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Mountain Post gets answers to questions about PCS, ETS orders

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
Mountaineer Staff

Deployed soldiers with orders for training, permanent change of station and re-enlistment options have concerns about whether they will be coming home to fulfill those orders or if they will remain deployed. This was an issue brought to the table at a town hall meeting attended by Gen. Larry R. Ellis, commander, U.S. Forces Command, Aug. 8 at the Mountain Post.

"We had 'stop loss' and 'stop move'," said Maj. Angie K. Holbrook, division strength manager, G-1, 7th Infantry Division. "This is where we started this whole thing, when we decided to go to war. So, a lot of people's assignments got dropped or deleted, because they were in ACR (Armored Cavalry Regiment), BCT (Brigade Combat Team), or the 43rd (Area Support Group), units that were deploying. Some schools got deleted because of operational responsibilities. Some of these guys were in key positions.

"Stop loss was whenever someone had a separation date,

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Photo by Spc. Kathy Jo Young, Combat Camera

Kicking it with the Iraqis ...

Soldiers in the 4th Engineer Battalion play an exhibition soccer game with the local Iraqi soccer team. The Iraqi team won 4-0. For more on the 4th Engineer Battalion, see page 5.

Top soldier visits deployed troops



Photo courtesy 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry

Gen. Pete Schoomaker greets soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, during his visit to Balad, Iraq.

by 1st Lt. Francis Blake

1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment

BALAD, Iraq — The "Fighting Eagles" of 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment were honored by a visit from the highest-ranking Army officer, Gen. Pete Schoomaker.

His stopover was the latest in a string of visits to the Balad area. Other recent visits include: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Robert Meyers; Coalition Joint Task Force-7 Commander Lt. Gen. Riccardo Sanchez; and 4th Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno.

Schoomaker's visit was a morale booster for the troops. He greeted soldiers who have been working for several months in Balad, enduring daily temperatures exceeding 120 degrees as well as nightly attacks and ambushes. Balad is in the area of the "Sunni Triangle" north of Baghdad.

These soldiers have experienced some of the toughest resistance from Ba'ath Party loyalists and other forces loyal to Saddam Hussein. When soldiers in 1st Bn., 8th Infantry, first arrived in Balad, anti-coalition forces were staging deadly attacks almost daily against the battalion. Before long, the persistent and tough-spirited soldiers halted deadly mortar attacks and drastically reduced the number of ambushes conducted in the area.

While he ate dinner side-by-side with the troops, Schoomaker congratulated them on their hard work and dedication to duty. He acknowledged the outstanding job they had done so far, but emphasized, "the fight has just begun."

The new Army chief's visit made the troops feel recognized and appreciated.

"It really makes us feel like people are beginning to notice all the good stuff we are doing," said Cpl. Robin Howe, 1st Bn., 8th Infantry.

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Post Weather hotline:
526-0096

Remembering Sept. 11

Family members travel to Iraq to thank soldiers

by Christy Ferer
Army News Service

When I told friends about my pilgrimage to Iraq to thank the U.S. troops, their reactions were underwhelming at best.

Some were blunt. "Why are you going there?" They could not understand why it was important for me, a widow of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, to express my support for the men and women stationed in the Persian Gulf today.

But the reason seemed clear to me. Two hundred thousand troops have been sent halfway around the world to stabilize a culture that breeds terrorists like those whom I believe began World War III on Sept. 11, 2001.

Reaction at home was so politely negative I began to doubt my role on the first USO Tribeca Institute tour into newly occupied Iraq where, on average, a soldier a day is killed. Besides, with Robert De Niro, Kid Rock, Rebecca and John Stamos, Wayne Newton, Gary Senise and Lee Ann Womack, who needed me?

Did they really want to hear about my husband, Neil Levin, who went to work as director of New York Port Authority on Sept. 11 and never came home? How would they relate to the two other people traveling with me? Ginny Bauer, a New Jersey homemaker and the mother of three who lost her husband, David, and former Marine Jon Vignano, who lost his only sons — Jon, a firefighter, and Joe, a policeman.

As we choppered over deserts that looked like bleached bread crumbs, I wondered if I'd feel like a street hawk, passing out Port Authority pins and baseball caps as I said "thank you" to the troops. Would a hug from me mean anything at all in the presence of the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders and a Victoria Secret model?

We arrived at the first "meet and greet." It made me weep. Armed with M-16s and saddlebags of water in 120-degree heat, the soldiers swarmed over the stars for photos and autographs.

When they heard a trio of Sept. 11 family members was also in the tent, it was as if a psychic cork on an emotional dam was popped.

Soldiers from every corner of New York, Long Island and Queens rushed toward us to express their condolences. Some wanted to touch us, as if they needed a physical connection to our sorrow and for some living proof for why they were there. One mother of two from Montana told me she signed up because of the terrorist attacks. Dozens of others told us the same thing. One young soldier showed me his metal bracelet engraved with the name of a victim he never knew and that awful date none of us will ever forget.

In fact, at every encounter with the troops a surge of reservists — firefighters and cops, including many who had worked the rubble of Ground Zero — came to exchange a hometown hug. Their glassy eyes still do not allow anyone to penetrate too far inside to the place where their trauma is lodged; the trauma of devastation far greater than anyone who hadn't been there could even imagine. It's there in me, too. I had forced my way downtown on that awful morning, convinced I could find Neil beneath the rubble.

What I was not prepared for was to have soldiers show us the World Trade Center memorabilia they'd carried with them into the streets of Baghdad. Others had clearly been holding in stories of personal Sept. 11 tragedies.

USO handlers moved us from one corner to the next so everyone could meet us. One fire brigade plucked the group from the crowd, transporting us to

their firehouse to call on those who had to stand guard during the Baghdad concert. It was all about touching us and feeling the reason they were in this hell. Back at Saddam Hussein Airport, Kid Rock turned a "meet and greet" into an impromptu concert in a steamy airport hangar before 5,000 troops.

A captain from the Bronx tapped me on the back. He joined the Army after some of his wife's best friends were lost at the World Trade Center. When he glimpsed the piece of recovered metal from the towers I had been showing to a group of soldiers he grasped for it as if it were the Holy Grail. Then he handed it to Kid Rock who passed the precious metal through the 5,000 troops in the audience. They lunged at the opportunity to touch the steel symbolizing what so many of them felt as the purpose of their mission.

Looking into that sea of khaki gave me chills even in the blistering heat. To me, those troops were there to avenge the murder of my husband and 3,000 others. When I got to the microphone, I told them we had not made this journey for condolences, but to thank them and to tell them the families think of them every day. They lift our hearts. The crowd interrupted me with chants of "USA! USA! USA!" Many wept.

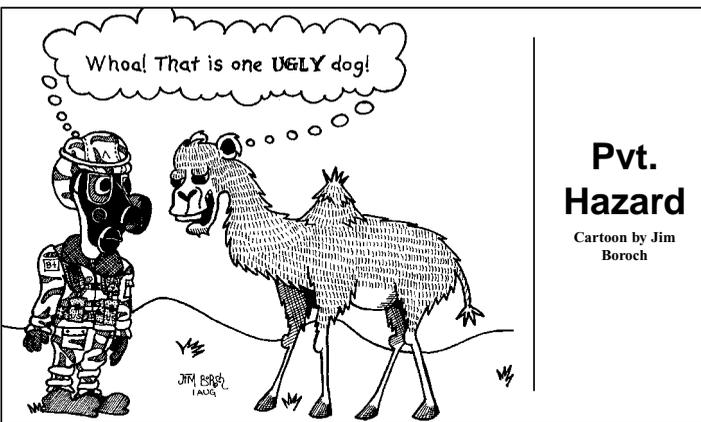
What happened next left no doubt the troops drew inspiration from our tragedies. When I was first asked to speak to thousands of troops in Qatar, after Iraq, I wondered if it would feel like a "grief for sale" spectacle.

But this time I was quaking because I was to present the recovered World Trade Center steel to Gen. Tommy Franks. I quivered as I handed him the icy gray block of steel. His great, craggy eyes welled up with tears. The sea of khaki fell silent. Then the proud four-star general was unable to hold back the tears which streamed down his face on center stage before 4,000 troops. As this mighty man turned from the spotlight to regain his composure I comforted him with a hug.

Now, when do I return?

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Christy Ferer
Widow of Sept. 11 attacks



Pvt.
Hazard

Cartoon by Jim
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News

First 'bionic soldier' takes 1 step at a time

by Michael E. Dukas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Changes in body armor have reduced the number of American servicemembers dying on the battlefield for about a decade — although it still happens, a majority of combat wounds military doctors treat involve the extremities.

While participating in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan last year, Staff Sgt. Michael McNaughton, took a step that would change his life forever. While walking through an area at Bagram Air Base believed to be cleared and safe, McNaughton, a 31-year-old National Guardsman from the Louisiana's 769th Engineer Battalion, stepped on a land mine.

The blast took off his right foot, tore into his right leg in several places, took a chunk out of his left calf and blew off a couple of fingers on his right hand.

With extensive damage to his right leg and significant debris in the wounds, doctors had to amputate the combat engineer's destroyed limb just

above his knee.

After he spent several months in a hospital bed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington McNaughton's doctors believed it was time to take the healing process to the next level and fit him with a conventional prosthetic leg.

McNaughton worked with physical therapy specialists for several hours each day. "I pretty much had to learn how to walk again," he said. He spent most of his therapy time learning to put weight on the prosthetic and walking.

"I thought I would put the leg on and go. But there is a lot more to it" he said. He knew he needed the therapy, but at times it seemed like he was fighting a losing battle. "The first time I tried to walk with a cane it felt like I could just walk, but unfortunately you can't do that. It's definitely frustrating. I just wanted to pick the leg up and throw it."

A few months later, Walter Reed prosthetist Joseph Miller offered McNaughton an option that would

make walking and returning to a normal life much easier — a microprocessor controlled knee called a C-Leg.

Unlike a traditional prosthetic leg requiring an amputee to swing it with each step, the C-Leg has hydraulic pneumatic controls enabling amputees the closest possible approximation to their natural walk, Miller said.

The \$43,000 bionic leg, complete with microprocessor knee and force-sensing pylon — metal support rod between the knee and the prosthetic foot — reads feedback data 50 times per second and evaluates it to determine the appropriate movement for the computer-aided leg.

The C-Leg takes much less energy when McNaughton walks.

"Sometimes it's hard to explain,

because you have to be an amputee to know the difference. But (the C-Leg) is so much smoother. It tries to imitate exactly what the left leg is doing," McNaughton said. "I can take more natural steps. With this one you can go

down ramps a lot easier. With the (conventional prosthetic) you have to go down sideways."

McNaughton feels that while it is true he faces challenges in the road ahead, he is no less of a person since the amputation. He said he has the same hopes and dreams as anybody

else and he looks forward to returning to a normal life — something he believes will be much easier with the C-Leg.

*Editor's note: Michael E. Dukas is a staff writer for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center *Stripe*.*

What it does

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New leader at helm of Carson naval unit



Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

Cmdr. Michael Sorensen assumed command of the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion seventeen in a ceremony Sunday.

**by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer staff**

Cmdr. Michael Sorensen assumed command of the U.S. Naval Reserve Construction Battalion Seventeen from Cmdr. Daniel M. Bleseky in a change of command ceremony Sunday at the Special Events Center. This unit is stationed in Fort Carson.

It will be difficult to replace Cmdr. Bleskey, but I am looking forward to taking on the responsibility of leading this great battalion, said Sorensen.

Bleseky served as commanding officer of the NMCB Seventeen for about two years. This year marks 20 years of service for Bleseky. He and his wife will continue residing in Camarillo, Calif., with their two children.

Sorensen was commissioned in the Civil Engineer Corps in August 1985 through the Navy's Direct Commission program. He served with the NMCB Seventeen from 1985 through 1991. From 1990 to 1991 he served as company commander. He was the company officer for the Amphibious Construction Battalion, One, from 1991 to 1994. He returned to NMCB seventeen in 1994 to serve as company commander and air

detachment officer. From 1996 to 1999 he served with the First Naval Construction Regiment as equipment officer. He was assigned to the 31st Naval Construction Regiment Augment Unit as the senior reserve officer from 1999 to 2000. In 2000 he became the executive officer of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Twenty-five. He mobilized as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2002 through August 2003 where he was the senior watch officer for the command operations center.

In 1984, Sorensen received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska.

Sorensen's military awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards) and various service and campaign awards.

He works as a project manager for the Salt River Project, a power and irrigation utility location in Phoenix and is a registered professional civil engineer in Arizona. Also, he is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers.

Military

Fun in the desert sun

4th Engineer make most of down time

by 1st Lt. Robert Elliott
4th Engineer Battalion

IRAQ — Seeing and doing the same stuff day in and day out can be quite a drag. The leadership in the 4th Engineer Battalion realizes the soldiers need some form of release, so they are coming up with ways soldiers can take their minds off the deployment and their day-to-day tasks.

The battalion has set up a Morale, Welfare and Recreation program run by Master Sgt. Andres Rosado and Sgt. 1st Class John McNamara. They run the Forward Operating Base Exchange where soldiers can buy sodas, chips, cookies, cigarettes and an assortment of other items.

They have also set up a Commander's Cup Sports Tournament. Each month the companies in the battalion compete against each other in a specified sporting event. August was the battalion volleyball tournament. Soldiers in Company A defeated soldiers in Headquarters Company in a very close, exciting match to take top honors. Upcoming sporting events are boxing, badminton, football and a three-on-three basketball competition. After having been away from organized physi-

cal training for five months now, the sporting events are a great way to get soldiers out and start them back on the fitness trail.

To stay in shape, soldiers can do physical fitness training from 5 to 9 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. every day. Available to them are pull-up bars, dip bars, dumbbells, a bench press set up and a running trail. For those who want to stay in shape and keep their hoop skills intact there is a full basketball court setup with pick-up games running every night.

If the soldiers are in the mood to just relax and hang out, there are still plenty of things for them to do. There are currently eight televisions, four DVD players, and five satellite dishes set up in the Vanguard Forward Operating Base. Soldiers can watch an assortment of DVD movies or catch CNN, ESPN, Disney, History Channel, Cartoon

Network, or Turner Classic Movies. Card games like spades and hearts are also quite popular, along with chess and a couple of other board games.

Despite having a lot for soldiers to do here on FOB Vanguard, sometimes getting away from the unit for a few days is the best way to recharge the batteries.

The battalion is allotted nine slots every two weeks to three weeks for soldiers to attend the Tikrit rest and relaxation site. In Tikrit, soldiers have the opportunity to get on the Internet, make phone calls, swim in the pool, watch movies, write letters or just do nothing.

In Iraq, life is not the greatest, but the leadership in the 4th Engineer Battalion realizes that and is making efforts to improve the quality of life for the sol-

diers. Every day things here are improving and the best thing of all is that we are getting one day closer to coming home.

How some soldiers are spending their down time

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Military Briefs

CIF Hours

Central Issue Facility hours of operation

Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Initial/partial issues

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Direct exchange

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Partial turn-ins

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 524-2006 or 526-2729.

Effective immediately:

Replacement will be scheduled Mondays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

Demobilized units tentatively have Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing.

Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A

CIF employee will work one-on-one with supply sergeant vs. having bus loads of soldiers arrive at CIF to exchange one or two items.

Active-duty units — PCS/ETS/chapters/retirees will make an initial out processing appointment (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) for turn-in. All follow-on appointments (14 OCIE items or less) will be scheduled if needed.

Bulk issue and turn-ins — By appointment only.

Note: Due to redeployment or demobilization unit requirements this schedule is subject to change. Changes will be put out through e-mail, mobilization meetings, command sergeant major channels and posted signs at the CIF. Appointments can be made with Connie Thompson at 526-4057 or 524-2006. POC for this information is Mark A. Rudd Sr., CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

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 end of time in service, 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 ETS 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

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 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 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 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.

OCSS board — There will be a local Officer Candidate School board Nov. 20 and 21. This board is required for all applicants. All participants must report in Class As Nov. 20 and 21. All packets must be turned in to the 478th Personnel Support Battalion, Field Operations, building 1118, room 208, no later than Nov. 6. For more information, call Sgt. Martinez at 526-1906.

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

Orders

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to the Army," said Holbrook. "They were not being allowed to separate from service. The difference between stop loss and stop move is that stop move means if someone is supposed to PCS, they are not going to PCS. Stop loss means if someone was going to get out of the Army, they are not going to get out."

When it comes to re-enlistment options or PCSing, soldiers should not have to worry about those assignments not being fulfilled. "When stop loss and stop move were lifted back in June, then they turned back on assignments," said Holbrook. "Guys that were going to go to schools, I don't believe were turned back on."

"We've seen people reloaded for assignments," said Holbrook. "Not everybody who was deleted has been reloaded, but I would say, we are starting to see more and more pick up. People have been coming back on those freedom flights and they are going on to PCS or wherever they are going next."

"Freedom flight is a flight that comes out of theater that has a hodge-podge of people," said Holbrook. "The soldiers could be from Fort Hood (Texas) to Fort Sill (Okla.) to Fort Carson. They fill up a plane and fly it to the states. It lands along the way and we get ours when ours get off. You've got all kinds of people on that flight; people ETSing; people PCSing; people that are injured; all kinds of people."

Re-enlistment options are not much different from PCSing. "If a soldier has a re-enlistment option to go to Fort Hood, that's a PCS," said Holbrook. "That's just like any other PCS. It's an option, because I get what I want, but becomes a PCS when they put me on assignment."

"The theater policy - it's not Fort Carson policy - is to give them 90 days," said Holbrook. "For instance, if my report date was Sept. 1, 90 days before that they are going to let me leave theater to come home, get my family settled and everything else I need to get done in transition. That's not just for PCSing, but also for people ETSing or retiring. Same policy, to get out of theater, they wanted to give you 90 days to either transition or whatever your next station in life is."

It is uncertain when soldiers will be able to return home for school, but plans are in the works. "I think they're trying to figure out what the rhythm is going to be over in Iraq," said Holbrook. "Once we get that rhythm down, we may be able to let guys start coming back and going to schools. Now, it's not like there's a school slot waiting for them. They need to get reloaded into the Army Training Requirements and Resources System, the system that we do all the scheduling for schools. It just like going through the whole drill again, but at least they can be freed up to do that at that point."

It is now easier to plan for soldiers coming home to go to schools, PCS and ETS than it was in the past. "We know when the 3rd Armored Cavalry and the 3rd Brigade Combat Team are scheduled to come back home, March or April, and the next rotation is already being planned," said Holbrook. "Before, we knew they were coming home, it was a guess and we didn't have anything to plan around. Now, assignment managers can plan around that. As much as possible, we're going to give a soldier the maximum amount of time to get to where he needs to go next, wherever that is in life."

Dining Schedule

Week of Sept. 13 to Sept. 19

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 House is closed Saturday through Monday.
- Mountaineer Inn is closed until further notice.



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)



Photos by Sgt. Alicia Stewart

Memorial service ...

Above: Sgt. Dawn Dahms plays taps at the memorial service for Pfc. Vorn J. Mack, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Sept. 5 at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Mack, whose death was noncombat related, was remembered in eulogies by friends and co-workers, as well as a firing volley, the playing of taps and the traditional roll call.



Photos by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Honoring the fallen ...

Above: Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 3rd Brigade Combat Team fire a volley at the memorial service for Spc. Stephen M. Scott, Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3rd ACR, Sept. 4 at Soldier's Memorial Chapel. Scott, who died from noncombat wounds in Iraq Aug. 23, loved sports, lettering in football and basketball. He had aspirations of playing professional basketball.

Fort Carson votes ...

Village, deputy mayors announced

by **Joey Bautista**

Mayoral Program Coordinator

Fort Carson residents were given the opportunity to vote on their new village mayors Aug. 27 and 28.

Fort Carson Housing is divided into 14 different communities, and Sept. 1, 14 mayors and deputy mayors began a new year of representing their neighborhoods.

The new mayors are :

Apache Village:

Mayor Kimberly Routon
Deputy Mayor Eva Ferrell

Arapahoe Village:

Mayor Michelle Bryant
Deputy Mayor Shelly Meyer

Blackfoot Hill:

Mayor Mary Dantzler
Deputy Mayor Sgt. Maj. Arnold Lewis

Cherokee Village East:

Mayor Amanda Gillard
Deputy Mayor Misty Lollar

Cherokee Village West:

Mayor Moriah Dale
Deputy Mayor Jamie Schultz

Cheyene Village:

Mayor Sylvia Baca
Deputy Mayor Richard Simmion

Choctaw Village:

Mayor Staff Sgt. Brian Leary
Deputy Mayor Tanya Boots

Comanche Village:

Mayor Fabiola Boxley
Deputy Mayor Virginia Carl

Kiowa Village:

Mayor Brenda Keller
Deputy Mayor Mindy Casale

Navajo Village:

Mayor Amanda Gallagher
Deputy Mayor Nicole Voights

Pawnee Village:

Mayor Linda Funkhouser
Deputy Mayor Dawn Learned

Shoshoni Village:

Mayor Addelee Waites
Deputy Mayor Jean McClintock

Sioux Village:



Mayor Kristi Meyer
Deputy Mayor (Vacant)

Ute Hill Village:

Mayor Lori Gill
Deputy Mayor (Vacant)

The Mayoral Program would like to thank the community for its support and involvement during the elections and encourage their continued involvement in the villages.

For more information about the Mayoral Program, call Joey Bautista at 526-4590 or 526-1082.

Community

Scouts benefit from museum's treasure

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer staff

Walking into a world of history, bright eyes full of intrigue listen to a curator's narration of the beginnings of one of the greatest Army units, a unit with a history that speaks volumes of its selfless service to this country.

Pack 260, a group of cub scouts from Castle Rock, visited the 3rd Cavalry Museum Sept. 6.

"We take them on these outings to expose them to culture and to inspire them," said Capt. Lyle Wilkes, an armored officer assigned to Medical Activity.

The museum is always willing to open its doors to the community, said Paul Martin, director, historical programs at the museum.

The children were first taken into a TV room where they watched a 20-minute film that was used as a recruiting tool in the days of the mounted regiment. When the film was over, the tour began.

When entering the exhibit, the children were greeted by an animated figure representing Pvt. Timothy Cunningham.

The children had many questions and a refreshing enthusiasm to learn about the abundance of history packed into this small museum.

They learned about the different types of uniforms used throughout the years, and they were also able to see the uniforms used by enemy forces.

Martin gave a demonstration of the weapons used by the unit in different battles. The demonstration was done with reproductions of rifles, bayonets and a wide variety of guns. He also gave them a tour of the galleries.

There is a permanent gallery that holds an exhibit of trophies from the mounted days of the regiment. These include The Mounted Service Cup and The Bowman Challenge Cup. This gallery also displays the uniforms, weapons, saddles and equipment once used by the unit.

The other gallery is a temporary gallery. These display for about five years at a time. Right now, "To the Colors," is the temporary gallery, which consists of 15 flags that date back to 1848.



Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

Paul Martin, director, historical programs at the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment museum, describes the contents of the 3rd ACR museum's trophy exhibit to a group of Castle Rock cubscouts Sept. 6.

The 3rd Cavalry Museum arrived here with the unit in 1996 from Fort Bliss, Texas. It tells a tale of military culture that dates back to 1846 when the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen was approved by Congress.

"The 3rd Cavalry Museum offers the most complete collection in the Army for a single unit," said Martin.

"I'm glad this type of thing is available to educate our children with," said Wilkes.

Community Events

Miscellaneous

2003 Army Battle of Bands Finals — The 2003 Battle of Bands finals will be held at Fort Carson. The Department of the Army-level finals consists of bands nominated from Army installations around the world to compete against each other for prizes, monetary awards to the representing military installation and opportunities to perform in other venues of the U.S. Army Entertainment Division.

The competition will be Oct. 11 at the Fort Carson Special Events Center. The semi-finals will be held at 1 p.m. and the finals will follow at 7 p.m. Both performances are free and open to the public.

The competition will be co-sponsored by U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, U.S. Army Entertainment Division, the Fort Carson Directorate of Community Activities and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

For more information, please call 526-4494.

Free paperbacks for troops deploying and training — Grant Library has boxes of new paperback books available for units going to the field for training or being deployed. The popular books are free and may be kept by the soldier — they don't need to be returned to the library.

Additional boxes of donated books are also available. No paperwork is needed. The person responsible for the unit just needs to come to the library where they will be asked how many troops will be going to training and how long they will be gone. Boxes of books will then be distributed.

For more information, call 526-8144 or 2350 or stop by the library. The library is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Service examinations — Soldiers wanting to take the Automotive Service Examinations in November must register by today. 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.

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: Department of Homeland Security Police Officers in Fort Collins. Who: 21 Years old, no felonies, all ranks, no age limits.

What: Video Teleconferencing Technician in Colorado Springs -six openings. Who: All ranks. Secret security clearance required.

What: Desktop support technician in Omaha, Neb. Who: top secret clearance and two years experience.

What: Security analyst Washington, DC Who: top security clearance with BA degree.

What: Admin assistant in Detroit, Mich. Who: Those with four years Excel and Access experience and high school diploma.

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 more information 668-8530 or at greg.kropkowski@us.army.mil or Lt. Col. Kim Wortham at 526-6879 or kim.wortham@carson.army.mil.

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:

- 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.

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, week-



**Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
719-526-4590**



Army Family Action Plan

Fort Carson AFAP

This is your opportunity to participate in the 2004 Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference and voice your quality of life concerns. Many issues prioritized at the conference can be resolved locally while those that cannot are forwarded to the regional level & possibly the DA level for their annual conference.

To submit a quality of life issue (i.e. housing, re-enlistment, health-care, education) stop by the Army Family Action Plan Office in ACS, Bldg. 1526. For details, contact Nancy Montville at 526-4590.

5 & 6 November 03

Make A Difference Day

25 October, 9am-2pm

Turkey Creek Recreation Area

Registration Deadline: 10 October.

Make A Difference In Our Community.
Call 526-4590 for details.

ends and holidays.

Combined Federal Campaign training schedule — The Fort Carson CFC will officially kickoff Oct. 1 at the Elkhorn Conference Center, come one, come all. It is imperative all directorates, activities, small functions and independent agencies appoint a keyworker for every 25 individuals assigned in order to facilitate a successful campaign. Each assigned project officer, and keyworker will attend a minimum of one training session.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Cook at 526-0992.

Claims against the estate

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

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Stephen Scott, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Conorich at 526-5167 or 338-1420.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Pfc. Von J. Mack, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. David Parmer at 526-8095 or 559-9486.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Ronald Dean Allen, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Justin Ticknor at 526-6259.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Taft Williams, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Melony Pate-Arnold at 526-4066 or 576-2541.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Capt. Joshua Todd Byers, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. K.C. Hughes at 524-1097.

Dog tired ...

Special MP retires after 10 years

Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Marchand and Staff Sgt. Michael Metcalf

148th Military Police Detachment

The 148th Military Police Detachment had another MP retire Aug. 19 August, after serving for 10 years in the Army. You might be asking yourself “how did an MP retire after 10 years?” or “who cares, soldiers retire every day.”

This soldier is four legged and has his own fur coat. Antis is a Military Police Working Dog. He entered service and attended his training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He served his entire career at Fort Carson. Antis performed law enforcement duties throughout his career and when he wasn't protecting the Fort Carson community, he would train with his handler. The veterinarian and dog physiologists at Lackland Air Force Base evaluated Antis and determined he would be safe for a family to adopt. A local family heard of the possibility of adopting a Military Working Dog while watching a MWD demonstration

during the National Night Out. It just so happened that Antis' paperwork came back from Lackland a couple of days earlier. The family came by the Military Working Dog Section to visit Antis and see if the dog and the family would get along; shortly thereafter Antis was adopted and went home with the family. The members of the Military Working Dog Section wish Antis farewell and hope he now has time to do nothing but sleep in front of the fireplace.

Clearing Vehicle Registration Office

It is not always necessary to remove the decals from your vehicle to clear with the vehicle registration office. You may leave the decals on your vehicle if you are going through a permanent change of station to an assignment in the Continental United States; if you are separating from active duty and going into the Army Reserves or National Guard; if you are going to Officer Candidate School, Green to Gold, West Point, or similar school; if you are

PCSing overseas but the car is staying in the United States; if you are separating but your spouse is in the military; or if you are retiring from active duty.

If you have reached your end of time in service and will no longer have any affiliation with the military, being separated in accordance with Army Regulation 635-200, chapters 5-11 or 13-18 (“getting chaptered”); or PCSing overseas and taking the car out of the United States then you will need to remove the decals and return them to the VRO. The decals have a tamper-resistant metallic backing and may fall apart when being removed, if it does, simply salvage as much of the decal as possible and bring the pieces into the VRO.

Traffic Roll Up

In the past week, there were 109 total citations:

- 61 for speeding
- one for failure to use seatbelts
- 57 for other violations

Hospital confirms human cases of WNV on post

by Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

Evans Army Community Hospital has confirmed six human cases of West Nile Virus as of Sept. 9. Human cases were not anticipated, given the positive testing of adult mosquito pools on both Fort Carson and within the surrounding area during August.

Even though mosquito season is drawing to a close with the onset of colder weather, people should not let down their guard just yet about mosquito bite prevention.

The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management and the Fort Carson 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.

The DECOM will be taking the following actions in response to this heightened level of WNV detection:

- Continue to use pesticide agents for the control of mosquito larvae in stagnant and standing pools of water.
- Continue adult mosquito treatments by spraying pesticide on vegetation in and around storm drainages that commonly collect water in the cantonment area, including drainages in housing areas.
- Prior to command-sponsored events, the DECOM will apply pesticide at recreational facilities (Iron Horse Park) and re-check naturally standing waters in the immediate area for any additional

treatment requirements. The Directorate of Community Activities will mow the grass in and around Ironhorse Park and conduct thorough inspections of facilities and playground equipment for potential mosquito breeding sites, such as small puddles of water.

The information below provides WNV precautions and potential symptoms. These types of articles have been publicized in the *Mountaineer*, the Garrison Commander's Community newsletter, presented at a Housing Mayors' meetings, through various local media outlets and by e-mail distribution.

Fort Carson recognizes there exists a potential for human illness due to the adverse effects of this

Chaplain's Corner

Putting our stories into hands of God

Commentary by

Chap. (Maj.) Douglas B. Jones
307th Quartermaster Battalion

"We are American soldiers. We are here to rescue you," said one of our soldiers in the effort to rescue Pfc. Jessica Lynch. "I am an American soldier, too," said Lynch from the place she was lying.

Her rescue is an amazing story.

Everyone loves a story. The media is constantly looking for a story. Several years ago, Nancy Morgan, reported the following for the Reader's Digest: "I wrote to my son, who was in basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, to tell him I had remarried. Not wanting to give away the surprise by using my new name on the envelope, I wrote 'Your Mother' in place of my return address.

"A few days later at mail call, my son eagerly stepped forward when his name was called. But to his surprise, the sergeant barked, 'Drop, private, and give me 100 push-ups!' Puzzled, my son dropped to the ground and complied. Afterward, the sergeant handed him my letter. Pointing to the return address, he said, 'If you wrote more often to your mother, she wouldn't have to remind you who she is!'"

A good story, especially true stories are worth their weight in gold. My experience with soldiers and their families over the past few months since my deployment has been inspiring. I have listened to your stories. I have felt your pain, sadness, anger, fear, loneliness, tragedy, strivings for happiness and understanding, love and concern, and your joys. Behind the faces of every soldier and their family is a wonderful story. Thank you for sharing your story with me. I love and respect the stories you bring to our service, to the nation at a most difficult time in our military history.

The Old and New Testament are

filled with the stories of men and women who, like you, have a wonderful story to tell. Their stories include pain, tragedy, suffering, fear, anger, loneliness, frustration, love, joy and even death. I am likewise inspired by their stories. These stories inspire me because many of them decided to place their personal stories in the hands of God. They sought him out either in prayer, by the way they lived their lives or, as in the case of Zacchaeus, by climbing a tree.

As noted in our Old Testament, Daniel lived his life obediently to warrant the blessing of having God shut the lion's mouth (Daniel 6:18-23). What a powerful story to tell his own children and grandchildren. In another poignant story, Joseph of Egypt had every reason to let anger, frustration, fear and false accusation get the best of him. But no. He always placed his developing story into the hands of God. His trust in God led to the tear-filled and joyous reunion of his family. His closeness to God kept his dad, mom, and his brothers and their families alive due to his inspired plans in a season of plenty. (Genesis 37-50.) It is amazing what we can do when our life is in the hands of God.

The story of Hannah is equally inspiring. Her inability to conceive children was a constant source of frustration and emotional pain. Was it not her faith and trust in God that led to the birth of Samuel? She then fulfilled her promise by not only placing her story into the hands of God, but in allowing Samuel the opportunity to do the same. (1 Samuel 1.)

There's nothing quite like including God, our eternal father, and his son, Jesus Christ, in the story of our life. Unfortunately, there are far too many who have chosen to live out their stories without their eternal father and his son who have the power to help, strengthen, sustain and even save them.

From the New Testament, Zacchaeus is another simple, yet beautiful story. We don't know much about his background other than he was chief among the publicans, small of stature and wealthy. His family ... well, the New Testament is silent. We do know he had a household and a place he called home.

I wonder if he ever was frustrated due to his size. Do you know of someone who has been troubled by his or her physical stature? Did Zacchaeus let his lack of size or any other problem deter him from meeting the son of God? On the day Jesus went to Jericho, Zacchaeus decided to include Jesus in his developing story. Instead of being somewhere else or letting his size discourage him, he looked for an opportunity to meet Jesus. Not to be overlooked in the multitude, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to get a bird's eye view of the son of God even Jesus the Christ (Luke 19:1-9).

It was Jesus who then perceived the heart of an honest man. Of all the people Jesus could have spent time with that day, it was Zacchaeus whom he called down from the tree. It was Zacchaeus Jesus chose to spend time with in the place that Zacchaeus called home. What a glorious day. What a story he could tell his children and grandchildren. Thankfully we have it recorded by Luke. No doubt, if we knew the rest of his story, we would find Zacchaeus and his family finding answers to the issues of their continued story. Placing ourselves in the hands of God brings in its wake joy, peace, patience, long-suffering, faith, hope and charity.

"Yes, men and women who turn their lives over to God will discover he can make a lot more out of their lives than they can," said a great leader of his church. "He will deepen their joys, expand their muscles, lift their spirits,

Chapel

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Fall

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

Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies — Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Ska Akicita Inipi) are offered to military personnel, family members and Department of Defense personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. Call Michael Dunning at 382-5331 or (c) 330-9537 for ceremonial information and directions.

multiply their blessings, increase their opportunities, comfort their souls, raise up friends and pour out peace." (Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, December 1988, pp. 2-6.)

We saw what happened to Michael Jordan when a basketball was placed in his hands. We see the same with a golf club in Tiger Woods' hands. The Williams sisters do their magic with a tennis racket in their hands. Daniel, Joseph, Hannah, Zaachaeus and others all testify to us of what can really happen when we place our lives in God's hands. May we learn to do the same.

If we want peace, joy, contentment, love, forgiveness, etc., in the midst of trial, temptation and tragedy, we will do anything to learn how to place our story in God's hands. And, just think of the stories we could tell our children and grandchildren if it was our story instead of Daniel's.

West Nile Virus

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disease, which is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes that have fed off of birds infected with WNV. Here are some simple preventive measures individuals can take to reduce the risk of mosquito bites:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends changing the water in dog dishes, birdbaths, children's toys, plant containers and other containers that accumulate with standing water at least once or twice a week. Changing containers with standing water more frequently is recommended since mosquito larvae mature as quickly as two-to-four days.

- Wear white or light colored long sleeve shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors, especially in the early morning and evening 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 activities near standing water in stagnant puddles, wetlands and ditches. Standing water provides an ideal breeding sites for mosquitoes.

- Report standing pools of water in the Fort Carson cantonment area by calling the West Nile Action Officer at 526-1686.

- Please report dead crows, jays, ravens, magpies and other birds to the DECAM Pest Control Facility (526-1686/5141) 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.

The chances of contracting WNV are extremely small, due to the fact that very few mosquitoes actually become infected. In fact, according to the CDC, less than one percent of persons infected with WNV will develop severe illness.

People who become infected may show mild symptoms, no symptoms at all, or in the case of some individuals, especially the elderly and people with compromised immune systems, may show very serious and life threatening symptoms. Symptoms usually occur within three to 14 days.

The WNV surveillance and control effort is being coordinated with Veterinary Services,

Preventive Medicine, DECAM, the Fort Carson housing contractor, the Public Affairs Office, the Directorate of Community Activities, the Provost Marshal's Office, the Directorate of Public Works and the El Paso County Health Department.

For more information contact Ed Tebo, 524-3534, the DECAM Wildlife Office or DECAM Pest Control (numbers above). The following Web sites also have valuable information about WNV and protective measures.

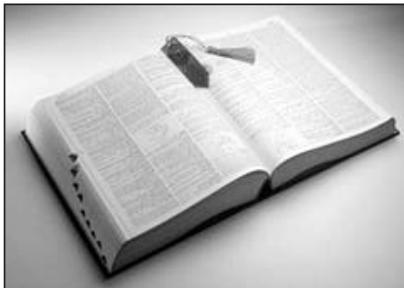
CDC West Nile Virus Homepage
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/>
Colorado & West Nile Virus - NBII
<http://westnilevirus.nbii.gov/states/colorado.htm>

Health and Environment, El Paso County, CO
<http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/>
Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management

<http://www.dem.co.pueblo.co.us/issues.html>
Welcome to Fremont County Cooperative Extension

<http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/fremont/>
Teller County Colorado Government Home Page

<http://www.co.teller.co.us/LocalNews.htm>



Chapel

Fort Carson's AWANA club is gearing up for another exciting year — Club 13,334 meets every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

During game time, individual and team competition takes place through circle games exclusive to AWANA. Every kid gets involved and has a chance to unleash his or her energy, while learning good sportsmanship and respect. During Handbook time, kids work one on one with a trained leader to complete assignments that emphasize memorization and understanding of key Bible verses. Council time is when everyone gathers for an engaging Bible based lesson.

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

We also looking for adult volunteers to serve in this exciting ministry. If you have a heart for reaching children with the gospel of Jesus, we would love to have you on our team. Call Stacy Chapman for further information.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
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 Unity	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 96 & Proverbs 23-25
Saturday — Psalms 97 & Proverbs 26-28
Sunday — Psalms 98 & Proverbs 29-31
Monday — Psalms 99 & Ecclesiastes 1-3
Tuesday — Psalms 100 & Ecclesiastes 4-6
Wednesday — Psalms 101 & Ecclesiastes 7-9
Thursday — Psalms 102 & Ecclesiastes 10-12

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following:
 Unit: For the soldiers, families and leaders of the 10th Mountain Division, headquartered at Fort Drum, N.Y., forward deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
 Army: For all those soldiers and civilians serving as instructors throughout our professional schools in the Army. God grant them the gift of effective teaching as they shape our next generation of leaders.
 State: For all soldiers and families from the state of Arkansas. Pray for Gov. Mike Huckabee, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Natural State.
 Nation: For all immigrant workers in this nation. Pray that through their hard toil in the land and in factories, they may provide better lives for their families, and release the blessings of working in a free economy.
 Religion: For the soldiers and families of the National Baptist Convention. Pray also for the military chaplains endorsed to serve our Army 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.

Nominees being taken for next soldier show

Courtesy Directorate of Community Activities

Nominations are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians and specialty acts for the 2004 Army Soldier Show. Nominations for technicians are also being accepted for lighting, audio, video, costume and stage technicians.

The Army Soldier Show is a highly integrated, high-energy ensemble production, offering a wide range of popular music and stage spectacle. Preference in selection is given to performers showing versatility in musical style and experience. Preference is given to technicians having experience and possessing a variety of skills. Technicians with past leadership and building experience, and mechanical or electrical aptitude will also be considered for positions such as stage manager, etc.

Nominations should reach the following address by Nov. 15:

U.S. Army Soldier Show, Attn: 2004 Selection Committee, PO Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

All nominations must include the following:

- Name, rank, Social Security number, unit address, duty phone, e-mail address, and area of specialty for performer (singer, dancer, etc.) or area of specialty for technician (lighting, audio, carpentry, electrical work, etc.).
- Official Department of the Army photo.
- Copy of enlisted or officer record brief.
- For performer nominees, submit a video cassette (1/2 inch VHS) or DVD showing musical styles, vocal range and special talents, with emphasis on musical variety. The following format is

recommended: a spoken introduction, a minimum of two songs of contrasting styles, and a segment devoted to additional talents such as dance or instrumental performance. Musicians can also include an audio recording.

e. For technician nominees, a technical experience resume including experience in sound, lighting, construction, carpentry and stage management must be submitted. Performers may include technical expertise in their resumes.

f. All nominees must have a minimum of 90 days time in service remaining after completion of tour. Nominees must meet height/weight standards IAW AR 600-9. A copy of the most recent record Army Physical Fitness Test must be provided. Profiles will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

g. Nominees must be deployable worldwide as the Army Soldier Show will tour overseas areas.

6. Video auditions and technical review will take place mid-January 2004 and finalists will be notified by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Army Entertainment Division through respective regional headquarters, with units and installations receiving

an information copy of the notification.

Administrative details are:

a. Units/installations will confirm selectee(s) availability no later than February 6, 2004 directly to USACFSC/AED with an information copy furnished to the respective regional headquarters.

b. The Temporary Duty orders will be issued and all costs will be paid by CFSC for travel to the final audition process. Non-selectees will be

returned to their unit.

c. Attachment orders for selectees will be issued by CFSC.

d. Soldiers must have a letter of release from their respective commands.

e. Soldiers selected for the 2004 Army Soldier Show will have change of duty or change of rater evaluation reports completed prior to

departure from the parent unit.

7. Artistic inquiries may be sent to Victor.Hurtado@cfsc.army.mil, and military questions may be addressed to 1st Sgt. David Dallman at 656-4937 or (703) 806-4937.

Nominations being accepted

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Explosive Ordnance Disposal

A snapshot into the lives of EOD soldiers

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer Staff

Protecting U.S. dignitaries, learning nuclear physics and defusing unexploded bombs are just a few of the things an explosive ordnance disposal specialist does. They are responsible for locating, identifying and disposing of foreign and domestic military ordnance and improvised explosive devices.

EOD specialists are presently in a "stop loss" status, which means servicemembers in this field cannot leave the Army because the Army is understaffed. This is the last Military Occupation Specialty that holds that status.

The training is long and challenging, but joining the ranks of such skilled soldiers can be a generous service to this MOS. Also, the training is well worth it, given the knowledge obtained and the benefits provided. Training consists of 10 to 12 months of learning how to maintain nuclear weapons, and how to render safe and dispose of missiles, rockets, landmines and other ordnances.

The financial benefits of being an EOD specialist include \$150 per month demolition pay and a civilian clothing allowance, as

much of the work is conducted in civilian clothes.

The environment in which EOD specialists work is constantly changing. There is always an opportunity to go on temporary duty assignments. In one month, Fort Carson's 764th Explosive ordnance disposal unit conducted temporary duty assignments to Las Vegas, Fort Dix, N.J., Rhode Island, Jackson Hole, Wyo., Salt Lake City, Pittsburgh and Washington D.C.

Part of an EOD unit's job is to conduct support missions to protect dignitaries by inspecting their destinations and ensuring the areas are free of explosive hazards.

EOD specialists also work with local law enforcement, and they support missions for the U.S. Secret Service, State Department and other federal agencies.

Advanced level EOD specialists conduct formal instruction for Army and civilian audiences. They assist with the administrative duties necessary to support unit operations, and assist in preparing technical intelligence and incident reports.

The job in itself gives soldiers the oppor-

tunity to use what knowledge they've acquired to make intensely important decisions, despite rank.

"We often have E-6s making decisions that could result in the evacuation of a 10-block radius," said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Campbell, a response noncommissioned officer with the 764th EOD unit on post. As an EOD specialist soldiers are well trained to handle such responsibility.

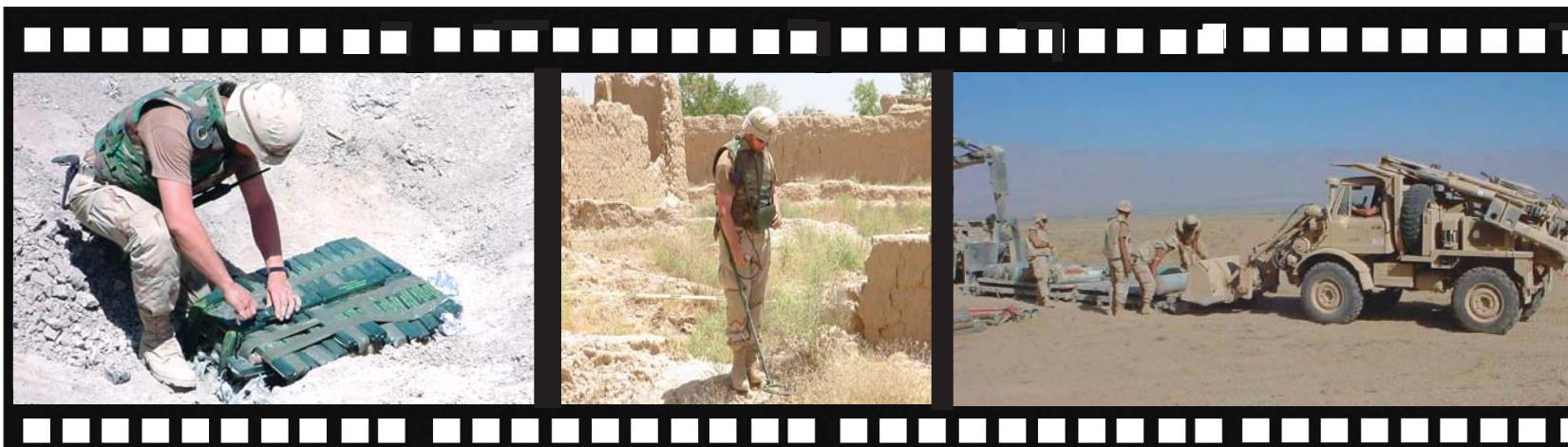
Soldiers entering the EOD field must obtain a top secret clearance, which, among other things, requires a good credit history, said Cpt. Benjamin T. Lyng, commander 764th EOD. The requirement for good credit is often a problem when trying to clear a soldier into the field. However, this is a problem that an individual could take care of, he added.

It is not only an important job, but an exciting one. From the Winter Olympics to Afghanistan, EOD specialists are constantly providing the safety the military requires.

If you are interested in volunteering to become an EOD specialist, please contact the 764th EOD at 526-2643.



Photos by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Olsen, operations noncommissioned officer for the 764th Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit on post is setting up explosives to destroy Russian ordnance 10 kilometers outside of Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.



Left: Sgt. Michael Kasper, EOD technician, 764th EOD, sets up explosives to defuse a bomb.
Middle: Staff Sgt. Jamie Cowley, EOD technician, 764th EOD, sweeps for mines at Bagram, Air Base with a mine detector.
Right: Members of the fighting 764th EOD use a small emplacement excavator to transport Russian bombs to a disposal site.



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Sports & Leisure



Photos by Bill Scharton

This five- and six-year-old cheerleading squad, coached by Diane Campbell, was cheering for the five- and six-year-old Broncos flag football team Saturday morning at Pershing Field.

3 cheers for youth sports

Fort Carson youths take to the fields for cheerleading, football and soccer

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Prior to playing his first game with the Steelers five- and six-year-old flag football team Saturday morning, Dale Hilliard had no trouble being ready on time.

"Dale was watching cartoons on television 2:45 a.m.," said his mother, Kerri Gerke. "As a matter of fact, I had to put him back in bed before I brought him to the game."

One could sense this type of anticipation and excitement all over Pershing Field Saturday morning as hundreds of young soccer players, flag football players and cheerleaders prepared for the start of the fall youth sports season at Fort Carson. The programs are sponsored by the youth sports division of the Fort Carson Youth Services Center.

For the 2003 youth sports fall season, there are 19 soccer teams in four age categories, 13 flag football teams in three age categories and four cheerleading squads in three age divisions.

"We have about 100 more kids participating this fall over last fall," said youth sports director Mark Swaim. "It is great to see this level of participation because our T-ball and baseball numbers were down this summer."

According to a small, random survey, most parents allow their children to make the choice between soccer, flag football or cheerleading.

"Dale played soccer last year and he didn't like it very much," said Gerke. "So he decided to play flag football this year."

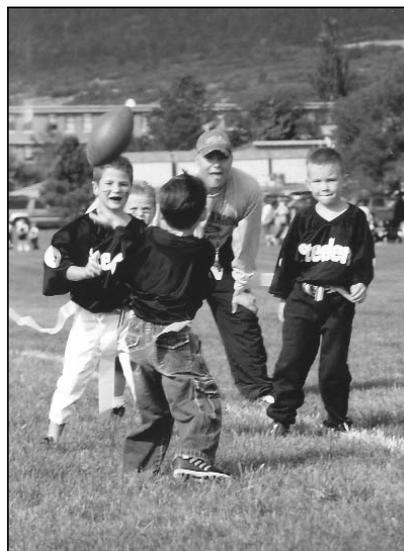
On the other side of the coin, brothers Joshua and Jacob Massey chose soccer over flag football.

"They had their choice of soccer or flag football and they chose soccer," said mother Carol Massey as she watched Joshua play his first-ever soccer game. Joshua's 21-month-old twin sisters and older brother Jacob were also on hand to watch this historical contest.

Jacob was taking pictures for posterity and to send to their father Brent Massey who is currently deployed to Iraq. "I do not communicate with him (husband Brent) very often," said Mrs. Massey. "I get a phone call every once in a while. Hopefully, we will be able to send these photos to him."

According to youth sports recreation aid Stephanie Meyers, volunteer coaches play an especially important role for the youth sports programs now because of the high number of deployments at Fort Carson.

The five- and six-year-old Steelers and Broncos flag football teams played each other Saturday and both



Shawn Maschino (left), quarterback for the five- and six-year-old Steelers flag football team, tosses the ball to a teammate during first game action last Saturday morning at Pershing Field. Steelers head coach Lloyd Neal watches the play develop.

2002 silver medalist George goes after World title

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson's Tina George will be battling for a world championship starting today at the 2003 World Freestyle Wrestling Championships.

The 2003 World Championships are taking place at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Match competition runs today, Saturday and Sunday. At the World Championships this year, team spots in the 2004 Olympic Games go to the top five place winners at the four Olympic weights.

George is wrestling in the Olympic weight class of 55 kilograms/121 pounds. This weight class is expected to be one of the most competitive classes at the 2003 World Championships. Thirty-two different countries will be represented in this weight division.

George lost to Japan's Saori Yoshida at this weight division in the world finals last year. Japanese wrestlers have won world titles at this weight for three years in a row.

In the preview for this weight class, Gary Abbott of USA Wrestling wrote, "Yoshida defeated Tina George of the United States in the World finals last year, after the veteran George had her best performance. An athlete with all the tools needed for success, George was able to string

excellent matches in a row throughout the entire World tournament. Her problem in the past has been inconsistency, something that George and her coaches believe may be overcome. A member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, she was named Army Female Athlete of the Year last season. She won a Pan American Games gold medal this year, a confidence-builder heading into the "World Championships."

George is indeed confident heading into the World Championships this weekend. "I feel really good and really excited," said George. "I will wrestle to the best of my ability and hopefully this will be good enough for a gold medal."

Several other top-flight competitors will wrestle in this weight class. They are expected to come from Canada, Sweden, Russia, Greece, Poland, Finland and France. In other words, if George wins a medal at the 2003 World Championships, she will have earned it by beating stiff competition in the most competitive weight division.

"I have to put all the nervousness and what ifs behind me now," said George. "My training has gone well and I hope to return with the best possible scenario in hand."

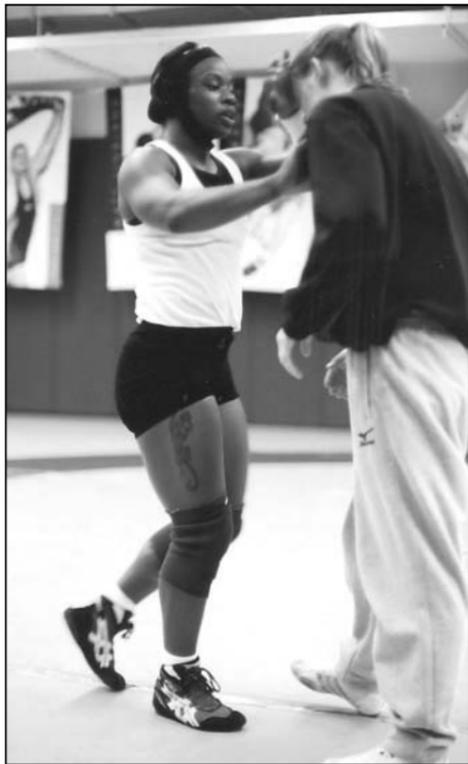


Photo by Bill Scharton

Tina George, left, a Fort Carson World Class Athlete Program wrestling team member, practices with a United States team member at an Olympic Training Center camp in Colorado Springs.

Eagles 8th-grade football team wins at home

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer staff

Dominique Smith, a running back for the Carson Middle School Eagles eighth-grade football team, has scored four touchdowns in the first two games this season. However, Hayden Dean, the team's backup quarterback and starting defensive back is arguably the Eagles' most valuable player following the first two contests.

Dean was called upon to play quarterback for the Eagles midway through their first game of the season Sept. 3 at Cheyenne Mountain when starting signal caller Matt Brown went down with an ankle injury. The outmanned Eagles lost the season opener 38-20 to Cheyenne Mountain, but Dean did an admirable job in the backup role.

With Brown still sidelined, Dean got the starting nod at quarterback for the Eagles in their home opener last Monday against Canon City. He also started at his regular defensive back position.

The Eagles played a solid first half and held a 14-6 lead at intermission. Smith scored first for the Eagles on a long run from scrimmage. Jason Schotz scored the second TD for the Eagles when he forced a Canon City fumble, scooped up the loose ball and scampered 50 yards down the sideline for

the score.

Neither team scored in the third quarter. Heading into the fourth stanza, Eagles' head coach Justin Arnell huddled his troops together and stated, "It is time to suck it up men. I need everything you have to give. Give it your best and you will win this game."

In the fourth period, Dean and Smith led the Eagles' offense on a long, time-consuming drive. However, the drive stalled at the Canon City 11-yard line when the Eagles' fourth down play was stopped short of the first down marker.

Canon City went on offense with 3:15 left in the game and proceeded to play beat the clock with a methodical march down the field. Arnell nervously paced the sidelines and seemingly wondered why the game clock was suddenly moving at a snail's pace.

With 40 seconds remaining in the game, Canon City had advanced the ball to the Eagles' 25-yard line. At this point, Canon City faced a fourth and five situation and successfully picked up a first down with a 10-yard end around that ended up out of bounds to stop the clock.

The Eagles' determined defense lined up at their own 15-yard line and recognized that a stop was necessary in order to preserve the victory. Canon

City had no time outs left and realized a running play would probably be too risky at this point.

Sure enough, Canon City put the ball in the air and the Eagles' defense was ready. Dean intercepted the ball at the five-yard line and win number one was in the books for the Eagles.

"I heard one of my teammates yell pass," said Dean. "I saw the ball coming and my first thought was to just knock it down. But it came right to me and I was able to make the pick."

Arnell said the team showed improvement from game one to game two. "The team played better today," said Arnell. "It was a huge win for us because it was against a team from the Large Division."

The Eagles first two games were against non-division opponents (Cheyenne Mountain and Canon City) and the eighth-graders went 1-1. The Eagles, members of the tri-county league Small Division, were scheduled to play their first division game last Wednesday at home against Skyview. The Eagles will play a division game at Falcon next Wednesday.

Carson Middle School's seventh-grade football team is 0-2 after

the first two non-division games of the season. The Eagles were defeated 32-6 at Cheyenne Mountain Sept. 3. Horace Jackson scored the lone touchdown for the Eagles.

Last Wednesday, the Eagles dropped their home opener to Canon City by the score of 38-6.

Eagles' all-purpose back Devyn

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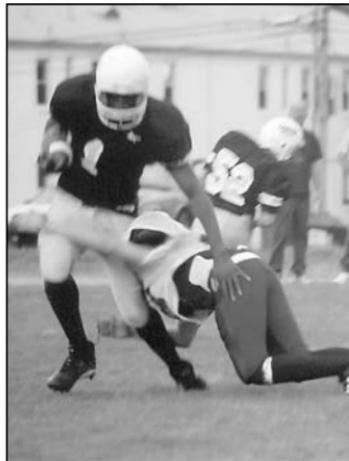


Photo by Bill Scharton

Eagles' back Dominique Smith left, breaks a tackle against Cañon City.

Middle school

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Harris tallied the touchdown. "Even though the score does not reflect it, the team definitely showed improvement in this game," said Eagles coach John Bishop.

Just like the eight-graders, division play started for the seventh-graders last Wednesday at home against Skyview. Next Wednesday, the Eagles play a division game at Falcon. Seventh-grade games kickoff at 3:30 p.m. followed immediately by the eighth-grade contests.

EAGLES VOLLEYBALL

The Eagles' seventh-grade girls volleyball team won its season opening match at Falcon Sept. 3 by taking two of three games. The seventh-graders lost to Cheyenne Mountain at home last Monday.

The Eagles' eighth-grade girls volleyball team lost to both Falcon and Cheyenne Mountain in the first two matches of the season. In the second game of the match against Cheyenne Mountain at home Monday, the Eagles went down to the wire with Cheyenne Mountain before losing by the count of 25-23. The Eagles' volleyball teams will play league contest number one at home next Wednesday against The Christian Academy. The seventh-grade match starts at 3:30 p.m. followed by the eighth-grade contest.

Lady Mountaineers begin fall ball

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer staff

The Lady Mountaineers competitive slowpitch softball team is competing in the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation women's recreation silver league during the month of September.

League play takes place on Monday nights at the Four Diamond Sports Complex on North Nevada Avenue. The Lady Mountaineers will compete against seven other teams for the silver league crown. Each team plays a doubleheader on Monday nights. League action started last Monday night and the final evening of play is slated for Sept. 29.

The Lady Mountaineers came out of the starting gate swinging last Monday night by sweeping a doubleheader. The Lady Mountaineers walloped the Bad News Babes 18-4 in the opener and outscored Rocky Mountain Calvary 14-8 in the nightcap.

Against the Bad News Babes, Lady Mountaineers' infielder Kim Routon kickstarted the team early in the contest when she belted a three-run homer in the top of the first inning. An additional run gave the Lady Mountaineers a 4-0 first frame lead.

The Lady Mountaineers scored three in the second and three in the third while holding the opposition to

four runs. After three innings of action, the Lady Mountaineers led 10-4.

A seven run eruption in the top of the fourth frame put the game away for the Lady Mountaineers. The big blow in this at bat, a bases loaded triple, was delivered by Maylen Gaspar.

In the nightcap, the bats kept booming for the Lady Mountaineers. The team scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning with Dawn McCarty's bases loaded triple leading the way. The Lady Mountaineers' advantage over Rocky Mountain Calvary was 6-0 after one frame.

The Lady Mountaineers tacked on three more runs in the second inning

and five more in the third to build a 14-2 bulge at this point. RBIs in these two frames were delivered by Rebecca Sides, Donna Wright, Twana Denton and Jeri Gallus.

Rocky Mountain Calvary mounted a mini comeback by scoring six runs in the next two innings.

However, it was too little, too late and the Lady Mountaineers held on for the 14-8 win.

Monday night, the Lady Mountaineers will play Yo Baby! at 8 p.m. on the Four Diamond yellow field. At 9 p.m., the Lady Mountaineers go against All About Jesus on the Four Diamond blue field.



Photo by Bill Scharton

Twana Denton makes a diving catch at second base to record a force out for the Lady Mountaineers during fall league play Monday night at the Four Diamond Sports Complex.



Six-year-old Joshua Massey, center, locates the soccer ball during first game action Saturday at Pershing Field. Massey and his teammate, Kathryn Howard, right play for the Sharks in the five-and six-year-old Fort Carson youth sports soccer league.

Youth

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teams had volunteer head coaches with no children of their own on the teams.

Lloyd Neal is the volunteer head coach for the Steelers. He is a 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment member and just recently returned to Fort Carson following four months of deployment in Iraq.

“My own kids are too young to play,” said Neal. “But I still wanted to help out if I could.”

Following his first game at the helm, Neal said it was a wonderful experience. “It is a blast,” said Neal. “It’s not about winning, it’s about learning the game. This is great for the kids and for the parents.”

While the games were being played, the participants also received support from cheerleading squads on the sidelines. The cheerleading squads are also divided into age groups and cheer for teams in their own age divisions.

During the fall season, the annual punt, pass and kick contest will take place, according to Swaim.

A specific date has not been selected at this point in time. The center will notify coaches and parents when the date is solidified.



Visitors watch fish in one of the large water tanks at Colorado's Ocean Journey. There are 1 million gallons of water in the aquarium.

Far from the ocean

Aquarium gives view of sea life

Story and photos by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff
 Colorado citizens don't often have the opportunity to see colorful fish, being in a landlocked state so far from an ocean. But an aquarium in Denver — Colorado's Ocean Journey — provides visitors with just that chance.

Looking at history we are reminded that Colorado was covered with a sea more than 65 million years ago. When the ancient sea receded, four major rivers remained: the Colorado, Arkansas, Rio Grande and the Platte. The state is tied to the ocean through these rivers.

Colorado's Ocean Journey replicates the journey of two rivers: the Colorado Journey and the Indonesia Journey.

The aquarium's designers chose the Colorado and Indonesia rivers to

feature because the rivers are actually quite similar. Both rivers start in mountains, are powerful, and pass through unique geography as they head for the sea. The Colorado flows through canyons but the Kampar passes through a rain forest.

The aquarium has five main exhibits: The Colorado River Journey; the Indonesian River Journey; the Sea of Cortez; the Depths of the Pacific; and the Sea Otter Cove.

Visitors receive a guide to the exhibits, listing the fish, birds and animals which can be seen in the aquarium.

Start with "The Colorado Journey" entrance. Visitors begin this journey with terrain similar to the beginning of the Colorado River at 12,700 feet altitude. The Colorado terrain includes the icy headwater, waterfalls and rainbow and



Cliff Kelley looks at fish swimming in the Sea of Cortez exhibit.

cutthroat trout. The river continues to lower elevations as the landscape changes, past beaver ponds

At lower elevations the water slows and more fish and waterfowl are seen. The Colorado River continues through canyons where a flash flood may splash visitors.

Finally, the journey ends at the "Sea of Cortez," where fresh and salt water converge. Sounds of the ocean surf can be heard, and gentle waves splash.

Visitors cross under the "ocean," and have a spectacular view of fish, eels and rays swimming around them and overhead. A gigantic tank, filled with 180,000 gallons of salt water contains about 2,000 colorful fish of many shapes and colors. Visitors may linger in front of the tanks or watch from benches in the area.

Next on the agenda is the



Colorado's Ocean Journey is near downtown Denver and Elitch Six Flags and the Pepsi Center.



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

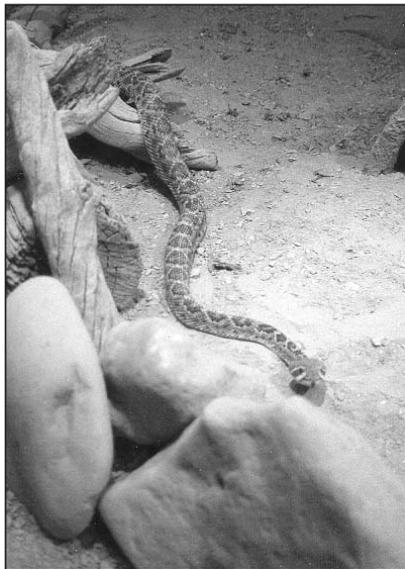
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Aquarium

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Indonesian River Journey, featuring the Kampar River. Although half a world away, the Kampar River is similar to the Colorado River. It starts at an altitude similar to the Colorado River. But rather than icy water, the Kampar River is humid and about 80 degrees. Visitors walk through a rain forest. Fish swim nearby. Two Sumatran tigers, indigeneous to Indonesia are at home in the aquarium in a natural habitat. The tigers lie on the rocks or swim in the "river." The tigers help depict an entire ecosystem.

There's a mangrove forest and an ocean, the Depths of the Pacific. A 320,000-gallon tank filled with salt water houses 900 fish, including sharks angelfish, several varieties of butterfly fish, surgeon fish, lion fish and tangs. Concrete walkways through the journey exhibits are designed to look like a riverbed.



A western diamondback rattlesnake is seen in the Colorado River Journey when the river runs through the desert environment.



Tanks and special exhibits in the Discovery Plaza allow visitors to see fish up close. A special tank exhibit of cownose and sting rays can be touched.

Natural sounds and smells add to the authenticity.

The aquarium is more than 107,000 square feet in size. One million gallons of fresh and salt water are contained in the exhibits. The tanks may contain as little as 500 gallons of water up to 500,000 gallons. Nearly 300 species of fish mammals, birds and insects are displayed and there are more than 1,000 live plants in the aquarium.

Throughout the aquarium are special exhibits, such as jellies and seahorses.

The aquarium was built at a cost of \$93 million dollars and opened in 1999. The aquarium recently was purchased by Landry's Restaurants, Inc.

Colorado's Ocean Journey is the only million-gallon aquarium between Chicago and the Pacific Coast.

The aquarium building is surrounded by a park, which includes a "wetlands," bike paths and a rock exhibit.

A popular attraction for visitors is the Sea Otter Cove, located in the lobby on the first floor. Sea otters from California are now at home in the aquarium. The otters are born, eat and sleep in seawater.

Near the otter cove are the Sea Star Stage and a tank containing Cownose Rays and Southern Stingrays visitors can touch.

Other water tanks on the lower level contain fish. Some tanks have "viewing bubbles" underneath in which young visitors can get a 360 degree look at the swimming fish.

A gift and souvenir shop, The Water's Edge, features hundreds of



Interactive exhibits are located in Colorado's Ocean Journey.

fish-related gifts and souvenirs, ranging from stuffed furry octopuses and tigers to squeaking fish, sea-horses, sharks, snakes and the like. There are books, T-shirts, games, clothing, puzzles, books and games, all with a fish theme.

The lower level also houses the Riverside Café. A selection of salads, soups, pizza, brownies, muffins, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are available. There's clam chowder and fish.

Just outside the cafe is a playground featuring realistic-looking plastic models of an 8-foot high octopus, a 7-foot eel and a 16-foot shark in the Seafoam Fun Zone. The 1,600-square foot play area is just outside the Riverside Café and is for children up to 8 years old.

A motion simulator, the Aquapod, takes older children, teens and adults on an interactive ride using hydraulics, animation and timed motion. The ride costs \$4 and is outside the building near the Riverside Café.

Colorado's Ocean Journey is open 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily in summer. Winter hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The aquarium is closed Christmas Day.

The aquarium is near Invesco Field at Mile High, the Pepsi Center and Elitch Gardens Six Flags, along the Platte River. The three-story building has its own parking lot across the street from the aquarium and costs \$6. The aquarium



Visitors locate the Kampar River on a map before entering the Indonesian River Journey.

phone number is (303) 561-4450 or (888) 561-4450.

To reach Colorado's Ocean Journey, drive Interstate 25 north to Denver, taking Exit 211. The aquarium is at 700 Water St. Park in the lot across the street, then head for the aquarium.

Admission is \$14.95 for adults, \$12.95 for those ages 13 to 17; \$6.95 for children ages 4 to 12. Children 3 and under get in free.

Visits at Colorado's Ocean Journey can be unlimited in length. Once inside the aquarium, visitors can visit the ocean journeys, the otters or other exhibits as many times as they wish.

Just the Facts

- Travel time one hour
- For ages all
- Type aquarium
- 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!

Academy football

The next home game at the Air Force Academy is with North Texas Saturday at noon. The Falcons play Wyoming at home Sept. 20, with kickoff at noon. To obtain tickets, call 472-1895.

Folk Art Festival

The annual Folk Art Festival at Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site opens today and runs through Sunday. Several large tents at this popular fest will be filled with art, antiques, furniture, jewelry and crafts. The fest begins at noon today and at 9 a.m. Saturday and is open until 6 p.m. both days. The hours Sunday are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 6 to 12 are \$4. Food vendors will be on site. Admission to the fest includes access to the living history areas of Rock Ledge Ranch.

JoyRides

JoyRides Family Fun Center participates in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation FUNdraiser Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. A three-hour all access pass is \$8, with some of the proceeds going to Cystic Fibrosis. JoyRides is at 5150 Edison Ave. off Platte Avenue east.

Corn maze

The corn maze at JoyRides Family Fun Center opens Saturday and runs through Halloween. The two-acre corn maze is open until dusk Thursdays through Sundays. Admission is \$5 for the maze.

Chile fest

The annual "Chile and Frijoles Fest" is in Pueblo Sept. 19, 20 and 21. Entry is free. There'll be entertainment and food for sale. Take exit 98b off Interstate 25 to downtown Pueblo's Union Avenue.

Oktoberfest

Larimer Square in downtown Denver holds its annual Oktoberfest today, Saturday and Sunday and Sept. 19 to 21. The traditional Oktoberfest includes German-style food, music and dancing. Go online at www.larimerarts.org.

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.

Cher

Cher's Farewell Tour is in the Colorado Springs World Arena Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are at the box office or 576-2626.

The Circus is coming

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's circus is coming to Denver in October. Oct. 1 to 5, the circus is at the Pepsi Center. There are performances at 7:30 p.m. each night, with 11:30 and 3:30 p.m. performances Oct. 4 and 5. The circus will be in the Denver Coliseum Oct. 7 through Oct. 12. Performances Oct. 8 through 11 are at 7:30 p.m. There's a 3:30 p.m. performance Oct. 11, and performances at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 12. Tickets run from \$12.75 to \$20.75; call (303) 830-TIXS.

Bugling elk

The Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, near the town of Florissant, has a hike to look for and listen to bugling elks. Hikes are from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 28, and 5 until 7 p.m. Oct. 4 and 5. Advance registration is required; call (719) 748-3253. There's a \$3 entrance fee.

Craft Show

The Creative Crafters' Showcase holds its annual show Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Lewis Palmer High School in Monument. Admission is \$3. Take Interstate 25 to Exit 158.

Pikes Peak Philharmonic

The Pikes Peak Philharmonic presents "A Day at the Zoo" Sept. 28 at 3 p.m., at Benet Hill Center, 2577 N. Chelton. The musical selections are "The Four Seasons," "Swan Lake, Suite," "Flight of the Bumblebee," and "Carnival of the Animals." Adult tickets are \$6, children's tickets are \$4 at the door.

Denver concerts:

The Blue Man Group is at The Pepsi Center in Denver Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Get tickets at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Lyle Lovett and his large band are at the Buell Theater Oct. 16 at 8 p.m.; tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Harvest Festival

Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site offers free

admission Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 1880s-era farm will feature harvest activities, pony and horse-drawn wagon rides and tours of the historic buildings. Frybread, Navajo tacos, hot dogs and brats will be sold. Some activities have small charge. Rock Ledge Ranch is at the Garden of the Gods entrance off 30th Street.

Bent's Fort

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, near La Junta, hosts an evening of storytelling Oct. 11. The fort may be visited daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except major holidays. Guided tours of the fort are offered each day at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The fort is staffed by re-enactors in authentic costume. The fee is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 6 get in free. Bent's Fort is 8 miles east of La Junta on Highway 194.

Glen Eyrie

Tickets are now on sale for the 15th Madrigal Banquet and "Everyman's Christmas Revels" presented at Glen Eyrie castle, 3820 N. 30th St. Go online at www.gleneyriegrp.org, or call 634-0808. Glen Eyrie is at the Navigators, just north of Garden of the Gods.

Fine Arts Repertory Theater

The Repertory Theater opens its 15th season with "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." The musical opens Oct. 3 and runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., through Oct. 19. Upcoming performances include "It's a Wonderful Life," Dec. 5 to 21; "Sweet Charity," Feb. 6 to 22, and "Hot Mikado," May 7 to 23. Call the box office, 634-5581.

Damon Runyon Repertory

The Damon Runyon Repertory Theater in Pueblo has set its new season. The season begins Oct. 2 with the Broadway musical hit "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," followed by "Pirates of Penzance," "Forever Green," "Stars in Your Eyes," and "Forever Plaid." Other productions include "Ten Little Indians," "Blithe Spirit" and "Rumors." The Damon Runyon Repertory theater is in the former Chief Theater at 611 N. Main in Pueblo. Call (719) 564-0579 or go online at www.damonrunyon.org.

Theatreworks

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Theatreworks presents "Frankenstein" Sept. 19 through Oct. 12. There are performances Thursdays through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. as well as Saturday matinees Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 and 11. Sunday matinees are Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and 12. Call 262-3232 for tickets.



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Folk art fest ...

The Folk Art Fest runs through Sunday at Rock Ledge Ranch, next to the entrance to Garden of the Gods on 30th Street. Several gigantic tents are filled with arts, crafts, antiques and furniture. Food vendors sell fest food. Admission is \$5 for adults; children 6 to 12 are \$4. Take time to visit the ranch as well.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Sept. 19.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on swearing in the Chief of the Staff for the Army, troops in Iraq and training for the Olympics (repeat). Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, and Sailors in Rota, Spain (repeat). Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on Air Mobility Command, Global Hawk and Meals Ready to Eat. Airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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