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Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

## Getting ready ...

Utah reservists from the 116th Engineers Combat Support Equipment Company conduct a crowd control training exercise in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. These Soldiers, trained by the 5th Army's 91st Training Brigade, have been training at Fort Carson since Jan. 4, 2003.

## R&R Program will now cover more of Soldiers' expenses

by Spc. Lorie Jewell  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Soldiers coming home on rest and recuperation leave will now have their travel expenses covered to the airport closest to their R&R destination.

The policy change came with the Dec. 19 approval to fund the onward travel program by Charles Abell, principal deputy, under secretary of defense for Personnel & Readiness. Congress recommended spending \$55 million of the Army's Operation and Maintenance funds to cover the cost of expanding the program, according to a Department of Defense news release.

Until now, servicemembers and DOD civilians participating in the R&R program received free transportation from Kuwait City to Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport or Atlanta International Airport. From there, they had to cover any remaining airline travel expenses.

Now, the program will cover the cost of travel from BWI to a commercial airport closest to their leave destination, said Col. Paris Mack, chief of the R&R leave program task force.

As of Jan. 1, Soldiers make travel arrangements and receive airline tickets to their final R&R destination at the travel office in Kuwait, said Mack. Those who paid for airline tickets between Dec. 19 and Jan. 1 can get the cost reimbursed on the travel voucher they submit upon their return to Kuwait from R&R leave, Mack said.

While the program is expanding in the area of onward travel, it is paring back on the number of debarkation ports. When the program kicked off in September, Soldiers were flown either to Germany or BWI. In November, Dallas and Atlanta airports were added to the program. Those two airports will no longer be used as debarkation ports, Mack said.

"With the way units are rotating now, there aren't as many people eligible to participate in the program, so we don't need as many ports," said Mack.

Future plans are to add Dallas and Atlanta back to the program as of June 1, and possibly Los Angeles at some point after that, Mack said.

To be eligible for the R&R program, a Soldier must have served at least three months but no more than 11 months in theater.

## Black Hawk crash kills 4 Fort Carson Soldiers

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

Four Fort Carson Soldiers were among nine killed in the crash of an Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter southeast of Fallujah, Iraq, Jan. 8 at about 2:30 p.m. Iraq time.

Dead are:

Spc. Michael A. Diraimondo, 22, of Simi Valley, Calif., assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance).

Spc. Christopher A. Golby, 26, of Johnstown, Pa., assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance).

Chief Warrant Officer Ian D. Manuel, 23, of

Florida, assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance).

Chief Warrant Officer Philip A. Johnson, 31, of Alabama, assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance).

The other five Soldiers killed in the crash were assigned to units from Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Polk, La.

The helicopter was on a medical evacuation mission and a quick reaction force secured the crash site.

Memorial services will be held in the future at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, but dates for those services are not yet confirmed.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

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## What's new

Due to the Martin Luther King holiday Monday, the post Public Affairs Office will be closed.

Classified ads are due Tuesday at noon for the next issue of the *Mountaineer*.

Post Weather hotline:  
526-0096

# Power:

## EO word of the month

by Liberto F. Avila

Fort Carson Equal Opportunity Office

Power: To most people the explanation of this word, as taken from the dictionary, means "Strength or force exerted or capable of being exerted; might."

But power is more; it is the ability to lead and influence a group of men and women to follow and to perform above and beyond the call of duty. It is the might of one individual who, when confronted with certain death, still performs his duty, at all cost, such as the awesome strength and power shown by the New York City firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police officers, who ran into a crumbling building to save those who could not help themselves and in the process forfeited their lives; but did it willingly and without regret.

Or it is the awesome power and strength, shown by the Soldiers fighting in Iraq today, fighting to bring to a desperate people the hope of a new life and a new word, "freedom." I see strength and power in the eyes of the wives, husbands, mothers, fathers, and family members left behind, and I hear the power and pride in the children when they speak of their Soldier parents. I can only hope that these families and loved ones find solace in the fact that their loved ones fighting right now like everyone, on Sept. 11, who gave their lives so unselfishly and without any regret — understand that these men and women are truly the heroes of the 21st century, and the valor and strength they show now is truly the definition of power.



Pvt.  
Hazard  
Jim  
Boroch

# Sound Off!



"It will help the morale of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers. Now that the active duty will have to stay too. It will make the Army of One slogan a little more accurate."

CW3 Mary Koepp  
478th Personnel  
Services Battalion



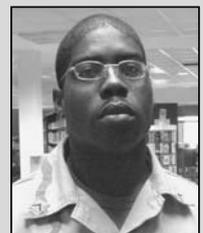
"I was placed on stop loss when I was in Iraq. At the time it was hard on me because I wanted to get out, but it gave me time to think about my future, and I decided to re-enlist. Now my future is more settled."

Spc. Rosa Le  
59th Quartermaster



"It keeps our strength up, which will help us accomplish the mission there quicker."

Spc. Kevin Hotchkiss  
143th Signal Company,  
Colorado National  
Guard



"It's good to keep units together because your morale is higher when your friends are watching your back."

Pvt. Lawrence Seals  
2nd Squadron, 3rd  
Armored Cavalry  
Regiment

## How will the latest Stop Loss benefit the Soldiers?

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# News

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## Myers: Japan makes historic move

### *Diplomats praise prime minister's courageous decision*

by Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

**TOKYO** — Japan's decision to send forces to Iraq is a "historic move," said Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers during a press conference here today.

Myers, here to meet with Japanese military leaders, said the Japanese decision to send about 1,000 members of the Ground Self-Defense Force to Iraq is welcomed by the international community.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi announced the decision in December. This is the first time Japanese forces will serve as part of a coalition not sponsored by the United Nations. The soldiers will be engaged in helping to rebuild Iraq and will be based in the southern part of the country. They will work with Dutch soldiers and will come under the command of a British general.

Western diplomatic officials said the move was a courageous one, and that the prime minister "was

ahead" of the Japanese people. Officials also said that there is uncertainty as to what will happen in Japan if the Japanese forces take casualties in Iraq.

Myers told reporters that operations in Iraq are not without risk. He said the northern and southern parts of Iraq are a bit more stable than the central and western areas. But, he said, former regime loyalists, and in some cases, foreign jihadists target international agencies and non-U.S. members of the coalition. "You can never say that you're free from risk," Myers said.

But the Japanese have to ask themselves why it is important to help rebuild Iraq, Myers said. "The reason is that it will be one less place where terrorists can plan and operate," he said. "The only way we'll be successful is with strong international effort in there, and Japan has decided to be part of that strong international effort. It has the potential to change the dynamics, not only in that region, but in the world."

The general said the capture of Saddam Hussein last month allowed coalition forces to round up hundreds of regime cell leaders. "The capture of Saddam Hussein has emboldened some people to come forward without the fear of retribution," he said. "We've seen an increase in the number of people who have come forward to offer intelligence on where weapons caches are, where improvised explosive devices are being built (and) those sorts of things."

He said that overall the security situation in Iraq is improving, "but it's too early to say (whether) that's a trend line or just a snapshot."

Myers said the United States values the other contributions Japan is making in the global war on terror. He praised the Japanese for helping to rebuild Afghanistan and said the Afghans agreeing on a constitution is an example of the progress being made.

The chairman said that overall the coalition is winning the war on terrorism. He said strong international support remains the key because the effects of a terrorist strike are not localized. "Whether the terrorism attack occurs in Riyadh, or Islamabad, or New York City, or God forbid, Tokyo, the outcome is the same: it affects all countries on this planet, not just the country where the act occurred," he said. "We're going to have to deal with this scourge as we have with other scourges of the past."

The United States is working with Japan, China, Russia and South Korea to convince North Korea to forgo nuclear weapons. These six-party talks have been very useful, he said. "Clearly, you would like to solve this issue of a nuclear North Korea, the chance of proliferation of fissile materials (and) all those issues that should worry all of us a lot. Our best chance

# New directive gives priority to disabled vets

by Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — The Veterans Affairs Department wants to send veterans with service-connected medical problems to the front of the line when it comes to receiving medical treatment at VA facilities.

VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi issued a new directive to all VA medical facilities requiring that “priority access” be given to qualifying veterans seeking appointments for treatment.

The directive covers hospitalization and outpatient care and does not apply to veterans seeking care for medical problems not related to a service-connected disability.

Priority access, Principi explained, means that when qualifying veterans come to a VA treatment facility for inpatient or outpatient care, they will receive an appointment within 30 days. “It’s really as simple as that,” he said. Veterans seeking treatment need only let the administrative clerk or nurse know of their service-connected disability status, the secretary added.

If a VA facility is unable to schedule an appointment within the 30-day time limit, an appointment must be arranged for care at another VA facility or at a facility under contract in the private sector.

“I’ve always felt that it is important to give veterans with service-connected disabilities a priority for care,” he said. “I want to make sure that those who have a disability related to military service have a high priority for health care, whether it is inpatient or outpatient, and this new priority scheme is to ensure that those who are disabled go to the ‘front of the line.’”

The new policy will not be without its challenges. Some 25 million veterans are in VA’s health care system, and the department reports the number of veterans seeking medical care has risen significantly, from 2.9 million in 1995 to nearly 5 million in 2003. The VA operates more than 1,300 medical facilities, including 162 hospitals and 800 outpatient clinics, but officials report the increase in veterans seeking care “outstrips VA’s capacity to treat them.”

The secretary acknowledged that veterans have suffered long waits for appointments at medical facilities in some parts of the country, but he said the goal

for his department will be to reduce those lines and to ensure that veterans are cared for in a timely manner.

In the past, priority access to health care went only to veterans with disabilities rated at 50 percent or more; for severely disabled veterans, priority is extended for non-service-connected medical problems, according to VA guidelines. However, Principi said, the new directive now makes priority access available to all veterans injured in service to the country.

He said the VA was established to care for the men and women who served in the armed forces and that “we should never lose sight of that.” He said his department’s priority must “always be the men and women disabled in service to their country.”

In addition, Principi said his department will work harder to reduce the backlog of disability claims for veterans. And he said VA is making “tremendous progress” in that effort.

“They’ve shown renewed commitment ensuring that if a veteran files a claim for disability compensation, he or she doesn’t have to wait six months to a year. We are going to get that claim decided in 100 days or less.”

# Military

*For valiant service*

## 3rd ACR Soldiers receive awards

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix  
Mountaineer staff

Eighteen Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment were presented medals Friday during a ceremony at the post's Special Events Center.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Orr, deputy commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, gave 14 Purple Hearts and four Bronze Stars to 3rd ACR Soldiers who recently returned from service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Among the Purple Heart recipients was Sgt. Zachariah D. Byrd, a nuclear biological chemical specialist with Apache troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd ACR. June 29 while on a convoy from Al Qaim, Iraq, Byrd's squad was ambushed near the Syrian border. While returning fire

with his 50-caliber machine gun, Byrd was hit twice in the chest plate and once in each arm.

Byrd's squadron was conveying to replace other Soldiers pulling security at a patrol point on the Syrian border. Byrd's convoy was two miles away from the patrol point when it came under attack. "I was shooting back with my right arm when I got shot in the bicep, so I switched to my left arm and kept shooting. Then I got shot on the chest plate and passed out," said Byrd.

"I immediately thought of the fact that this might be it; I may not see my family again, and then, oddly enough, I thought of a scene in the movie



Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

**Sgt. Zachariah D. Byrd, right, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, receives a Purple Heart Medal pinned by Brig. Gen. Joseph Orr, deputy commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson.**

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# Military Briefs

## Misc.

**West Point** — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and noncommissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class interested in an assignment to the USMA. NCOs should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience with 12 to 15 years of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and company tactical NCOs. Selected officers will normally attend advanced civil schooling for up to two years followed by a three-year tour at West Point. For application information, go to <http://www.usma.army.mil/adjutant-general> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

**Go Warrant Officer** — The Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers to fill its warrant officer positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or DSN 536-0484/0458/0488/0478/1860/0271.

## 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 versus having bunc or two items.

**Active-duty units** — Permanent Change of Station/End of Time and Service/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.

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.

## Laundry Service

**Post Laundry Service** — The post laundry service provides free laundry 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. 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 Battle Dress Uniforms, 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.

## Briefings

**eArmyU** — eArmyU program briefings are conducted at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, Tuesdays at 9 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

**The Army Career and Alumni Center briefing** is required for all departing servicemembers. The current ACAP policy is to register personnel ETSing one year out and retirees two years out. Briefings are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Call 526-1002 or 526-0640 to schedule a briefing.

**Are you ETSing?** If you're with-

in 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.

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

## 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.

**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.

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

## Japan

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for solving this is through diplomacy," he said.

The chairman addressed questions about the global posture review and how changes in the footprint of the U.S. military would affect Japan. "It has been a long time since we've taken a hard look at how we are arranged, given this new security environment," Myers said. "For instance, some of the camps and posts and stations where we are located now in the Republic of

Korea are where we were in 1953, when the armistice was signed."

Given the changes in Korea, he said, these areas may no longer be the best places to be based.

Myers said two fundamentals are factors in examining the global posture in the Pacific region. First, the United States is a Pacific nation and will remain committed to the region. "The other fundamental is the security relationship we have with Japan," Myers said. "This is clearly the most important relationship we have in Asia, and that fundamental won't change."

He said the U.S. military is at the beginning stages of discussions about changing the footprint of U.S. forces. These discussions are mostly within the Pentagon, but some have been with Japanese counterparts. "We're a long way from making decisions," he said. "Whatever we do will be done in consultation with the Japanese government."

Myers said the U.S.-Japan security relationship is absolutely vital to both countries, not only in Asia, but internationally as well. "We will continue to strengthen that alliance the best we can," he said.

# Dining Schedule

Jan. 15 to 23

## Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)  
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)  
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

- Patton House is closed until further notice.
- Cav House and 43rd ASG are closed Saturday and Sunday.



## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)  
43rd ASG (building 1040)  
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)  
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)

# Military

## Awards

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‘Full Metal Jacket’ where a Soldier gets shot in one leg right after the other. That’s when I passed out,” said Byrd. The next thing he remembers is riding in the back of a “Humvee” to the nearest medical evacuation unit. It wasn’t until then he learned he had also been shot in his left arm.

Seventeen days later, Byrd came back to the United States to his wife and now 11-month-old son.

Byrd’s responsibilities now include Unit Prevention Leader, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of the unit’s legal team and assistant platoon sergeant.

“Truthfully, I don’t know

what we’d do without him,” said Sgt. 1st Class Rama Dowsett, Byrd’s NCOIC and the NCOIC for the legal section of 1st Squadron, 3rd ACR.

Dowsett is repeatedly impressed by Byrd’s unwavering motivation and his constant willingness to work hard. “The guy got shot four times with an AK-47 and a week after was on the phone with his sister convincing her she should still join the Army,” said Dowsett. He’s a hard worker who “rolls with the punches and does what needs to be done. Everyone back here would be willing to die for this guy.”

When asked about what happened to him, Byrd acts like it’s not a big deal; “he’s very modest,” said Dowsett.

His peers, though, have no problem putting him on a pedestal.

“He’s a hero man,” said fellow Purple Heart recipient Staff Sgt. Daniel Schroeder, assistant platoon sergeant for 5th Platoon, 1st Squadron, 3rd ACR. Schroeder’s unit came under enemy fire Aug. 30, in Al Qaim, Iraq when Schroeder sustained shrapnel wounds to his legs.

Byrd has been in the Army for five years, and just went to the E-6 promotion board and was recommended for promotion. He says he doesn’t know if he will make the military a career, but his decision will not be affected by what happened to him. “It’s just part of the job. I’d do it again if I had to.”

## Awards

### Bronze Star

Maj. Blake Graham  
Sgt. 1st Class Louis Kennedy  
Sgt. 1st Class William Mangalavite  
Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Reyes

### Purple Heart

Staff Sgt. Aurelio Dudley  
Staff Sgt. Jeffery Hall  
Staff Sgt. Daniel Schroeder  
Sgt. Zachariah Byrd  
Sgt. Eric Wu  
Spc. Christian Akins  
Spc. Rayn Frank  
Spc. Shawn Lavalley  
Spc. Omar Lopez  
Spc. Shawn Walker  
Pfc. Marcus Ferando  
Pvt. Justin Curtis  
Pvt. Brandon Prisby  
Pvt. Christopher Saady

# Greenback

## Clarification

# Separation pay for mobilized Soldiers

### **Courtesy 4th Finance Battalion**

The DFAS-HQ Legal Office issued a positive determination on the entitlement to Family Separation Allowance for mobilized soldiers who acquire a dependent after deployment.

The Legal Office has ruled that FSA-T is payable to servicemembers who acquire a dependent after they are assigned to temporary duty away from their permanent duty station for a continuous period of more than 30 days, so long as the dependent does not reside at or near the TDY station.

### **Thrift Savings Plan**

Open season dates: April 15 to June 30 and Oct. 15 to Dec. 31 Tax deferral limit (total contribution limit) for 2003: \$12,000.

Tax deferral limit (total contribution limit) for 2004: \$13,000.

Base pay percentage contribution limit for members of the uniformed services for 2004: 9 percent (up to deferral limit).

(Percentage of base pay contributed + special pay + incentive pay + bonuses contributed can not exceed tax deferral limit).

All TSP transactions except changing the allocation of your future TSP contributions among the G, F, C, S and I investment funds can be done in

MyPay at [www.mypay.dfas.mil](http://www.mypay.dfas.mil).

To change the allocation of your future TSP contributions among the G, F, C, S and I investment funds, use the TSP Web site at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov), call the Thriftline at (504) 255-8777 or submit Form TSP-U-50, Investment Allocation, to the TSP record keeper at the address on that form. If you use the Web site or Thriftline, you will need your Social Security number and your TSP personal identification number. If you are a new participant in the TSP, you will receive your PIN in the mail when your new account has been established. If you prefer to submit Form TSP-U-50, do not do so until you receive a letter from the TSP record keeper confirming that your new account has been established.

You can only change the percent of base pay contributed during a TSP open season unless changing to 0 percent.

If you are already contributing from basic pay, you may elect to contribute from bonus pay at any time.

You may stop any of your contributions at any time. If you stop your basic pay contributions, your service will automatically terminate your contributions from special pay, incentive pay and bonuses. However, you may stop contributing from incentive

pay, special pay or bonus pay and still continue your contributions from basic pay.

You may restart bonus pay contributions at any time, provided you have a contribution election for basic pay in effect.

If you stop contributions during a TSP open season, you may resume them in the next open season. If you stop your contributions outside an open season, you must wait until the second open season following the termination to resume your contributions. If you stop contributions from a bonus, you may elect to reinstate the bonus election at any time.

Your TSP elections will stay in effect until you submit another election to change or stop your contributions, or you separate from service. Consequently, if you elect to contribute from bonus pay, your election will cover future installments or any other bonus pay to which you become entitled, until you specify otherwise.

Incentive pay includes flight pay, submarine pay and hazardous duty pay. Special pay includes medical and dental officer pay, hardship duty pay and career sea pay. Bonus pay includes enlistment and reenlistment bonuses. (Although bonus pay is generally a form of special pay, it is treated separately from special pay for TSP purposes.)



Photos by Spc. Jon Wiley

## *Remembering a fallen Soldier ...*

Above: Soldiers render final honors to Staff Sgt. Stephen Anthony Bertolino Sr., avionics platoon sergeant for Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Troop, Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at a memorial service at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Friday. Right: A U.S. flag, kevlar, boots, M-16A2 rifle and photographs were on display in remembrance of Bertolino, 40, a native of Orange, Calif., He was traveling in a convoy near Husaybah, Iraq, when his vehicle was hit by enemy fire. He is survived by his wife Susan and four children.



# Canine gate guard follows his nose

by U.S. Army Spc. Bronwyn Meyer  
367th Mobile Public Affairs  
Detachment

**FORWARD OPERATING  
BASE IRONHORSE, TIKRIT, Iraq**  
— The newest security guard for the  
4th Infantry Division can sniff out  
trouble before others know he's com-  
ing.

Good instincts and loyalty are just  
two things that make this sentry at the  
front gate of Forward Operating Base  
Ironhorse the best at his job. Also, no  
matter the hour or the weather, he  
doesn't complain.

Rocky, a German shepherd trained  
as an explosive-sniffing dog, is part  
of the base's frontline defense, search-  
ing vehicles and baggage. His hand-  
ler, Navy Master of Arms 1st Class  
Sean Stull, is the other half of the  
team.

"A lot of people think they can  
get stuff over on people, but it is pret-  
ty hard to fool a dog, especially a  
well-trained, explosives dog," said  
Stull, a native of Kings Bay, Ga.

The arrival of Rocky, along with a

second dog, has made vehicle and  
baggage searches faster, easier and  
more effective.

"It speeds up the searching  
process, and the dog's nose is a heck  
of a lot more accurate," said Stull.  
"He can search the vehicle in half the  
time a person can."

Before Rocky came to FOB  
Ironhorse, the military police method-  
ically searched through vehicles and  
baggage, not knowing if they would  
encounter hidden explosives.

Rocky can search a vehicle thor-  
oughly, keying on explosives or any  
other material that he has been trained  
to find.

"(He) can sniff out anything we  
miss," said Pfc. Jennifer Sperber, a  
Nice, Calif., resident with the 411th  
Military Police Company.

If Rocky alerts to something, he  
lets Stull know by sitting down. Once  
the material is identified, the area is  
cleared and an explosive ordnance  
disposal team is called.

The German shepherd, trained at  
Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, acts  
as a subtle deterrent to  
insurgents who may try to  
enter the base. The fierce  
look of the German shep-  
ard can be disconcerting to  
locals who are more  
accustomed to the sight  
of rifles and tanks rather  
than a gate guard with  
pointy ears.

"A lot of Iraqi civil-  
ians are frightened of the  
dog," Sperber said. "It is  
more protection for us.  
The more protection we  
have, the better."

Stull and Rocky have  
received a lot of praise  
already for their work at



U.S. Army photo by Bronwyn M. Meyer

**Navy Master of Arms 1st Class Sean Stull, a 4th Infantry Division  
canine handler, stands with his German shepherd, Rocky, who is  
trained to detect explosives.**



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Bronwyn M. Meyer

**Rocky, a bomb-sniffing dog, searches a truck  
before it enters Forward Operating Base  
Ironhorse, Tikrit, Iraq.**

the gate. Besides being a competent  
partner, the canine has been Stull's  
constant companion during the time

the sailor has been deployed.

"It's my little taste of home," said  
Stull. "He's my buddy."

## Soldiers, officers can now view records online

Army News Service

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** — Soldiers can now review their per-  
sonnel information on the Web in a one-page Enlisted Records  
Brief.

Official photographs were added last month to the online  
Officer Records Briefs. MyERB and MyORB are now both on the  
U.S. Army Human Resources Command homepage at  
[www.hrc.army.mil](http://www.hrc.army.mil). Just click on the "Active" link at bottom right.  
Then the MyORB and MyERB links can be found in the left  
chimney.

The Web-based solution enables active-duty Soldiers to pre-  
pare for promotions by reviewing their records summary via the  
Internet, HRC officials said. Army Reserve Soldiers and officers  
can review some of their personnel information via the  
My2Xcitizen portal. Both the HRC and Reserve portals require  
Army Knowledge Online accounts and passwords.

"If Soldiers need to make changes they should still contact  
their S-1," said Col. Reuben Jones, commander of the Enlisted  
Records and Evaluation Center. "Once changes are made in  
eMILPO, Soldiers should see corrections to their ERB within 24  
to 48 hours."

The ERB virtually replaces two forms — the old three-page  
ERB and the four-page DA form 2-1 for enlisted personnel, offi-  
cials said. They added that the new ERB is now available for view-  
ing 24/7 on the EREC homepage.

## 3rd BCT Soldiers revamp Iraqi school

by 1st Lt. Franz  
3rd Brigade Combat Team

**AL-RIYADH, Iraq** — Most of the news  
reported nowadays regarding Operation Iraq  
Freedom is about attacks on U.S. and  
Coalition Forces.

Lost in this reporting, however, is the  
progress that is made in improving local citi-  
zens' quality of life. One particular area of  
interest is that of education for the local chil-  
dren. This past July, Soldiers of Task Force  
1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, out of Fort  
Carson, began work on a small, dilapidated  
school in the city of Riyadh, with the goal of  
making it ready for the start of the school year  
in September.

This school, the Riyadh Middle School,  
teaches 300 students, all girls between the  
ages of 6 and 12 years old, and is also the  
"model" school for the Kirkuk-Huwayja  
Region. Task Force 1st Bn., 12th Infantry, led  
by Lt. Col. William Schafer, had their work  
cut out for them. With a rehabilitation budget

of \$18,000, they began contracts to improve  
the school. Improvements made included  
rewiring and rerouting all electricity in the  
building, installing and improving the plumb-  
ing and running water, repairing and replac-  
ing windows, doors, locks and walls, as well  
as painting. New textbooks, to replace the  
old, worn out "Saddam lesson plan" text-  
books, were driven in by the truckload to  
redistribute to the students and faculty.  
Blackboards, that were neither black nor  
boards anymore, were also loaded and  
replaced.

As a final touch before the opening, 20  
new desks were brought in and personally  
delivered by the Task Force commander and  
his civil affairs team. Schafer even sat in on  
the first class once the school opened. This  
school, which is currently in session, serves  
as a reminder of the progress that is being  
made in this region, and of the progress that  
will continue to be made long after the  
Warriors have returned to Colorado.

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# Community

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*Frequently asked tax questions:*

## Tax season is on the way

**Capt. Robert A. Guillen Jr.**  
**Fort Carson Tax Center**

The Fort Carson Tax Center has received many phone calls with questions and concerns. The following are answers to the most frequently asked questions:

**What income is excluded while serving in, or in "direct support of" a combat zone, a qualified hazard duty area?** First, any official presence in a CZ/QHDA or in direct support of a CZ/QHDA during the month will qualify the servicemember for CZ/QHDA exclusions for the entire month. Enlisted personnel may exclude from gross income all compensation received. This may include base pay and imminent danger pay. Warrant officers may exclude from gross income the same compensation as enlisted personnel. Officers' exclusion is limited to the "maximum enlisted amount." I.R.C. § 112(c)(5). For the 2004 tax year, officers may exclude up to \$5,957.70 each month. All pay exclusions should be reflected on the servicemember's W-2. If the servicemember thinks the figure is incorrect, he/she must get a corrected W-2 from finance.

In addition, a re-enlistment bonus, student loan

repayment made on behalf of a servicemember, pay for accrued leave earned and awards for suggestions, inventions or scientific achievements are excluded from gross income for the months in a CZ/QHDA or in direct support of a CZ/QHDA. The necessary action for entitlement needs to occur while in a CZ/QHDA or in direct support of a CZ/QHDA for these additional exclusions. For example, the servicemember must have actually re-enlisted while in the CZ/QHDA and suggestions, inventions, or scientific achievements must have been submitted while in a CZ/QHDA.

**What other tax benefits are there for serving in, or in direct support a combat zone, a qualified hazard duty area of a CZ/QHDA?** Servicemembers serving in a CZ/QHDA, in direct support of a CZ/QHDA, or presence in a designated contingency operation are entitled to special extensions of time for the following acts pursuant to I.R.C. § 7508(a)(1): Filing any return of income, estate, or gift tax (except employment and withholding tax); payment of any income, or gift tax (except employment and withholding tax) or any installment thereof or of any other liability to the United States in respect thereof; filing a petition with the tax court for

redetermination of a deficiency, or for review of a decision rendered by the Tax Court; allowance of a credit or refund of any tax; filing a claim for credit or refund of any tax; bringing suit upon any such claim for credit or refund; assessment of any tax; giving or making any notice or demand for the payment of any tax, or with respect to any liability to the United States in respect of any tax; collection, of the amount of any liability in respect of any tax; bringing suit by the United States, or any officer on its behalf, in respect of any liability in respect of any tax; and any other act required or permitted under the internal revenue laws specified in regulations prescribed under this section by the Secretary.

There is a suspension of time for the period the servicemember was in the CZ/QHDA and continuous qualified hospitalization resulting from injuries received in the CZ and the next 180 days. In addition, time is added for days the servicemember was absent during the tax-filing season (Jan. 1 to April 15), 105 days. The total possible extension of time is 285 days. Interest due, penalties, additional amounts and additions to taxes are also disregarded during the suspension of time. Spouses

**See Tax questions, Page 14**

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# Community Events

## Miscellaneous

### DECAM Christmas tree recycling program —

The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Wildlife Office will recycle Christmas trees again this year. The trees will be used to improve wildlife habitat for small animals such as cottontails and quail and to improve fisheries' habitat in our ponds and reservoirs. We will be operating two sites this holiday season through Jan. 31. Drop off natural trees at the southeast corner of Wickersham Boulevard and Chiles Avenue, just inside Gate 3 and across the street from the DECAM Recycle Center.

The second site is located at the intersection of Harr Avenue and Sheridan Avenue. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel before dropping off your tree. Call the DECAM Wildlife Office for additional information, 576-8074.

**Martin Luther King Jr.** — Join Evans Army Community Hospital in commemorating the life and vision of Martin Luther King Jr. The celebration will feature keynote speaker Vern L. Howard, chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr.'s humanitarian and parade committees, today at 10 a.m. at Healer Chapel.

**Baseball autograph session** — Baseball players from the Colorado Rockies will be at the main post exchange Jan. 22 from 11:15 a.m. to noon to sign autographs. Fans are encouraged to bring baseballs, gloves and photographs for the players to sign.

**Free paperbacks** — Grant Library has boxes of new paperback books available for units deploying or going to the field for training. The popular books are free and may be kept by the soldier — they don't need to be returned to the library. 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 leaving post and how long they will be gone. Boxes of books will then be distributed. For more information, call 526-8144 or 526-2350 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. Saturday and Sunday.

**Criminal Investigations** — CID is looking for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft of two motorcycles from the privately owned vehicles sales lot Nov. 14 or 15. The vehicles that were taken are a 2002 Harley Davidson Dyna Glide Super T Sport. (vehicle identification number is 1HD1GLV132Y315199) and a 1989 Yamaha YSR50 (VIN JYD2RRA05KA037121).

CID is also looking for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or people responsible for the theft of a 2000 Vermeer SC252, serial number 1VRN071F6W10028008, and a 2000 Jay Hawk Tilt Trailer, serial number 1Z9SA1014XM093255, which were stolen between Nov. 14 and 17 from the parking lot adjacent to building 6286.

If you have any information, contact Special Agent Jason Dailey at 524-1086 or the military police at 526-2333.

**Dessert Theater** — The Catholic Women's Group is sponsoring "Dessert Theater" at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Barbara Daubenspeck of Denver will perform her dramatic rendition of "Mary and Martha." The program will be followed by dessert and coffee. This will be a great night out for couples, Soldiers, "waiting" wives and mothers. Childcare may be reserved by calling Melanie at 392-2983. For individuals who wish to participate in First Friday devotions, the program will be preceded by Rosary at 5 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m. and a light supper and announcements. For more information, call Delene at 393-1444.

**Cultural and fine arts center** — Fort Carson Directorate of Community Activities is in the plan-

ning stages of starting a cultural and fine arts center

If you would like to assist in the planning and development of this center please attend a special meeting in building 1217 in the conference room Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. Please call 526-2151 or 524-1388 if you will be attending

**Tax season** — The Fort Carson Tax Center will open Tuesday. It is located in building 6264, on Woodfill Road, across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center. Free tax services are available for active duty servicemembers and their family members; mobilized reservists and their family members; servicemembers receiving either retirement or disability pay and their family members; and surviving family members of active-duty, mobilized reservists and retired servicemembers.

The Fort Carson Tax Center will electronically file your return and have federal and state tax forms available. In order for your tax return to be completed, you will need to bring all W-2s, Social Security cards for yourself and all family members, a power of attorney, if filing for your spouse, and all relevant financial information.

**Red Cross** — The next cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Evans Army Community Hospital, Room 1801. Registration is \$40, which includes a skills card and information booklet. Call 526-7825 for more details.

Felicia Wilkinson is the new health and safety coordinator. Her office is at Evans Army Community Hospital, room 1801, and her phone number is 526-7825. Her work hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New and gently used formal wear is still needed for the Revolving Dress Collection. Dresses go to Army wives attending balls and other formal events. If you have a donation, call Theresa at 576-1767.

If you are interested in babysitting classes, call Tammy at 526-1058.

For swim lessons, call Crystal at 526-3122.

**Gold Star Wives and Mothers** — The Gold Star Wives and Mothers organization is working with Fort Carson's Casualty Assistance Office to ensure that eligible families receive a gold star pin. For more information about this program, contact JaNene Skinner at 597-5630 or visit [www.goldstarwives.org](http://www.goldstarwives.org) and [www.goldstarmoms.com](http://www.goldstarmoms.com).

**The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program** — The Scholars Program is now accepting applications for the summer of 2004. The program brings talented African-American, Latino, Asian/Pacific-Islander, and American-Indian/Alaska Native college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they work in congressional offices and learn about health policy.

Through the nine-week program, June 1 through July 30, scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health-policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to an internship in a congressional office, scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of healthcare issues, and write and present a health policy research paper.

Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens who are members of a racial/ethnic minority group and will be seniors or recent graduates of an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2004. Candidates are selected based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership potential and interest in health policy.

The deadline for applications is Jan. 30. For additional information, contact Patricia Rosas at 526-5818.

**Harmony in Motion** — Harmony in Motion is looking for vocalists and musicians. Anyone interested can call Staff Sgt. Lenora Gogins-Watkins at 526-4302.

## Claims against the estate

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. James R. Wolf, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebted-



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ness to his estate should contact Capt. Jason M. Whitten at 526-0028 or 526-0029.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Stephen A. Bertolino, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW2 Robert A. Alequin at 201-7129.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Dale A. Panchot, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Collin Bissell at 526-1567.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. David J. Goldberg, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Todd M. Gould at 526-6806/6809.

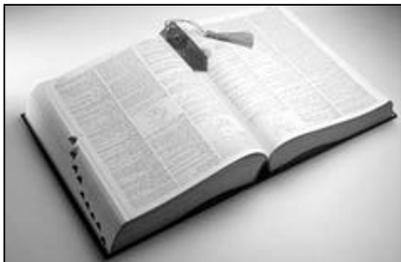
**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Raymond E. Cammel, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Christopher Stutz at 556-7440 or 556-4677.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Rian Ferguson, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW2 Robert A. Alequin at 201-7129.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Cpl. Gary B. Coleman, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Aaron Blanchard at 526-4082.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Justin Pollard, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Paul Ramsey at 526-7266.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Pfc. Nathan W. Nakis,



### Chapel

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**Religious education** — Religious education is conducted each Sunday at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, building 1500, (next door to the post exchange) for Protestant and Catholic children and adults. Protestant Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Family Religious Education meets at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

**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, or Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929 for ceremonial information and directions.

### 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	Barkley & 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	Barkley & 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	Barkley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkley & 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	11 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	Barkley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
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#### JEWISH

For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.

#### WICCA

Monday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugdu/330-7873
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#### MORMON

Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-3718
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#### NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE

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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 44 & Genesis 4-6

**Saturday** — Psalms 45 & Genesis 7-9

**Sunday** — Psalms 46 & Genesis 10-12

**Monday** — Psalms 47 & Genesis 13-15

**Tuesday** — Psalms 48 & Genesis 16-18

**Wednesday** — Psalms 49 & Genesis 19-21

**Thursday** — Psalms 50 & Genesis 22-24

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 and leaders of the 1st Infantry Division ("Big Red One"), forward deployed in Wuerzburg, Germany. **Army:** For the soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the Infantry Branch. **Ask God:** To provide leaders that will decisively train for and lead their units to victory in battle. **State:** For all soldiers and families from the state of Kansas. **Pray also for Gov. Bill Graves,** the state legislators and municipal officials of the Jayhawk state. **Nation:** For the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Pray that God** would lead us to realize King's vision of a land where constitutional freedoms are a reality for all, and where civility and nonviolent change become a way of life for our citizens. **Religious:** For the soldiers and families from the Moravian Church. **Pray also for all military chaplains** endorsed to serve on behalf of 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.usarmymchaplain.com](http://www.usarmymchaplain.com).

## Chaplain's Corner

## God has given the power of dreams

Commentary by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Greg Borden  
U.S. Army Garrison

American Bandstand is central to one family's journey through the joys and pains of America in the '60s and early '70s on the NBC television show, "American Dreams."

America was founded upon dreams. The Wright brothers' dream of flying was finally realized on the shores at Kitty Hawk 100 years ago. Thomas Edison had dreams of harnessing light waves in a light bulb. Alexander Graham Bell's intention was to send sound over the air waves through a machine.

There have been dreamers throughout history. The Bible has many people who had dreams from God. God revealed Joseph's future in dreams. Unfortunately, Joseph was premature in sharing his dreams with his family. His brothers hated him for his arrogance, and his father Jacob misunderstood the meaning of his dream. Later, Joseph fulfilled his dream and emerged from his prison years to become a leader in Egypt.

Richard Bach said, "You are never given a dream without also being given the power to make it true." Think for a moment about dreams you may have had. In "Les Miserables," a quote from "I Dreamed a

Dream" is, "I had a dream my life would be ... so different now from what it seemed. Now life has killed the dream I dreamed." Pretty sad ending. But, life sends us obstacles and opportunities. How we look at the situation usually determines how we arrive at the other end.

This is the month when we recognize another "dreamer." Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream and he shared it with his country on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial Aug. 28, 1963. The Nobel Peace Prize winner spoke to thousands that day. His passion for life and equality rang out in his words to those standing in the national mall. "I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream ... I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal ...'"

As that dream rang across America, something almost miraculous happened. Thousands of people marched in Selma, Ala. Others picketed in Birmingham, Ala. As Wayne Cordeiro in his book, "The Dream Releasers" wrote, "Opponents of the dream burned the picketer's houses and thrashed their

cars, but their hopes — held in the grip of one man's soaring vision — remained undaunted. An entire nation shook under the power of one man's dream!" And that can happen again with the dream God has given you.

Cordeiro goes on saying, "A dream can make a bicycle fly on the wings of the wind at Kitty Hawk ... It can lift an Abraham Lincoln from abject poverty to the Oval Office. It can free a hopeless Helen Keller from a dark, mute life sentence and transform her into a world-renowned author and master of six languages ... It can teach a Thomas Edison to put a thin filament in a vacuum tube and light the world."

King Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3:11 that "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men." The prophet Habakkuk wrote saying that God the creator said, "... these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair; for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!"

What is the point? Dream! Dream! Dream! God has planted that seed in each of us.

## Tax questions

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of servicemembers are entitled to the same suspension of time to handle tax matters.

**May a spouse file taxes for a deployed servicemember?** Yes. The spouse should bring all W-2s, identification card, Social Security cards, and a power of attorney. The power of attorney should authorize the spouse to sign the return or have an IRS Form 2848 (Part I

must state that you are granted authority to sign the return and does not have to be notarized). I recommend that the spouse have a power of attorney. If the spouse is unable to have a power of attorney from a servicemember deployed to a CZ/QHDA, please call the Fort Carson Tax Center for more information and individual assistance.

**What is and what is not included in Gross Income?** For servicemembers, gross income does not include "qualified military benefits." For servicemembers,

qualified military benefits include basic allowance for housing, basic allowance for subsistence, combat exclusion, cost of living, death gratuity, defense counseling, dislocation allowance, evacuation allowance, family separation allowance, group-term life insurance, interment allowance, medical benefits, moving and storage, per diem, professional education, qualified hazardous duty pay, qualified military benefits, ROTC educational and subsistence allowances, scholarships, subsistence allowance, survivor and

retirement protection plan premium, trailer allowance, uniforms (in-kind or allowances), variable housing allowance, and veterans' benefits. This section is limited to the CZ/QHDA exclusions discussed earlier.

There will be additional articles in the coming weeks discussing tax issues specific to servicemembers. In the meantime, if you have any tax questions, call the Fort Carson Tax Center at 524-1012 or check the link "Armed Forces Tax Benefits" found at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



A Utah reservist from the 116th Engineers Battalion is on the ready during a base camp training exercise in one of Fort Carson's training sites Monday. The Soldiers are preparing for a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Photos by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

# GETTING READY

## Utah reservists train to fight

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix  
Mountaineer staff

One hundred sixty-one Soldiers standing on frozen grass at 5:45 a.m., form up to begin training for a completely different environment. "Essayonce," they all roar, and then fall in.

This French term is the 116th Engineers, Combat Support Equipment Company motto. It means "We will try." This Utah reserve unit arrived and began training in Fort Carson Jan. 4, 2003. The Soldiers are training for a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The unit is technically proficient, and the goal now is to make its tactical and survivability skills equal to that proficiency, said 1st Sgt. Craig Haskell, first sergeant, 116th Engineers CSE.

While these Soldiers may not encounter one-on-one combat situations or be tasked to conduct raids or inspections, all Soldiers should be prepared for anything, said Capt. Derrick Quinlan, commander, 116th Engineers

CSE.

As engineers, they will mainly be working on airfield and rotary repairs, but "we want to bring them back alive, so we're now focusing on their combat skills," said Haskell.

Training has consisted of basic Soldier skills, weapons' qualifications, self-defense, hand-to-hand combat, how to conduct vehicle inspections, how to conduct raids, crowd control and learning the basic rules of engagement.

The 5th Army's 91st Training Brigade has been training these Soldiers. The most recent training sessions have been to prepare the Soldiers for their upcoming field training exercise. They are learning crowd movement techniques, hand signals and when they can or cannot shoot, according to the rules of engagement.

The Soldiers are eager to "get on the ground" in Iraq, said Quinlan.

"These are exceptionally professional Soldiers with an exceptionally high morale," said Haskell.



During a raid training exercise, a Soldier escorts an acting enemy fighter out of a tent.



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Campbell, an observer controller with the 91st Training Brigade, is providing instruction on how to search individuals while properly following the rules of engagement.



During a training session on vehicle inspections, Spc. Dustin Turner, a heavy equipment operator with the 116th Engineers inspects the bottom of a vehicle with a reflective device.



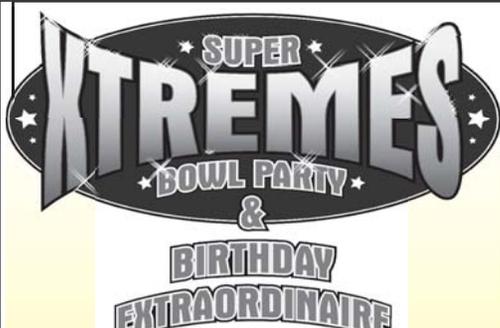
Posing as an Iraqi citizen, Staff Sgt. Gerald Bodily, an opposition forces noncommissioned officer with the 91st Training Brigade, is being patted down after having been checked with a hand-held metal detector.



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# Sports & Leisure

## *Carson powerlifting*

# Powerlifters show strength at event

by **Walt Johnson**  
**Mountaineer staff**

Some of the post's finest powerlifters, and one novice lifter, put on quite a display Saturday at McKibben Physical Fitness Center reviving a traditional event that will get bigger and better in the coming year, according to Lenwood Jordan, McKibben Physical Fitness Center director.

"We have a lot of fun with this type of event. We have a lot of people in the weight rooms throwing weights around so we want to give them a constructive way to show what the benefits of weight training are," Jordan said.

Laurie Freeman, who was participating in her first organized meet, had no idea she would be in the event but in the end she said she was glad she got involved.

"I came here to lend support to the other lifters but my peers talked me into competing. They said just go for it and I decided to give it my best shot," Freeman said.

The show also saw nine men competing for the top prize. Actually, the competitors were lifting for second place according to two of the male lifters because it was accepted by all competitors Tony Claiborne was the man to beat. As it turned out the competitors were correct. Claiborne put on an impressive display of lifting that

earned him the top lifter overall and the top lifter in his weight class.

"I'm a red type personality, and I believe in finishing first. There is nothing wrong with finishing second, but I strive for excellence in all that I do," Claiborne said.

"Weight lifting is my passion, and people ask me to help them train. I'm a competition junkie, and I always push myself. I work in the wellness center and people are always asking me 'Tony, how do you do this or how can I progress in weight training.'

"I train a lot of people and it works for them and me because they are going to push me to the next level by making me work harder. I always want to be the master and not let the students overtake me," Claiborne said with a laugh.

Paula Jo Bruneau, whose passion used to be cardio workouts, showed that she is ready to be looked at a key player in future powerlifting events.

"I've been working out for the past three months after Tony (Claiborne) suggested I could be good at power lifting. I've been adding about 50 pounds each month to my lifts and I am looking forward to seeing how far I can go. I wish more women would get involved with this because it has built my confidence in what I can do in lifting and as a person," Bruneau said.



Photo by Walt Johnson  
**Tony Claiborne, center with weights, best overall male competitor, makes one of his impressive lifts en route to also winning the 146- to 165-pound class.**



Photo by Walt Johnson  
**Best overall female competitor Paula Bruneau prepares for one of her first lifts of the day.**



Photos by Walt Johnson  
**Roy Horne chalks up his hands before he prepares for a 400-plus-pound lift.**

## On the Bench

# Youth center kicks off new hoops season



by **Walt Johnson**  
**Mountaineer staff**  
It was a good week in both the local and play-for-pay venue.

The post youth center basketball season got off to a great start Saturday at the Special

**Johnson**

Events Center. The first ever youth center extravaganza was the brainchild of the post youth sports committee, which consists of youth center staff, coaches and parents, according to Loren Morris, youth sports director, and looking at the parents, coaches and children having loads of fun, it was an idea whose time is now.

"We wanted the kids to have a fun day together before the season started. This also gave us a good opportunity to show all the parents what their children are learning from our program," Morris said.

"A lot of the kids and their parents have come to us and told us how much

they are enjoying the event today so we are very pleased with how the day is turning out."

Morris said the youth center is looking forward to a good year of basketball.

"This is a developmental program and we are here to help the children develop the skills they will need if they go on to the junior and senior high school levels."

**The Fountain-Fort Carson Trojans boys basketball team will meet one of its top rivals Friday at Fountain-Fort Carson High School.**

The Trojans, who have been having a wonderful season, will host the Harrison Panthers in what promises to be one of the best high school games in the area. Both teams are athletic and the pace should be fast and furious. Game time is 7 p.m.

**Don't forget the U.S. Nationals Olympic qualifiers will be held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs today, Friday and**



Photo by Walt Johnson

## Spending quality time ...

Fort carson Youth Center Lakers player Alton Holliday, left, gets some advice from his mother Crystal Holliday as youths prepared for the upcoming season at the Special Events Center Saturday.



Photo by Walt Johnson

## *Trojans win big ...*

Fountain-Fort head coach Anthony Ribaudom instructs Carson Trojans center Phil Loadholt (50), during the Trojans 74-42 victory over Alameda Friday at Fountain-Fort Carson High School. The Trojans meet the Harrison Panthers Friday at 7 p.m. at Fountain-Fort Carson High School.

## Bench

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### Saturday.

At press time the draw hadn't taken place but rest assured there is a good chance a number of All-Army boxers should be competing well into the competition.

**All right, let me see if I fully understand what I watched Jan. 8 on the Pete Rose interview on 20/20.**

Before the interview I knew that he who expects nothing shall not be disappointed, and I was not disappointed. For me, it was never an issue on whether Rose bet on baseball. I assumed he did, and the show bore that out. I still don't understand what that has to do with putting the guy in the hall-of-fame where he belongs because of what he did on the field.

The greatest hits leader of all time should have a plaque in Cooperstown, N.Y. with all the other greats of the game. By the way, if we started digging into the background of some of those already in the hall, we may be down to a third of the people who are in the hall now.

Keep him out of the game

for the gambling, but enough already, put him in the hall for his accomplishments on the field.

**So now we are down to the final four in the National Football League playoffs.**

In the National Football Conference, the Philadelphia Eagles will host the Carolina Panthers in Philadelphia. In the American Football Conference the Indianapolis Colts will meet the New England Patriots in Foxboro, Mass.

Of the two games, the easiest one to call is the Patriots-Colts game. The Colts can play offense with anyone but they couldn't stop a good high school team from scoring. The Patriots may have the best defense in the league and should prove it by stopping the Colts run to Houston.

In the NFC, strap on and get ready for one heck of a game. Anyone who thinks the Carolina Panthers aren't for real is living in a dream world. The Panthers can "ball" and the Eagles will be hard pressed to score enough points to win the game. I like the Panthers, barely, to win this game and meet the Patriots in Houston for this year's Super Bowl.

## Mountaineer Event of the Week

*“Coach, I got it,  
maybe” ...*

Fort Carson Youth Center Raptors coach Terri Simpson, right, gives rebounding advice to one of her players who listens intently to his coach's advice Saturday at the post Special Events Center (see a related story on page 21). The Raptors were one of the many youth center basketball teams that took place in the first ever pre-season spectacular.

Loren Morris, youth sports director, said “We are here today because we felt it would be a good chance for the parents to see the skills of all the players that will take part in our basketball program this year. We also wanted to give the children a chance to come out and have some fun.”



Photo by Walt Johnson

# Mountaineer Sports Spotlight



Photo by Walt Johnson

## *Get off your feet ...*

Fort Carson Youth Center basketball team coaches, in the light jerseys, and parents, in the dark jerseys, took time to participate in a “friendly” pick up game at the youth center’s pre-season basketball extravaganza at the post’s Special Events Center Saturday. League action begins Saturday at the post youth center gymnasium at 9 a.m.

# Spend a day in Cañon City

Story and photos  
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

Cañon City, a town of 16,000, has a lot going for it, in spite of its small size. Several tourist attractions bring people to the Cañon City area, on their way to visit the Royal Gorge Bridge, the frontier town of Buckskin Joe or to whitewater raft, but few of them stop to explore the town.

Save the visit to the bridge and frontier town for warmer weather and find indoor activities to see and do in Cañon City in winter.

Cañon City came into being in 1860, when six men got together to develop coal, gypsum, marble, granite and iron available in the area. They decided to name the settlement "Town of Canyon City," but a mistake was made in the recording and the Spanish spelling was used.

Among early residents was the Rudd family. Anson and Harriet Rudd left Iowa in 1855 on their journey west, arriving in Denver in 1859. Many people in Denver were heading for California, but the Rudds went to the mining town of Buckskin Joe, near Alma and Leadville for a few weeks before moving on to Cañon City. As Harriet Rudd was tired of living in a covered wagon and she liked Cañon City's climate and busy atmosphere, the Rudds decided to spend the winter. There were 727 citizens in Cañon City at the time, and 499 of them were men.

The Rudds built a cabin – the first house in town with a wooden floor. That cabin still stands. Anson Rudd went on to become a civic leader of Cañon City, serving as its first sheriff, first county commissioner and first territorial prison warden.

In its early days Cañon City was a typically wild, western town, with a courtroom above a local saloon. Cañon City's historic downtown shopping district includes buildings from the 1870s. Several historic churches are in town and a unique hotel – the St. Cloud. The St. Cloud Hotel was originally built in the mining town of Silver Cliff. When the mining boom was over, the town



A model of an allosaurus attracts visitors to the Dinosaur Depot in Cañon City.



A replica of the most complete stegosaurus ever found is displayed in the museum. The find was near Cañon City.

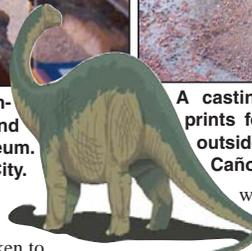


A casting of actual dinosaur prints found near La Junta is outside the Dinosaur Depot in Cañon City.

fell on economic hard times. The St. Cloud Hotel was dismantled, taken to Cañon City and rebuilt. The historic hotel is still in operation.

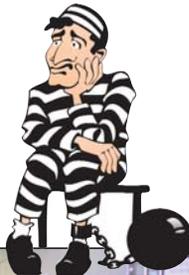
Several events in the 1870s helped put Cañon City on the forefront.

Dinosaur fossils were discovered in the Garden Park area north of the town. This



was virtually the first discovery of Jurassic-aged dinosaurs anywhere in the world. Many paleontologists descended on the discovery site in what was called "the bone wars." Competing paleontologists set up digging sites and removed hundreds of prehistoric bones. Many of those dinosaurs are on display today in museums all over the world.

More than a dozen species of dinosaurs have been discovered in the Garden Park area. Fossil discoveries are still being made in the Cañon City area, such as the most complete stegosaurus ever found. A replica of that stegosaurus is on display in the dinosaur museum established in a historic building at 330 Royal Gorge Blvd. The Dinosaur Depot is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. In addition to visiting the museum, visitors can make arrangements for a field trip to Garden Park. Reservations for the field trip are necessary to make transportation and guide arrangements; call the museum at (800) 987-6379. The museum has a gift shop with a selec-



The Museum of Colorado Prisons is housed in an old prison. Visitors may enter the cells and see prison artifacts.

Layout by Cindy Tiberi

# Happy Dinosaur Hunting



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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## Cañon City

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tion of dinosaur model kits, T-shirts, toy dinosaurs, posters and other souvenirs. The Dinosaur Depot also has an interactive discovery room. Visitors may touch many of the bones on display in the museum, watch volunteers work on specimens or check out the casting of actual dinosaur tracks.

Cañon City became home to the Territorial Prison in the 1870s. It became known as the Colorado State Penitentiary after Colorado became a state. Prisons have been at the center of the local economy since the 1870s and several state and federal prisons are in the Cañon City area.

A unique museum in Cañon City stems from its prison background. The Museum of Colorado Prisons is housed in Cellhouse 4, which was constructed in 1935 as a Women's Correctional Facility. The museum's exhibits the cells, a hangman's noose, a gas chamber, a display of weapons confiscated from inmates and historic photographs. The museum is at 201 N. 1st St., on the city's west side. Winter hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Railroads came to Cañon City in the 1870s. Not just one railroad, but two competing railroads wanted to lay tracks through the Royal Gorge to reach gold mines in the west. The Santa Fe and the Denver and Rio Grande railroads battled for the right of way along the river bed and in court, in what was called the Royal Gorge Railroad War. Workers from the two companies dynamited each other's rails, made threats and fired shots. The courts finally decided in favor of the Denver and Rio Grande. The tracks running through the Royal Gorge beside the Arkansas River are the historic D&RG tracks.

Near the Dinosaur Depot is the historic Santa Fe Railroad Depot, which now serves the Royal Gorge Scenic Railway. This full size railway follows the original rails on a scenic two and a half hour journey through the Royal Gorge. It's known as one of the nation's most scenic rail journeys. Call (888) RAILS-4-U for reservations for the scenic ride or ask about the Saturday dinner ride, which includes a sit-down meal.

Other things to see and do in Cañon City

include visiting the Holy Cross Abbey established in Cañon City in 1924 by Benedictine monks. The impressive Gothic-style building is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Abbey served as a boarding school for high school boys until the school was closed about 20 years ago. The Benedictine Brothers still occupy and run the Abbey and farm. Visitors can visit the chapel and a museum of American Indian artifacts housed in the Abbey. The museum features pottery of the Pueblo Indians, baskets made by desert Indians and Navajo blankets and rugs. Plains Indians artifacts displayed include bonnets, dresses, beadwork and arrowheads. The museum is open free of charge to the public, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day except Sunday and Wednesdays. There is also a winery at the Abbey.

A gift shop is on the premises. The Abbey can be reached by calling (719) 275-5279. The Municipal Museum is housed on the second floor of the City Hall on Royal Gorge Boulevard. This museum contains an eclectic collection of artifacts contributed by William Dallas DeWeese. DeWeese was a land developer who arrived in Cañon City in the 1880s. He purchased irrigation and planted orchards. He contributed



The Rudd cabin, built in 1860, was the first home in Cañon City to have a wooden floor. The cabin still stands and gives an insight into the way people lived then.



School children look at the furniture, left, created by William Dallas DeWeese using his collection of antlers. The fireplace at right incorporates fossils from DeWeese's collection.



greatly to the development of the Cañon City area. DeWeese had many interests, such as hunting, traveling, geology and paleontology.

Part of the museum's collections include the original Rudd Cabin built more than 140 years ago and still standing. The cabin is behind the municipal building and a museum attendant will open the cabin for visitors. The second Rudd house, built in the 1880s, is also available to visitors. It is next to the cabin.

Admission to the Municipal Museum is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for ages 6 to 12. The phone number is (719) 276-5279. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Cañon City is about 40 miles south of Fort Carson. Take Highway 115 South to Penrose, then take Highway 50 West to Cañon City.



The Holy Cross Abbey in eastern Cañon City is home to 25 Benedictine monks. A museum in the Abbey displays American Indian artifacts, such as the war bonnets shown in top picture.

### Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 45 minutes
- **For ages** all
- **Type** museums
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** varies
  - \$ = Less than \$20
  - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
  - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 (Based on a family of four)

## Get Out!

### Comedian

**Jerry Seinfeld** is set for two evening shows Jan. 30 at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Call 520-SHOW for tickets which start at \$46.50.

### Dragon Tales Live

“**Dragon Tales Live**” takes a Journey to Crystal Cave. This adventure with singalong music features Emmy, Max and their Dragon Land friends. Shows are Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$12; call 587-2626 or go online at [www.dragontaleslive.com](http://www.dragontaleslive.com).

### Denver concerts

**Bette Midler** is in the Pepsi Center Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$48.50; call Ticketmaster 520-9090.

**Sting** is in Fillmore Auditorium, 1510 Clarkson in Denver, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$62.50, call 520-9090.

### Les Miserables

**The Youth Repertory Theatre presentation of Les Miserables**, will be repeated Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. A matinee is Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Call the box office at 634-5583.

### Big Band Dance

**A Big Band Dance** commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Glenn Miller is set for Feb. 28, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium. Active duty military in uniform with valid ID will be admitted free to the dance.

### World Arena concerts

**Toby Keith** brings his “Shock ‘n’ Y’all” tour

to the World Arena Jan. 25. Tickets start at \$49.75.

**Linkin Park** is at the World Arena Feb. 2. Ticket start at \$34.50.

**Neil Young and Crazy Horse** are in the World Arena Feb. 29. Tickets start at \$39.50.

Tickets are at the World Arena box office or call 576-2626.

### Broadway musical

“**Cats**” is in the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade Ave. in Colorado Springs Jan. 23 at 8 p.m., Jan. 24 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Jan. 25 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. The Tony Award winning show, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, is part of the Broadway in Colorado Springs series. Tickets start at \$25. Call 520-9090 or 520-SHOW.

Next show in the Pikes Peak Center Broadway Series is “Fame.” Call 520-SHOW.

### Courthouse exhibit

**A special exhibit in the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, “Capture the Courthouse: Architectural Detail as Art”** marks the 100th anniversary of the building which originally was the El Paso County Courthouse. The exhibit of art calls attention to the art and architecture of the 1903 building. The exhibit and the museum have free admission. It is at 215 S. Tejon St., and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Fine Arts theater

**The Fine Arts Center’s next repertory production is “Sweet Charity,”** a comedy by Neil Simon. The production is in the theater Feb. 6 to 22. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$23 and \$25 at the door. Call the box office at 634-5583 to make reservations.

### Mining museum

**Super Saturday program** at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry is “Model Engineering Excitement” at 1 p.m. Feb. 14. The

price is \$3 per person; call 488-0880. Learn about building models. Admission is \$3.

A program Feb. 28 is “The Princeton Expedition!” at 1:30 p.m. Steve Veatch has uncovered expedition diaries, journals and photographs of an expedition taken by Princeton students 125 years ago. Reservations are required; regular museum admission is charged.

March 13’s Super Saturday is “Angel Food Faults and Peanut Butter Folds.” Admission is \$3 per person, reservations suggested.

The mining museum is at 1025 N. Gate Road, just opposite the Academy’s north gate.

### Look for eagles

**Fountain Creek Nature Center has a program “Eagles Along Fountain Creek”** Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. until noon. A slide show is followed by a hike to look for bald eagles along Fountain Creek. The fee is \$3, call 520-6745 for reservations. The center is off Highway 85/87 south.

### Pikes Peak Center

“**Flamenco Vivo**” with Carlota Santana is Pikes Friday at 8 p.m. Call 520-SHOW for tickets.

**B.B. King, along with the Erica Brown Band**, are in concert Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

**Colorado Springs Philharmonic presents “Family Sportsacala”** Jan. 31 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$9; call 520-SHOW.

### Denver Zoo

**The Denver Zoo has a free admission day** all day Monday. The next free days are Jan. 25 and Feb. 2. The Denver Zoo is in Denver’s City Park. Take the Colorado Exit off Interstate 25 north to City Park, watch for signs. There’s free parking at the zoo.

### Comedy

**The Second City improv comedy troupe** makes an appearance at the Fine Arts Center later Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$27 at the door. Call 634-5581 for reservations.



Photo by Nel Lampe

## *Denver Zoo is free ...*

**The Denver Zoo has eight free days per year, thanks to the Scientific and Cultural Facilities tax. Colorado residents who show proof of residency, such as a Colorado Driver's License, may enter the zoo free of charge Monday and again Jan. 25 and Feb 2 and 14. There's free parking at the Denver Zoo, located in Denver's City Park. Information is available at [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org).**

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

Special Program: President George W. Bush addresses the Soldiers, civilians and family members of Fort Carson. Airs at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: Stories on Stop Loss and bonuses, new helicopter test and mad cow disease. Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: 2003 year in review (repeat). Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: Special Edition: "50 Years of the Thunderbirds" (repeat). Airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

The Mountain Post Community Forum,

held monthly, airs at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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