coordinated local public affairs support. Numerous representatives of local newspapers and television stations covered the exercise. The Salvation Army supplied breakfast and lunch for the airfield exercise staff and players.

During the second phase of the exercise, one of the ambulances en route to Fort Carson with 10 wounded soldiers was involved in a motor vehicle roll over accident near the golf course, resulting in numerous additional injuries. Patients from this phase were in moulage and made realistic play available for the first responder and emergency

room staff. The Fort Carson fire department provided on-site incident command and the Military Police supplied vehicle investigation and traffic control at the accident site.

Family members who were following the ambulance and witnessed the accident caused appropriate confusion in the emergency room as they arrived disoriented and traumatized. They were escorted to the Family Support Center at Evans for pastoral counseling and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing as necessary.

While the patients were being triaged, one of the victims who had a head wound was found dazed and wandering around the golf course by two Evans employees, Madeline Claborne of the Information Management Division and Delores Walker of Radiology, who were walking on the fitness trail near the golf course during their lunch break. They stayed with the patient and called for medical help. This was not part of the exercise play, but was the appropriate response.

According to Col. Scott Goodrich, E.A.C.H. commander, "This concerned action goes to show that the attitude of genuine caring for our patients runs throughout our organization." The two women were awarded commander's coins for their efforts.

The exercise proved to be very successful. All the training objectives were met, and at the same time, the staff was given a meaningful opportunity to participate in developing the response mission at the airfield.

According to Col. Debra Tenney, Chief of the National Disaster Medical System Federal Coordinating Center and exercise director, "This experience has been very gratifying. We now know that if we are called upon to respond to either a military mission or a civilian disaster, we are able to successfully interface with our community partners and together we are prepared to carry out that mission. We also have a requirement to provide this same response in Denver, so next year we are looking forward to a similar exercise at Denver International Airport."

Soldiers vigilantly track enemies

3rd BCT intelligence role vital to operations in Iraq

by Capt. Tad Hartzell

3rd Brigade Combat Team
assistant intelligence officer

BALAD, Iraq — The conditions are set. The streets have been cordoned off all around the objective's house. Soldiers in Bradley Fighting Vehicles stand alert and ready to stand guard for the infantrymen.

The surveillance has confirmed the subject of this raid is at home. Then, suddenly the operation is on. Infantrymen cover all the doors and enter the house.

No shots ring out this time, the subject surrenders to the American forces who have stormed the house. The soldiers search the house and yard looking for weapons and explosive devices. It is a quick, quiet victory that will probably save another American life.

This particular situation is made up, but day in and day out there are actions like this throughout the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division's Area of Operations in Iraq. There are terrorists being caught and Iraq is on its way to being a free country. Behind every raid that leads to the capture of a terrorist is a trail of intelligence that has built the picture to allow 3rd BCT forces to capture that terrorist. That trail comes through many sources and there are many soldiers from C Company, 104th Military Intelligence, Troop B, 9th Cavalry and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd BCT who are out there, finding the sources, building the surveillance plan and preparing the data that allows the infantrymen to



Photo by Spec. Kathy Jo Young, Combat Camera

Maj. Schneider, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, speaks with civilians in Pichigan, Iraq.

make a successful raid.

Intelligence is a vital part to the everyday operations in Iraq. From figuring out who exactly is the terrorist, to helping the reconstruction efforts by investigating political parties, 3rd BCT's intelligence professionals provide much of the support necessary to rebuild this area of the country. There are soldiers who are out meeting with the informants and gleaning the information that leads to raids that are described above.

Analysts combine reports from informants with other sources to confirm the

location of all such terrorists. Intelligence soldiers stand guard in unmanned aerial vehicles or Ground Surveillance Radars and ensure the subject is where the informant says he is. Once the terrorist is captured, intelligence soldiers interrogate the subject to glean any information from him about where he got his weapons. This often leads to other possible terrorists to investigate. The cycle continues daily. Sometimes it pays off with a member from the Department of Defense Blacklist like Uday Hussein and sometimes it is someone who was unknown

until the tip was received. Every time the 3rd Brigade's intelligence professionals piece together the puzzle, they allow the capture of another terrorist and lead to the stability of the new Iraq.

Soldiers in the 3rd BCT are studying the various cities in their area of operations to assist in the Civil-Military Operations that will facilitate the creation of a new government and aid in the humanitarian relief efforts. In the end, they are doing their part to get all of the American soldiers back where they want to be — home.

Fighting Eagles soldiers score victory against mortar attacks

by 1st Lt. Francis Blake

1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Battalion signal officer

BALAD, Iraq — The latest victory for the Fighting Eagles of 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment is one that has thousands of U.S. soldiers sleeping better at night.

For weeks LSA Anaconda, a former Iraqi military airfield and the current home to 16,000 soldiers of the 3rd Corps Rear, 4th Infantry Division, and Sustainer Army Airfield has been plagued by nightly mortar attacks. During the night, anti-coalition forces shoot mortars blindly into the airfield in the hopes of injuring or killing U.S. forces. Unfortunately, a few of these attacks landed close enough to soldiers' sleeping areas to cause several injuries. Twenty soldiers from the 64th Forward Support Battalion were wounded in one such attack. Luckily for the rest of the soldiers, LSA Anaconda is within the Fighting Eagles area of operations. The Iraqi terrorists learned the hard way that they were now in "Eagle Country!"

The 1st Bn., 8th Inf., soldiers utilized not only advanced technology to help end the attacks, but also called upon their abilities to react quickly, remain flexible, and respond with deadly force. Their battle-hardened skills and relentless perseverance was no match for the amateur enemy.

Using advanced counter-artillery radar systems to determine the enemy mortar fire points of origin gave the "Fighting Eagles" a major advantage. However, by the time the data from the radar systems got to the soldiers on the ground, it was often too late. The enemy moved too

quickly and was gone by the time they arrived on scene. This frustrating scenario continued until the July 17.

At the onset of the latest attack, the Battalion S-3, Maj. Darron Wright decided to trust his instincts and not wait for the grid from the radar system. "I had a hunch, based on a pattern, that the rounds were coming from an area very close to where we were at the time." 1st Bn., 8th Inf., led an element into a tomato patch adjacent to a large irrigation canal. They immediately observed two very suspicious individuals. When they began to search the individuals, they discovered spent mortar rounds in the area. From that point they began a highly organized search of the area, inch by inch. It was at that time that the soldiers found what they had been looking for. Buried in the muck of the tomato patch was an 82 mm mortar tube. It was barely visible and stuck out of the ground by only a few inches. Within the next 48 hours the Fighting Eagles found a total of three mortar tubes and six high explosive 82 mm rounds.

The results of this major victory were noticed immediately in LSA Anaconda. The nightly mortar attacks stopped. This not only allowed the soldiers living on LSA Anaconda to sleep much better at night, but it had an effect on other attacks in the area as well. The number of ambushes and small arms engagements also declined dramatically. With yet another victory under their belts, the Fighting Eagles are poised for their next mission and promise to meet it with the same professionalism and dedication to duty that characterizes everything they do.

Myers visits Fighting Eagles in Iraq

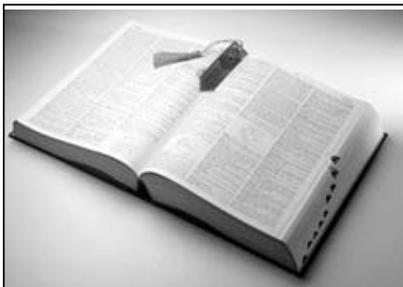
by 1st Lt. Francis S. Blake

1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Battalion
signal officer

BALAD, Iraq — The "Fighting Eagles" of the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Carson received a visit from the senior U.S. officer July 27. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers visited the soldiers of 1st Bn., 8th Infantry at their tactical operation center on the outskirts of Balad, Iraq.

Myers received an operational update from the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Nate Sassaman, and then took some time from his busy schedule to visit with soldiers and answer their questions. The operational brief included a synopsis of activities in the Fighting Eagles' area of operation as well as a summary of the latest combat operations. These highlights included the discovery of largest weapons cache in the 4th Infantry Division's area of operations.

After the briefing, Myers reviewed the weapons cache, greeted soldiers and posed for countless photos with Fighting Eagles. Additionally, he recognized specific individuals for their accomplishments and presented them a Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff coin.



Chapel

AWANA: Because children matter to God — Fort Carson's AWANA club is gearing up for another exciting year. Club 13,334 will resume Sept. 4 and will meet every Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

AWANA is an international, nondenominational organization whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve him.

AWANA is divided into age-appropriate clubs, which are similar to Girl or Boy Scouts, in that the children wear uniforms and progress through handbooks. A series of awards reward achievements at every level.

Registration for Fort Carson's AWANA club is taking place from now until Aug. 21. Pick up and drop off your registration forms at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, or call Stacy Chapman at 382-3970 for more information.

The club is also looking for adult volunteers to serve in this exciting ministry. If you have a heart for reaching children with the gospel of Jesus, then join the team. Call Chapman for information.

Feast of Mary — A special Mass for all Roman Catholics to commemorate the Feast of Mary's will be conducted for all Fort Carson personnel today at noon in Healer Chapel (Evans Army Community Hospital). This is a day of obligation for all Catholics. P.O.C. is Chap. (Maj.) Pat Patton at 526-5769.

Chapel Schedule

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/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/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
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
LITURGICAL					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
JEWISH					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Family University	Bldg. 1161		Ms. Costantino-Mead
MORMON					
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Jones/526-4416
NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE					
For ceremonial information and directions, call Michael Dunning at 382-5331					

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 70 & Nehemiah 1-3
Saturday — Psalms 71 & Nehemiah 4-6
Sunday — Psalms 72 & Nehemiah 7-9
Monday — Psalms 73 & Nehemiah 10-13
Tuesday — Psalms 74 & Esther 1-3
Wednesday — Psalms 75 & Esther 4-6
Thursday — Psalms 76 & Esther 7-9

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 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), at Fort Campbell Ky., forward deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Army: For all students of Army families. Pray that as these students begin a new school year, many in new surroundings, each will be imbued with a desire to learn and a commitment to grow in mind, body and spirit.

State: For all soldiers and families from the state of New Hampshire. Pray also for Gov. Craig Benson, legislators and municipal officials of the Granite State.

Nation: For all teachers and school administrators, that God might empower them with a love for their students and for their task of shaping them as people.

Religious: For the soldiers, families and personnel of the Orthodox Church. Pray also for the chaplains endorsed to military service by this community of faith.

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

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Mary: Biblical example of trust, obedience

by Chap. (Maj.) R. Cope Mitchell Jr.
Command Chaplain's Office

Today is a special date in the Christian church. Since the earliest days of the church, at least one day a year was set aside to commemorate the life of one of our greatest saints from the New Testament and certainly the greatest of all women. Honors given to this woman became so popular that by the seventh century the number of special days remembering her role in the history of our salvation began to grow. In the Bible, as her life crossed the life of Jesus, each of those stories is now remembered by a feast day and a day of celebration in the calendar of the church, both Protestant and Catholic.

All this honor and devotion is given to one we first see in the Bible as a very young woman who may not have been older than 15. The world is introduced to her by the visitation of an archangel. Her name is Mary.

As with all great people in the history of the church, and especially seen in how the world has responded to her son Jesus, her devotion can be a focus of controversy and misunderstanding. Yet, over the years I have seen the importance of honoring this holy woman because she reminds me of two very important truths in living the Christian life. Being found worthy of God to give birth to Jesus would be enough to enshrine Mary's place in history and the church's devotion. Yet it is what she teaches me about my relationship with God and what I am to do as a Christian that makes her so important in my life and the life of the church.

First of all, Mary is our example of trusting obedience. It is very difficult to grow in our faith until

we learn to have the kind of trust Mary had in God. She did not understand what and how God was going to do what she heard from the archangel, but her trust in God led her to become a person of faith. To grow in our faith we must learn to trust that God is in control no matter what the situation. We do not always understand, nor can we see, what is the bigger picture in God's plan for our lives and in the lives of our loved ones. It is only in learning to trust God with our whole life and in all that may happen, that we can say as Mary, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

Mary's trust in God led her to being obedient to God's plan for her life. Unless we are obedient to God's word and follow in God's ways, we will always fall short of the great things God has for us. Mary is honored because she is our reminder to be obedient to God no matter what. (It was not a cool thing to get pregnant without being married at this time of the world let alone explain this to your fiancé.) When we hear about Mary or see her portrayed in pictures and statues, we are reminded to be obedient to God's call in our lives and be obedient to the teachings of her son, Jesus.

The second reason Mary should be honored is found in the Greek word, theotokos. For me this is even a greater reason to venerate Mary because this word teaches me what I am to do and be as a Christian. Theotokos has even become one of the titles we use for Mary. This word means "God-bearer or one who gives God to the world." Where Mary literally bore God incarnate (God become man) through her body to the world, we also are to be "God-bearers" (theotokos) by giving God to the world. Our job

as Christians is be theotokos for a world that is desperately in need of the love and healing power of God in their lives. Unless we are faithful and obedient to share the love of God to those around us, we are not being what Christ has called us to be. We are not being like his mother Mary who is theotokos. Again, when we see an image of Mary we should be challenged and reminded to bring God to the world around us. Just like Mary, we are called to be theotokos.

The example of trusting obedience and being a God-bearer is why Mary is honored this and other days in the Christian tradition. May we also have the faith of a 15-year-old and be theotokos.

Chapel briefs

Ecumenical picnic — The Catholic and Protestant congregations of Fort Carson are having a joint picnic Saturday at noon at Ironhorse Park. There will be an 11 a.m. Protestant outdoor service at the park. There will be an 11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass at Soldier's Memorial Chapel to replace the usual 12:15 p.m. Mass

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Fall Religious Education classes — Registration is currently underway for Protestant and Catholic religious education classes at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Classes begin Sept. 7. For Protestant information, call Dennis Scheck at 526-5626, for Catholic Classes, call Pat Treacy at 526-5744.

Scams target families of deployed troops

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Recent press accounts have reported that Army family members in a number of states allegedly received calls or visits from imposters over the past few months stating that deployed soldiers had been killed or injured.

However, reports about scam artists knocking on doors and asking spouses for personal documents have not been confirmed by investigators and officials said they may be the product of rumor or circular reporting.

Only one such incident in Colorado Springs is being investigated by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command and that incident occurred in April when two women in Army dress uniforms allegedly knocked on the door of an Army wife and when no one answered, they went next door and spoke to a neighbor. But the neighbor who made the allegations has not cooperated with investigators and CID has been unable to substantiate the story, said Marc Raimondi, CID spokesman.

“CID takes allegations of criminal wrongdoing against soldiers and their families very seriously”, said Raimondi. “We will continue to work closely with family support group leaders and local authorities to investigate reports such as this,” he said.

Officials at the U.S. Army Personnel Command stressed that casualty-notification officers would never ask to see personal documents when notifying next of kin, and they said that when a soldier is killed, the notification is not made by telephone.

“The families are under enough stress,” said PERSCOM’s Shari Lawrence. “There just aren’t any adjectives to describe how difficult that (the notifica-

tion hoax) is for families.”

Operation Iraqi Freedom is not the first time that hoax notifications have been made, unfortunately, Lawrence said. “It happened during Desert Storm and Just Cause in Panama.”

During Desert Storm, an elderly couple in Virginia answered their door and found two youths dressed in Army physical training uniforms, Lawrence said. The PT-clad imposters told the couple that their son had been shot and was arriving at the local airport. After the couple drove off toward the airport, their home was burglarized.

Families who receive suspicious calls or visits should immediately check with their soldier’s unit, said Maj. Joe Golden, commander of the rear detachment of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson, Colo. Golden said his unit has a staff duty officer available all night who could quickly check the veracity of a casualty report and put family members at ease.

Family members who receive hoax calls often experience emotional trauma because they believe the bad news, said Sue Richter, vice president of the Armed Forces Emergency Services American Red Cross at Falls Church, Va.

“In the case of an elderly family member or a family member who is in bad health, it’s really hard to say just how dangerous this could be to them or what kind of effects it could have on them,” said Richter.

“The Red Cross does not notify the next of kin when military members are wounded or killed in action,” Richter said.

When a soldier is wounded in a military opera-



Families who receive suspicious calls or visits should immediately check with their soldier’s unit,

tion, the next of kin is normally notified over the telephone by a doctor or medical specialist, said Deryline Watts, a casualty officer at Fort Carson.

“Usually it will be the doctor or someone taking care of the soldier who understands the situation and can explain it who makes the call,” said Watts. “If



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Grand opening ...

The Peterson family cuts the ribbon to their new home in Ute Hill during a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 30. Back row from left: David Clappier, president, JA Jones Community Development; Laura Petersen, Maj. Scott Peterson Col. Joseph Orr, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson deputy commanding general; and Tom Brockway, Fort Carson project director. Front row from left: Brody, Brandon and Bryce Peterson.

Scams

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(the soldiers are) well enough, they can make the call themselves.”

When a soldier is killed, normally the notification is made by one or more soldiers in Class A uniforms, with a chaplain if available, Watts said. If families have any doubts as to whether the notification is real or a hoax, Watts suggested asking the notification team for identification.

A separate person, a casualty assistance officer, makes funeral arrangements and helps set up benefits and assists with applying for unpaid pay and hiring attorneys. The casualty assistance officer may ask for information to speed the benefit application process, including dates of birth, addresses of other relatives and Social Security numbers of children.

But that comes later and documents are never requested at the time of notification, Lawrence said.

The casualty assistance officer will stay with the family of the deceased until after the funeral to ensure all needs are met.

Anyone approached by a suspicious person claiming to have information about his/her deployed spouse should call the military police or local law-enforcement agency immediately, Watts said.

Those who receive suspicious phone calls can also try to trace the call, Richter said. She explained that many phone companies have resources that might be able to find out where the call originated.

Editor's note: Spec. Matt Millham, of the 14th Public Affairs Detachment at Fort Carson, contributed to this article along with Spec. Jonathan M. Stack, associate editor of the Frontline newspaper at Fort Stewart, Ga.



Saddle up

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer Staff

In an all-American procession Aug. 6, beauty queens, floats, horses and cowboys paraded for Colorado Springs' spectators through applause and cheer. The procession's high point came when a cadence-calling platoon marched to the tune of "Mama, mama, can't you see what the Army's done to me." What followed was a group of 52 soldiers carrying the state flags, the country's flag and the Army flag. This turned applause into a patriotic ovation that could have brought a tear to the eye of even the most stoic American.

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade is the biggest event in the Pikes Peak Region. It segues the first night of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. This year marked the 63rd annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, which ran from Aug. 6 through Sunday in the Colorado Springs World Arena.

Fort Carson was well represented at both the parade and the rodeo. For the parade, Fort Carson provided two "Humvees," the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard, a marching platoon of 25 soldiers from the

478th Personnel Support Battalion, and 52 soldiers from the 43rd Area Support Group and the 307th Quartermaster Battalion.

The first night of the rodeo was Fort Carson appreciation night at the rodeo, for which a number of Fort Carson soldiers volunteered their time to work in a few of the concession stands. Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson's commanding general, gave the opening remarks for the evening. Harmony in Motion, aptly dressed in blue jeans and cowboy hats, sang the national anthem, and at the end of the song, the mounted color guard charged.

After the introduction of the Girl of the West and her aide, the competitions began. The events included bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronco riding, tie-down roping, women's barrel racing and bull riding.

A group of riders, including the mounted color guard and the Girl of the West and her entourage, rode horses around the arena for the closing ceremony while Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American" played over the loud speaker. This star-spangled finale ended the day with the same patriotism with which it began.



Jake Barnes from Scottsdale, Ariz., and Boogie Ray from Mabank, Texas, made eighth place in the team-roping event Aug. 6. They made a comeback Sunday with a time of 4.9 seconds putting them in first place. They earned 12 pro-rodeo tour points and won \$740 for their feat.

Photos by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix



The first night of the rodeo, Marvin Garrett from Belle Fourche, S.D., made it to first place in the bareback riding event.



The Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard marched in the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade, a prelude to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. It was also present at the rodeo, sparking patriotism in both appearances.



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Sports & Leisure

MEDDAC takes coed softball crown *Soldiers of 2nd Brigade, 91st Division win men's title*

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Post-season intramural softball champions for 2003 were crowned July 30 and 31 at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.

In the coed division, the cream of the crop stayed at the top when Medical Department Activity captured the post-season title.

MEDDAC went undefeated in the pre-season tournament, during regular season play and during post-season action.

MEDDAC defeated 3rd Battalion, 361st Infantry Regiment in the coed championship game July 30 by the score of 14-9.

Soldiers of 3rd Bn., 361st Inf. Regt., opened up a 2-0 lead after one inning of play. MEDDAC bounced back with three runs in the top of the second and then shut down 3rd Bn., 361st Inf. Regt., in the bottom half of the inning.

After a scoreless third inning, MEDDAC pushed across two more runs in the fourth frame and mounted a 5-2 lead after four frames.

The fifth inning was exciting as MEDDAC scored two more runs in the top of the frame for a 7-2 lead. 3rd Bn., 361st Inf. Regt., put five markers on the board and tied the contest 7-7 after five innings of play.

Soldiers of 3rd Bn., 361st Inf. Regt., held MEDDAC scoreless in the top of the sixth inning and then tallied two runs on offense in the bottom of the frame to grab its first lead of the contest at 9-7.

MEDDAC's offense saved its best for last and erupted for seven runs in the top of the seventh inning. MEDDAC proceeded to shut out 3rd Bn., 361st Regt., in the bottom of the seventh inning and earned the coed crown by the final score of 14-9.

Members of the 2003 intramural softball coed championship MEDDAC team included player/Coach Duane Pack,

Kenyon Bronder, Lahoma Randolph, Johnathan Johnson, Haron Wolf, Diana McDonald, Jose Torres, Amber Barker, Keith Blackmon, Ponce Shepard, Arthur Cain Jr., Brian Lein and Demetrius Calime.

The 2003 men's post-season intramural softball title was won July 31 by Mount Oxford league regular season champion 2nd Brigade, 91st Division, Headquarters Detachment with a 17-11 victory over 4th Finance Battalion.

The 4th Finance bolted to a 5-3 lead after one inning of play. Following a scoreless second frame, the battle for the men's title was basically decided in the third and fourth innings.

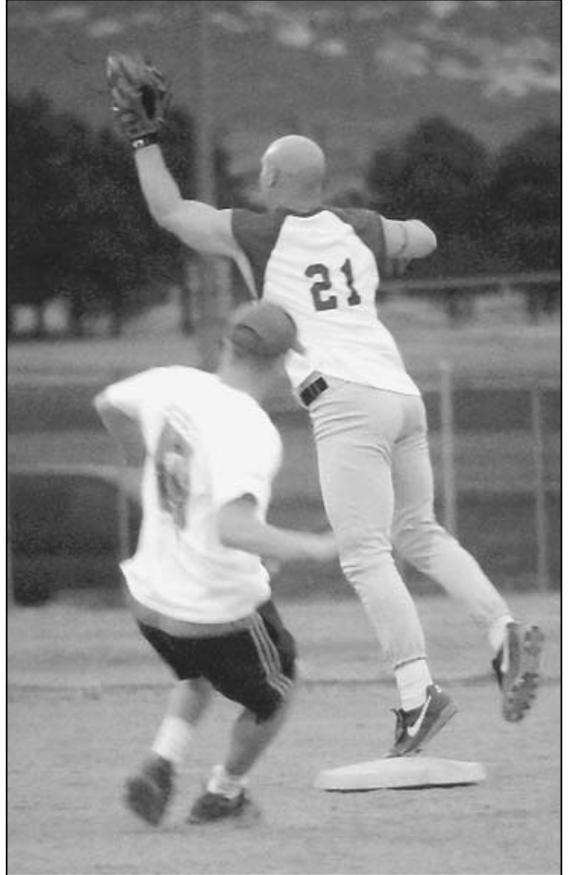
Soldiers in 2nd Brig., 91st Div., HHD put seven runs on the board in the top of the third inning and added five more markers in the top of the fourth frame. The top of the third featured a grand slam home run by shortstop Adam Palmisano and the top of the fourth was highlighted by Rodney Lamberson's two-run triple and T.J. Ward's two-run dinger.

The 4th Finance scored three in the bottom of the fourth inning to keep the game competitive and somewhat close at 15-11.

Soldiers in 2nd Brig., 91st Div., HHD put two more runs on the board in the top of the sixth inning and held 4th Finance scoreless in the last three frames to earn the 17-11 victory and the 2003 Mountain Post crown.

Palmisano and Lamberson each scored three runs for the champs.

The 2nd Brig., 91st Div., HHD championship team includes members Lamberson, Palmisano, Ward, Tony Dale, Bruce Reems, Nate Sonnier, Bobby Billisie, Rich Smith, Tom Ritz, Moberly Price, Al Carter, Greg Streets, Ray Tinkstrom, Charles Hudson and Bryant Rushing.

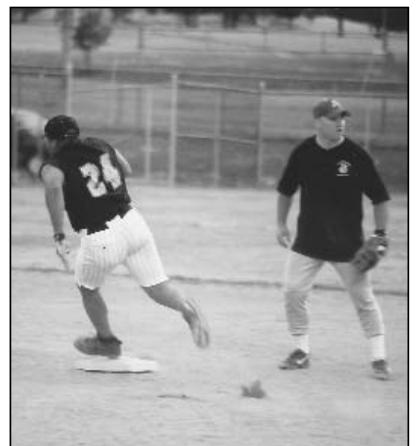


Photos by Bill Scharton

2nd Brigade, 91st Division, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment second baseman T.J. Ward, No. 21, records a forced out during the intramural championship softball game July 31.



Members of the Medical Department Activity intramural coed softball team pose for the team picture after winning the 2003 post intramural coed softball post-season championship.



Rodney Lamberson, No. 24, hustles past second base and heads for third during the intramural softball championship game July 31.

Crowd turns out for tennis clinic, brunch

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

In July, there is breakfast at Wimbledon. And now in August, there is a tennis clinic and brunch at the Mountain Post Sports Complex tennis courts.

The inaugural tennis clinic and brunch took place at the Mountain Post courts last Saturday from 6 a.m. to noon. Approximately 30 individuals took advantage of the lessons and early lunch. The event was sponsored by the Fort Carson Directorate of Community Activities recreation division.

DCA chief of recreation programs Richard Baldwin and his assistant, Becky Rudder, were serving up bagels with spread, a variety of fruits, cookies and orange juice while tennis teacher David Brooks served up the tennis lessons.

It was the second DCA-sponsored tennis clinic of the summer. "We are doing this to try to form an ongoing tennis association or club here at Fort Carson," said Baldwin. "If we can get a nucleus of good tennis players together, this will be the focus group for the association."

Those attending this clinic and the previous one were asked to fill out information sheets. "We hope to start a



Tennis instructor David Brooks demonstrates the proper grip to tennis clinic attendees Saturday at the Mountain Post Sports Complex tennis courts. The clinic and a brunch were put on by the Directorate of Community Activities recreation division.

Photo by Bill Scharton

data base for the association members to share," said Rudder. "It will also be a good way to communicate to the members about upcoming events."

Reneal Bowen and her teenage

daughter Michelle took advantage of the clinic. Neither one had any previous tennis experience. Following some early morning tutoring by Brooks, Michelle felt pretty good about her

progress.

"It has been fun so far," said Michelle. "I have a fairly good back-

Turkey tussle

Wrestlers capture world military titles

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer Staff

Two freestyle wrestlers from the Fort Carson World Class Athlete Program wrestling team earned gold medals last week at the 2003 Conseil International du Sport Militaire world military wrestling championships in

Istanbul, Turkey.

Jason Kutz captured gold in the 60 kilograms/132 pounds, weight division and Dominique Black placed first in the 120 kilograms/264.5 pounds, weight class.

Kutz and Black won all four of their matches en route to their world

military championships. Kutz defeated opponents from Greece, Germany, Turkey and Azerbaijan. Black toppled foes from Germany, Greece, Poland and Turkey.

According to Maj. Michael Hagen, commander of the Army WCAP here, both Kutz and Black had to overcome some "hometown" treatment in order to win their gold medals.

Hagen said, "Jason Kutz had to beat the officials and the crowd in his semi-final match against the wrestler from Turkey. The score should have been at least 9-3 in his favor, but the final was only 6-5. Dominique also had the same treatment in his final match. He was down 2-0 with about 30 seconds left and threw the wrestler from Turkey (who out-weighed him by at least 30 pounds) for three points-but they only gave him one. So they went into the clinch for overtime and he (Black) hit a spectacular three-point throw to win 4-2."

Fort Carson WCAP freestyle

wrestler Jason Loukides won a bronze medal in the 96 kilograms/211.5 pounds, weight division at the CISM championships. Loukides lost in the semifinals to a wrestler from Turkey and then came back to defeat a Polish wrestler in the third place match.

Fort Carson WCAP Greco-Roman wrestlers Oscar Wood and Glen Nieradka represented the United States military team in this style of wrestling at the CISM championships. Neither one advanced to the medal round.

Fort Carson Army WCAP head wrestling coach Shon Lewis coached the United States military team at the CISM championships. According to Lewis, the U.S. military freestyle wrestling team did not have competitors in all weight divisions, which severely hurt the squad's chances for a team title.

Turkey came away from the 2003 CISM world military wrestling championships with all three team titles: freestyle, Greco-Roman and combined.

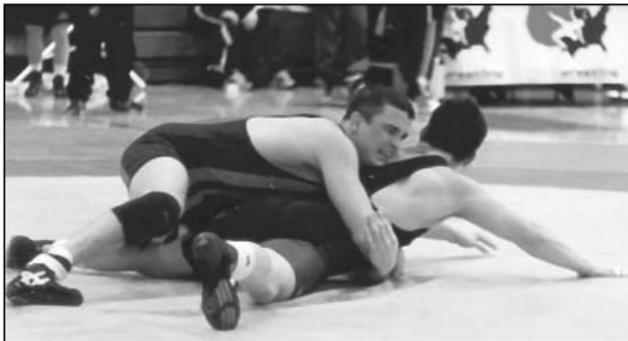


Photo by Bill Scharton

Fort Carson World Class Athlete Program freestyle wrestler Jason Kutz, top, competes in a tournament earlier in the year. Kutz, along with Fort Carson WCAP freestyle teammate Dominique Black, captured individual titles last week at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire.

George makes history at Pan Am Games

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

One down and one to go for Tina George. George, a Fort Carson World Class Athlete Program freestyle wrestler, now has one gold medal goal down and one more to go this summer.

The one down happened last week and it was an historic accomplishment. George, along with her three United States women's freestyle wrestling teammates, won a gold medal in the first-ever women's freestyle competition at the Pan American Games.

The women's freestyle wrestling event was part of the competition taking place at Pan American Games XIV in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The women's freestyle wrestling competition was staged in one day — Aug. 5 — and this caught George a little off guard.

"We originally thought it was going to be a two-day tournament," said George. "But they decided to do it in one day."

This placed even more importance on winning pool competition matches early in the day. George realized this and proceeded to take care of business by winning both of her pool matches. She recorded a technical fall over Sandra Roa of Guatemala and a 4-1 decision over Tonya Verbeek of Canada.

The two pool wins earned George a spot in an early evening semifinal match.

This contest would be against Marcia Andrades of Venezuela. Earlier in the year, George had suffered a shoulder injury while wrestling this same opponent.

"I was really stressed out before this semifinal match," said George. "I had been watching her (Andrades) the whole tournament trying to rip shoulders out of their sockets.

"Before the match, I received a great pep talk from the coaches. I refocused and got myself together for the match." The result was a 4-1 victory for George and the right to wrestle in the gold medal title tilt.

The gold medal clash was a rematch with Canada's Verbeek. The Canadian opened the scoring in the finale with a takedown and a one-point ankle lace for an early 2-0 lead.

The second period belonged to George. She knotted the score with her second takedown and then grabbed a 4-2 advantage with a two-point gut wrench. George surrendered a point on a fleeing-the-mat call late in the match but held on to the 4-3 final decision to win gold.

"As I look back on it, this Pan Am Games experience was kind of overwhelming," said George.

"On the way down there, the national pride feeling really kicked in. You start to realize how important it is. It had the same pressure as the world champi-



Photo by Bill Scharton

Tina George, bottom, works on her flexibility at the Olympic Training Center prior to the 2003 Pan American Games XIV women's freestyle wrestling competition.

onships."

George was going for gold for both Team USA and the United States Army. "I did not want to give that gold medal match away," said George. "I wanted to win for the Army WCAP team and the national team."

The U.S. women's freestyle wrestling team swept all four gold medals at this inaugural Pan Am Games competition to easily win the team championship.

According to USA Wrestling officials, it was perhaps the most dominating performance by a U.S. women's wrestling team since the 1997 World team title by the Americans.

"We will go down in USA Wrestling history as the first team to sweep four gold medals and win the first-ever women's freestyle wrestling competition

George

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at the Pan Am Games," said George. "That is a prideful, exciting feeling and one that can never be taken away. We are in the history books."

U.S. women's Pan Am Games wrestling coach Tricia Saunders, a former world champion, was pleased with George's performance. "I'm most proud of Tina George because she has lost to both of those last two wrestlers she faced," said Saunders.

The next challenge and gold medal goal for George will be the 2003 World Championships Sept. 12 to 14 at Madison Square Garden in New York. Saunders believes George has a great chance at World gold. "If Tina wrestles with the ability she has and keeps her focus, there is nobody who will touch her," said Saunders. "She's one of the best athletes the U.S. has ever had."

George agrees with her coach wholeheartedly. "I must maintain my focus and concentration," said George. "I will be doing as much as possible to get ready for the World Championships. I really want to win gold at the World Championships."

Tennis

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hand. I think I will stick with it and play more tennis after this."

Reneal was enjoying the experience with her daughter but said she was struggling a little bit with the dexterity part of the game. She also said she welcomed the breaks in the action when

they came along.

According to Baldwin, the association/club meets Wednesday evenings at the Mountain Post courts and will expand the meetings as the club grows. Baldwin also said that DCA plans to sponsor two more tennis clinics in September. For additional information, call 524-1388.

Sports briefs

Summer classic softball

The Fort Carson Summer Classic softball tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Mountain Post Sports Complex softball diamonds.

The Aces, a men's competitive slowpitch softball team comprised of active duty soldiers from Fort Carson, will be running the tournament and using it as a fund raiser for the team.

Tournament organizer and Aces' spokesman Bryant Rushing is hoping to have 30 men's teams compete for the Summer Classic title. At press time, Rushing was uncertain as to whether or not there would be women's competition in the Summer Classic.

"Summer softball tournaments used to be a big deal at Fort Carson," said Rushing. "We want to establish this camaraderie again within Fort Carson and the surrounding communities."

The tournament will serve as an Independent Softball Association state qualifier for men's D and E class teams. ISA rules will be used for tournament play. For additional information, call Rushing at 524-4515.

Ten-miler time trials

Time trials for the Fort Carson ten-miler team will take place at 6:30 a.m. Aug. 27 at the Special Events Center.

The Fort Carson team will compete in the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 5 in Washington, D.C. Team practice (optional) takes place each morning at 6:15 a.m. at the Special Events Center.

Youth sports registration

The registration deadline is Saturday for fall youth sports sponsored by the Youth Services Center youth sports division.

Fall sports include soccer, flag football and outdoor cheerleading. For additional information, call 526-1233.

New exhibit allows visitors to get close



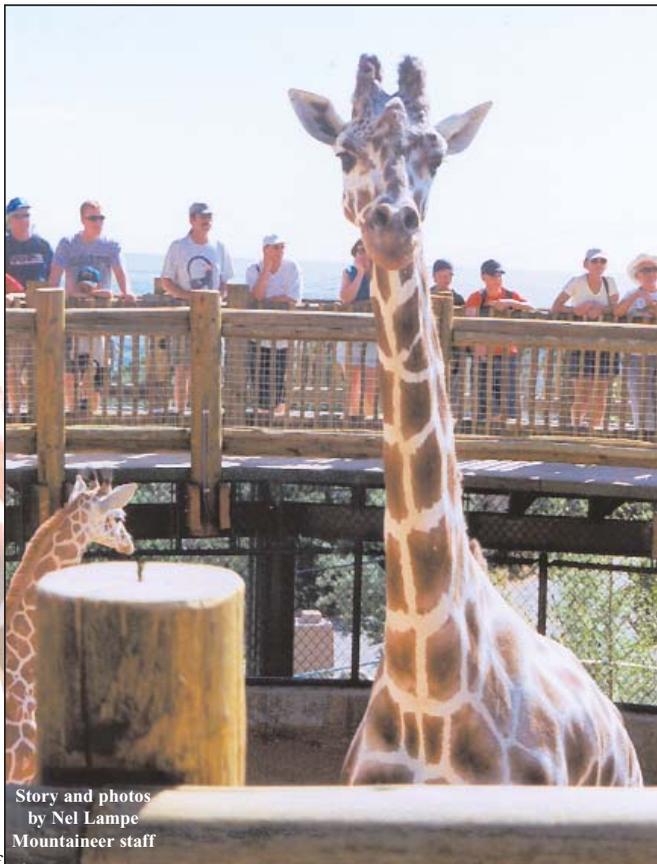
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is among the finest mid-size zoos in the nation and is the country's highest zoo. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is

unusual in that it is built on the side of a mountain.

The zoo is known for its open space and natural habitats. A unique natural habitat exhibit recently opened, the African Rift Valley.

The new exhibit is part of a \$50 million master plan. The first exhibit encountered by visitors is the African-like valley. It appears to be an open area and animals seem to roam freely as they might do in the wild. However, cleverly hidden barriers prevent the animals from escaping and running amok. The valley reflects the sights, sounds and feel of an African valley.

Roaming throughout the valley is the zoo's well-known herd of nearly two dozen giraffes — the largest herd in captivity in the world. Cheyenne



Story and photos by Nel Lampe Mountaineer staff

Visitors on the elevated boardwalk through the new African Rift Valley exhibit at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo are able to be up close and personal with giraffes. The young giraffe at left is three months old.

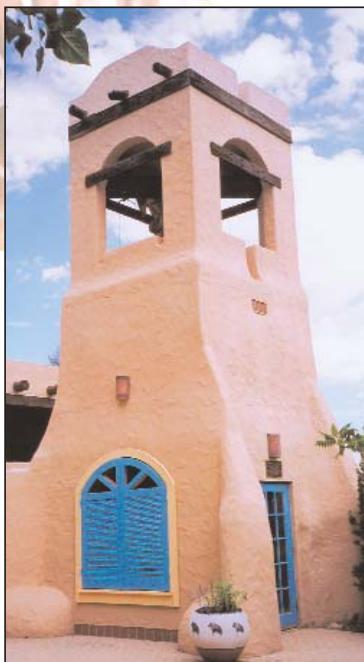
Mountain Zoo has had the largest number of giraffe births of any zoo — more than 170 since 1954. The youngest giraffe in the zoo was born in May. He was 5 feet 10 inches tall at birth. When mature, he can expect to be up to 13 feet tall and weigh up to 2,000 pounds.

Sharing the valley with the giraffes are ground hornbills, vultures and zebra mice. There are also African ground birds, Red River hogs, vultures, meerkats and cattle egrets.

There's a parade of animals each morning at about 9:30 a.m. as the bridge is raised to allow the giraffes to move into the valley from overnight quarters. A concrete replica of a baobab tree adds to the African look in the valley.

A play village in the exhibit contains simple African-style huts which can be used by young visitors. A nearby sculpture of a "spitting black cobra" is actually a "mister," which helps visitors cool off. There are hands-on interpretive stations in the valley, and visitors can walk the safari discovery trail. Stairs or an elevator take visitors to the top of a viewing tower.

Giraffes are the only animals in the zoo which visitors can feed. Giraffe crackers are sold four for \$1 at several stations in the Rift Valley. The giraffes eagerly approach visi-



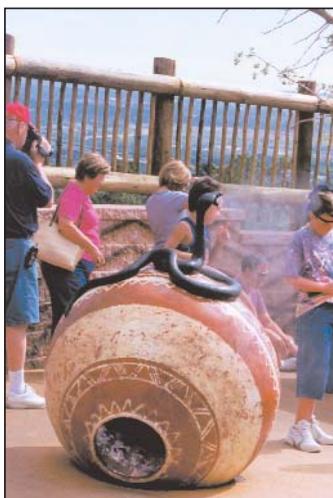
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is built in Southwestern style.

tors who have giraffe crackers in outstretched hands.

Speaking of food, a new "Safari Café" in the valley sells beverages and snacks for people.

A nearby Safari Lodge can be rented for weddings, parties or meetings.

As Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is



A play area in the African Rift Valley exhibit includes a black cobra sculpture which "mists" and cools visitors.

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Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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Zoo

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built on a mountain, much of the zoo is up hill. In fact, there's a 120-foot gain in elevation from the parking lot to the Asian Highlands exhibit, and many of the paths and walkways are steep and hilly. If you don't like walking uphill or are carrying a small child, use the zoo's tram. The tram is handicap and stroller accessible, and makes a round trip through the zoo about every 15 minutes. Take the tram to the top and walk your way down, or get on or off at any stop, as often as you want throughout the visit. The tram costs \$1 per person and runs daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. There are eight tram stops which are marked on the map and with a sign near each stop.

Strollers are available near the zoo's entrance. Several snack bars in the zoo feature everything from popcorn, pretzels and ice cream, to pizza, burgers, fries, salads and sandwiches.

There's a large gift shop at the zoo's entrance/exit, which sells posters, T-shirts, hats, bags, stuffed toy animals and many other gifts and souvenirs with an animal theme.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has a large population of animals — more than 600 animals, of 142 species, of which 30 are endangered.

Other outstanding exhibits at the zoo include the Primate World, which has orangutans, baboons, and Colobus and Lion-Tailed Macaque Monkeys.

Three Hippopotamuses are at the aquatics house as are several black-footed penguins.

Award-winning Wolf Woods is a forested, open-type exhibit where Mexican gray wolves roam.

Asian Highlands, at the top of the zoo, houses Siberian tigers, red pandas and Amur leopards in a natural habitat.

The African lions are at home in Lion's Lair, near a watering hole. Two Asiatic black bears and spectacled bears are nearby.

Check out the Monkey Pavilion and, the Bird and Reptile House. The zoo also has okapi, elephants and goats.

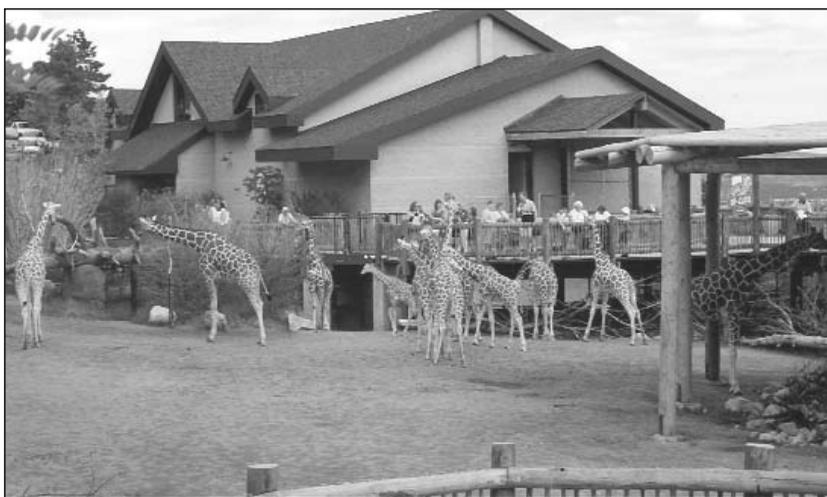
About a half-million visitors are at the zoo each year, which is open 365 days.

The zoo is open every day of the year, at 9 a.m. In summer, it is open until 6 p.m. The rest of the year the zoo closes at 5 p.m.

Admission to the zoo is \$12 for anyone



A couple of Colobus monkeys play in Primate World at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.



Several giraffes group around the boardwalk in the African Rift Valley exhibit. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has the largest herd of giraffes in captivity.

between 12 and 64. Children between the ages of 3 and 11 are admitted for \$6; children under 2 get in free.

A zoo membership is available for people who like to visit the zoo more than once a year; ask about the membership packages at the gate.

Founded in 1926 by Spencer Penrose, who owned the nearby Broadmoor Hotel, the zoo was started with his private collection of animals.

Many of Penrose's animals had been housed in and around the Broadmoor Hotel and on Penrose's ranch, which is now Fort Carson's Turkey Creek Ranch. His collection included an elk, bears, coyotes, monkeys, foxes and an elephant, and was the largest private collection in the United States.

Penrose first saw a carousel at the World Fair in 1932 and wanted one for the zoo. He acquired one in 1937, a 1925 model manufactured by Allan Herschell Company. The carousel is a half-and-half, which means the hand-carved wooden bodies have aluminum legs. The carousel is one of five historic carousels in Colorado, and was restored in 1998. Rides on the carousel are \$2 each. It's near Colobus Café and the Monkey Pavilion.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has a unique exhibit with children in mind. "My Big Backyard," has a touch and see theme. The playground has giant mushrooms and flowers, oversized furniture and garden tools. There are animals to pet and a large hollow tree.

Last year's popular butterfly exhibit is back, along with a nearby bug exhibit.

The zoo hosts special activities throughout the year, such as day camps during spring, summer and winter school breaks as well as overnight stays called Wildnights or Primate Pajama Parties. There are special programs during Halloween and Christmas seasons.

Above the zoo is the Will Rogers Shrine, which is included in zoo admission. Keep your receipt and after visiting the zoo, drive through



African penguins are in the Aquatics House at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

the gate and follow the signs to the shrine. The shrine was built by Penrose in the mid 1930s and is at 8,136 feet altitude. It was named to honor Penrose's friend, the humorist Will Rogers. The shrine is built of Cheyenne Mountain granite and uses no nails or wood.

The monument is filled with historic pictures commemorating important events in Will Rogers' life, and murals depicting early development of the region. The tower has a 360 degree view of the area.

To get to the zoo from Fort Carson, take Interstate 25 to the Circle Drive exit and take a left on Circle, which becomes Lake Avenue and ends in front of the Broadmoor Hotel. Or, head north on Highway 115 and take the Broadmoor Exit, heading west to the Broadmoor Hotel.

Take a right in front of the hotel, go around the hotel, then follow the signs to the zoo at 4250 Cheyenne Mtn. Zoo Rd. Parking is free.

Just the Facts

- Travel time 15 minutes
 - For ages all
 - Type zoo
 - Fun factor ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
 - Wallet damage \$\$\$
- \$ = Less than \$20
 \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$80
 (Based on a family of four)

Get Out!

Fine Arts Center theater

The Fine Art Center's Youth Repertory Theater Company has extended its run of "Les Miserables," school edition. All actors and singers are ages 13 through 19. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$13 at the door. Final performances are today and Saturday at 7 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 634-5581 for tickets.

Colorado State Fair

The Colorado State Fair begins Saturday and runs through Aug. 31. Hours are 10 a.m. until midnight Fridays through Sundays. Mondays through Thursdays, hours are 2 p.m. until midnight. State fairs always mean good eating, and new food items this year include fried pickles, fried green tomatoes, sweet potato fries, deep fried oreos and twinkies, among other foods. There are 59 food locations on the fairgrounds. Other attractions for this year's fair are street performers, a new interactive fountain, an extreme thrill zone with a sky-diving and surfing simulator; an interactive robot, duck races, a giant alligator and professional in-line skaters. There are still the same fair attractions — a midway, exhibits and lots of animals. Rodeos and concerts are also a part of the Colorado State Fair. General admission is \$5 per person, Monday through Thursday and \$7 Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Children 6 and younger are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The Colorado State Fair is at the State Fairgrounds in Pueblo. Follow the signs on Interstate 25 south. For information, visit www.coloradostatefair.com.

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 Saturday. He's followed by Kellie Coffey and Gary Allan; and 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.

Family Day

Family Day at the Fine Arts Center is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The "Community Hands-on Art Day" includes demonstrations, hands-on experience, a magician, cartoonist, food vendors and entertainment. Activities are for children and adults and is free to the public. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Fall Festival

The 34th Fountain Fall Festival starts with a barbecue supper and dance at 5 p.m. at the City Hall Plaza Aug. 31. Sept. 1 activities start with a pancake breakfast at Fountain Middle School, 515 N. Santa Fe, beginning at 7 a.m. A 10 a.m. parade is followed by activities in Metcalfe Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and includes entertainment, a car show, a tractor pull, crafts and children's activities. For more information, call 382-3190.

Concert series

The Air Force Academy announces its new season, opening with Jay Leno in person Sept. 13 at 6 and 9 p.m. "Diamond Rio" is Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. "Seussical the Musical" is Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., the U.S. Army Field Band and Chorus is Nov. 2 at 3 p.m., and "A Christmas Carol is Dec. 13. During 2004, the "Dallas Brass" is Jan. 30, "Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz" is Feb. 20; "A Few Good Men ... Dancin'" is Feb. 21; "Singin' in the Rain" is March 6, and theatrical mime Bob Berky closes out the concert series with two performances April 17. Ticket prices for season ticket holders are \$110, \$170, \$200 and \$222. Call 333-4790 for information.

Broadway to Colorado Springs

The Pikes Peak Center upcoming Broadway season opens with "Grease" Dec. 17 and 18; "Cats" Jan. 23 and 24. "Fame" Feb. 17 and 18 and "Miss Saigon" May 13 and 14. Season tickets start at \$115. Season ticket holders may also buy tickets for special engagements of "Rent," March 16, 17 and "Riverdance," April 7 to 10.

Rocky Ford Watermelon Day

The small Colorado town of Rocky Ford is home to some of the best melons in the world. The town celebrates with Watermelon Day Aug. 23 in the middle of the fest, which runs Aug. 20 to 24. Take

Interstate 25 to Pueblo, then take the East Highway 50 Exit. For more information, go online to www.rockyfordchamber.com or call (719) 254-7483.

Ride the rails

The Royal Gorge Route Railroad is on its summer schedule. Trains run three times each day, at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26.95 for adults and \$16.50 for children. For reservations, call (888) Rails-4U.

Learn about fossils

From 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday someone from the Fossil Depot in Canon City will be at the Fossil Beds National Monument to talk about the different kinds of fossils. There is no fee other than the normal entrance fee of \$3 per person over the age of 16. The Fossil Beds are located just off Highway 24 near the town of Florissant, south on Teller 1.

Food fest

"A Taste of Colorado" is one of Denver's most popular fests, featuring food from restaurants as well as entertainment, a carnival, music and arts. It's in downtown Denver Aug. 30 and 31, from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Sept. 1, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call (303) 478-7878 or go online at www.atasteofcolorado.com.

Military Insignia Show

The American Society of Militaria Insignia Collectors is hosting a convention and collectibles show in Denver at the Holiday Inn at Denver International Airport, Aug 29 through 31. Call (303) 277-1077 for information. Admission is \$6 for adults.

Bill Cosby

Bill Cosby is at the Pikes Peak Center Sept. 26 for shows at 6 and 9 p.m. Tickets begin at \$45; call Ticketmaster at 520-9090.

Vintage baseball

Rockledge Ranch Historic Site hosts the Colorado Vintage Base Ball Association game with the Camp Creek Sluggers for a 1880s style baseball game. Bring a lawn chair, umbrella and a picnic lunch and watch the baseball game Sept. 1 at noon. Soft drinks, popcorn and candy will be sold. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teenagers and \$1 for children 6 to 12 includes the ball game and a visit to Rock Ledge Ranch. The ranch is at the entrance to the Garden of the Gods on 30th Street.

Happenings



Photo courtesy Colorado State Fair

State Fair ...

Four-H Junior Livestock winners are part of the Colorado State Fair which opens Saturday at 10 a.m. In addition to the standard exhibits, midway and food selections, well known artists are in concert throughout the 16-day run of the State Fair, held in Pueblo at the State Fairgrounds.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Aug. 22.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on troops in Iraq, Pfc. Jessica Lynch and operations in Afghanistan (repeat). Airst at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on the USS Ronald Reagan. Airst at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on changes in defense of Southwest Asia, the state of the Northern Command and bird preservation in Florida. Airst at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, for-

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

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

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

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

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