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3rd ACR welcomes troops home



Photo courtesy Hal Stoelzle, Rocky Mountain News

Taylor Julian, 7, holds on to her dad, Capt. Neil Julian, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, after his return from Iraq Monday.

Last group of Soldiers arrives back at Carson

by Spc. Zach Mott
Mountaineer staff

Home ... finally.

The last group of Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment returned to the Mountain Post Monday following their participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

These 91 Soldiers remained in the Middle East to ensure the equipment from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was loaded for return to Fort Carson.

As eager family members, friends and coworkers waited in the stands, the Soldiers marched into the Special Events Center to a thunderous echo of applause and cheers accompanied by Toby Keith's "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue" on the loud speakers.

"This is the best birthday I've ever had," said Bonnie Harris who was welcoming home her son, Sgt. Jesse Harris. Also with Bonnie was Tanja Harris, her daughter-in-law, and

Sara Harris, her 10-and-a-half-month old granddaughter.

Bonnie Harris traveled from Elizabethtown, Ky., to see her son return from the desert.

As the commander of troops, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Erron, the regimental G-4, notified the troops they were dismissed to join their visitors a flood of people rushed from the stands to the Soldiers.

"It's great to be home," Jesse Harris said. "Her hair, her earrings, it's amazing," he said about his daughter's changes since he's been away.

This is the last group of Soldiers to return from the 3rd ACR, however there are more than 15,000 Soldiers who deployed to fight the Global War on Terrorism. About 100 Soldiers from the 43rd Area Support Group remain in Iraq. They are expected to return this year.

Fort Carson and 7th Infantry Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson welcomed the troops home and thanked them for the service they provided to a grateful nation.

"We're proud of your courage, we're proud of your service and we're darn glad to have you home," he said.

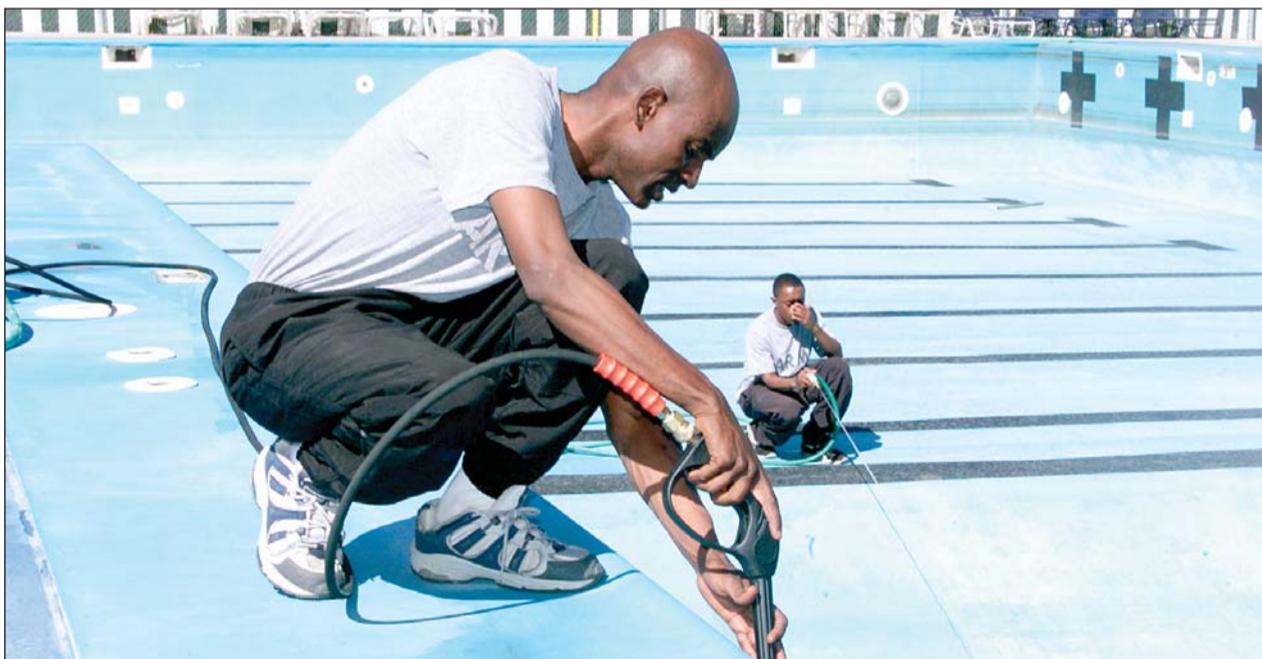


Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Getting ready for summer ...

Spc. Mohamed Murtada, carpenter and mason, 52nd Engineer Battalion, cleans the Fort Carson Outdoor Pool. The Outdoor Pool will open Memorial Day weekend and be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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All-Army basketball

The all-Army basketball team, which will compete at the Armed Forces championship, will meet the Air Force all-star team today at 4 p.m. at the Special Events Center. Admission is free. Call 524-1163.

Post Weather hotline:
526-0096

Commander's Corner

CG to military spouses: We thank you

Tuesday we will celebrate the hard work and dedication of the military spouses in our community with a Military Spouses Appreciation Day. It is our opportunity as Soldiers and as a community to recognize the sacrifices made by the wives and husbands who support their men and women in uniform.

The military spouse has tremendous responsibilities which are further increased when our nation is at war. During deployments, these special individuals are suddenly thrust to the forefront of juggling single parenthood, home-repair, financial planning, and a myriad of other tasks that suddenly become a priority once a loved one is deployed.

During a wartime deployment, these individuals pray daily for the safety of their deployed family members and bond together with other families to bring about the true essence of the Family Readiness Group. Every time the Department of

Defense announces a serious injury or death, these home front heroes held their breath in hopes that it was not their Soldier. And when it was the spouse of a friend or neighbor, they rushed in to help however they could.

We recognize the sacrifices made by our military spouses and on Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Armed Services YMCA, 2190 Jet Wing Dr., Colorado Springs, next to Sierra High School, military spouses are invited to an appreciation day event. There will be free haircuts, healthy cooking demonstrations, massages, a fashion show, self-defense classes and craft instruction. This is all courtesy of the ASYMCA, the Fort Carson Army Community Service, Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases and the Air Force Academy Family Support Centers.

The role of spouses in support of the military goes back as long as Soldiers have been on the battlefield. During the American Revolution,

women like Mary Hays McCauly, better known as Molly Pitcher, worked side-by-side with their husbands, picking up the battle when the Soldier fell. Nowadays, we don't expect spouses to deploy, but their role on the home front is equally important.

Because they have to be ready to leave at a moment's notice and often move every couple of years, spouses often put careers on hold and, in our case, make up a large percentage of our Mountain Post volunteer force. They use their expertise to fill in with ACS, the American Red Cross and other programs that help support the quality of life on our post. Without their support, many of these programs would be seriously curtailed.

I salute military spouses for your support to your men and women in uniform, other family members, and the Mountain Post. With your continued support on the home front, our Soldiers can fight and win American wars and maintain a peaceful envi-



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ronment for Americans everywhere.
Bayonet!

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson
7th Infantry Division and Fort
Carson commanding general

Thank you

Our husbands and wives deserve sincere appreciation for their strength, patriotism, and support. On Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Tuesday, we honor and thank our spouses:

For holding our families together

For the birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays you've celebrated alone

For truly creating a military family by extending a helping hand to other spouses in need

For your courage, pride and spirit while we were at war

For the many household moves you've made from

place to place

For countless personal sacrifices that may have gone unnoticed and unappreciated

For your devotion and commitment that have and continue to enrich our lives



What is the biggest challenge of being a military spouse?



... just being a single parent half the time.

Stephanie Lind
6-year military spouse



... being lonely, but at least he calls me every day.

Ruby Puente
3-year military spouse



... explaining to the children where their dad is when he's deployed.

Shari Burt
2-year military spouse



... raising a new baby alone, but I have friends to talk with and help me.

Doris Harms
3-year military spouse

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News

New support system provides help for severely disabled Soldiers, families

by Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON Severely disabled Soldiers and their family members have a new way to find answers to service-related questions—the Disabled Soldier Support System, or DS3, as program officials call it.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi joined other Army senior leaders in announcing the initiative at a Pentagon media round table April 30.

DS3 is a single information source where severely disabled Soldiers or their family members can go for assistance in getting entitlement or services questions answered. That contact can be via the Army Information Hotline, (800) 833-6622.

The intent of the program is to provide an additional safety net for severely disabled Soldiers who may have slipped through the cracks in the past after being medically retired, according to Brownlee.

They have performed enormous service to the nation, Brownlee said. With that said, their lives go on, but (those lives are) significantly changed. They may have lost an arm, leg or eye, but they have not lost their courage.

For purposes of the program, severely disabled means a disability rating, or the likelihood of a rating, of 30 percent or greater, and a special condition. Those conditions include the loss of an eye or limb, a spinal or disfiguring

injury, or a psychiatric disorder. The disability rating and special condition do not have to be related to a combat wound or injury.

While Soldiers in the program or their family members can call for assistance at any time, program officials will contact the disabled Soldiers periodically for at least five years following registration into the program.

This program is designed to be the advocate for the Soldier and his family, said Col. Michael Flowers, director of Human Resources Policy Directorate, Army G-1, who oversees the DS3 task force.

This is not a program to do anybody else's job, Flowers said. It's about assisting to ensure we are doing it right. We take care of our own, even after retirement.

Doing it right isn't only ensuring severely disabled Soldiers know what entitlements and services are available to them, according to Lt. Col. Lorelei Coplen, TF DS3 deputy director. It's also sometimes doing the research and educating different organizations and agencies about what they can do for Soldiers, she said.

We have had some cases where we called up and said you have the authority to do this and gave them the (Army regulation) paragraph and line number that authorized them to do it, Coplen said.

While the program has only recently been announced, it has been reaching out and helping qualified Soldiers and their families for several months. Approximately 12,000 Soldiers were wounded or injured during Operations Iraqi

Freedom and Enduring Freedom; 2,650 of those required medical evacuation and treatment in Germany or the United States. As of Feb. 16, 132 of those Soldiers had been enrolled in the program and have been getting active assistance.

Rural Soldiers in the program, two medically retired and two still on active duty, shared their experiences with DS3 at the media round table.

Sgt. James Sides, a flight medic who suffered multiple brain bruises, a broken arm, internal injuries and several minutes under water after his helicopter crashed, credited the program with keeping his family together.

Part of the problem was his wife, Rebecca, having to make a lot of tough decisions alone as Sides was fighting for his life and then recovering from his injuries.

One of those decisions was whether to take Sides off life support when he was in a coma and not expected to survive. Other decisions included how to make the move from their Fort Carson, Colo., home to Wynne, Ark., when Sides was medically retired. Other problems included where to get marriage counseling and counseling help for their two children who were having difficulty accepting their father's changed life.

I went thru the (Veterans Affairs) and didn't get the answers to what I needed, Sides said. I found the DSS number, called and got what I needed.

Troops gear up to replace units in Iraq

by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON Within the next 70 days, about 10,000 troops will be deploying to Iraq to replace units that were extended beyond their one-year tour of duty, and for many of those going it will be their second time in the combat zone.

The major units in the deployment will be the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., which arrived home in December after serving in Afghanistan, and the 11th and 24th Marine Expeditionary Units, which served in Iraq.

The 2nd Bde., 10th Mountain Division task organization will include two infantry companies from Fort Polk's Joint Readiness Training Center opposing forces; a mechanized task force from Fort Riley, Kan.; an engineer company from Fort Irwin, Calif.; and a military police platoon from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Additionally, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld approved the deployment of about 37,000 more troops from the active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve as combat support and combat service-support personnel to serve in the third rotation of Operation Iraqi Freedom at the end of this year or early next year.

The additional troops will start to deploy in September and the rotation will continue to move into theater through February 2005. The official announcement was made today, but Army units were notified well in advance, said Lt. Gen. Richard Cody, the deputy chief of staff for operations, G-3.

We've been looking at our troop requirements for OIF 3 for months now. We consulted the chain of command at those units to see how long it would take them to get ready, and we are now looking ahead to OIF 4 and OEF 6, Cody said.

All National Guard and Army Reserve units being deployed were given sufficient time to train in preparation for their service in OIF, officials said. By alerting troops well in advance of deploying, they said it allows for maximum home-station preparation for Soldiers, their families, communities and employers.

All Army units had a timeline to reset for follow-on contingencies whether they were combat or support units, Cody said. There is an aggressive reset and retrain program in the Army so that combatant commanders will have the resources they need. Also Cody added that the Army will continue toward modularity, and generate four more maneuver brigades, which will lengthen dwell times at home station between tours.

Like 10th Mountain Soldiers, the 364th Direct Support Supply Company from Fort Bragg, N.C., also served in Afghanistan and will be deploying to Iraq after spending 10 months at home station.

The 364th supply company will be part of the combat support units that will rotate into Iraq in phases. A phased mobilization plan is critical to ensure that proper overlap is accomplished, and to help allow maximum overlap time for the affected units, according to officials.

Officials also said that future rotations will be staggered over time to relieve the stress on transportation systems. Over the last four to five months, more than 200,000 troops have been moved to and from the Central Command area, and officials said that the goal is to decrease transportation requirements.

There are currently about 149,000 troops in Iraq,

Soldiers can volunteer for units of action

Army News Service,
WASHINGTON A new online feature will allow Soldiers to volunteer for units of action at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Drum, N.Y., for at least three years beginning May 1.

U.S. Army Human Resources Command, formerly Personnel Command, spent nearly five months developing the Personnel Lifecycle Unit Selection System, known as PLUS2. It was designed to reduce non-volunteer permanent-change-of-station moves and provide an easy method of requesting assignments.

Our ultimate goal is to give privates straight out of basic training the same ability to request units as officers with several years in service, said Col. Nick Miller, deputy director, Enlisted Personnel Management, HRC.

The 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum and the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, will be the first units to use PLUS2. The 3rd Infantry Division, based in Georgia, is already transforming into various units of action. Next in line to use PLUS2 will be select elements of 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Hood, Texas.

Miller said the system is simple: a Soldier goes to the HRC Web site, and clicks on the PLUS2 logo a Soldier wearing a Kevlar helmet. The site then offers two options, one for enlisted Soldiers and the other for officers. The officer

option will begin May 28.

Soldiers may then fill out the form that follows and submit it as a requisition for assignment or re-assignment to either Fort Drum or Fort Campbell.

During the first open window period, which is May 1-31, there will be approximately 1,000 requisitions available, said Shannon Brown, a representative for Brig. Gen. Rhett Hernandez, director of the Officer Personnel Management Directorate.

Miller said just because a Soldier submits a requisition through PLUS2, it doesn't mean he or she will be approved automatically.

An assignment manager will look at the requisition, he said. If the Soldier meets the qualifications and (the assignment) meets the Soldier's personal development, we will send him an e-mail saying he has been approved.

Soldiers with less than three years of active-duty service remaining must re-enlist or extend to qualify, Miller said.

In two years, we want every unit of action in the Army to be using PLUS2, Miller said.

As the Army transitions to the new units of action, there will be opportunities for Soldiers to volunteer to stay with, or come to, certain Army divisions, Miller said. If Soldiers want to stay at Drum, they will have a chance to stay there, he said. It's similar to a force-stabilization initiative, he added.

Prior to PLUS2, many soldiers used another online feature, Assignment Satisfaction Key, to request their next duty station. This feature, however, gave only the option of choosing Army posts. PLUS2 is the first online method to offer Soldiers a chance to elect specific units within a post.

Previous methods, such as ASK, will remain available.

Basically, we want more Soldiers to be where they want to be, Miller said. There are 74,000 new privates that join the Army every year, so it's impossible now to place every Soldier exactly where they want to be.

To access the feature, visit <https://hrc.army.mil>.

Editor's note: This article is a combination of articles submitted by Spc. Wes Landrum, from the 10th Mountain Division and Pfc. Chris Jones, from the 40th Public Affairs Detachment at Fort Campbell, Ky., and compiled by ARNEWS senior correspondent Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs.

Military Briefs

Misc.

Warrant officer recruiting A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief all interested Soldiers on the qualifications and application procedures in becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers at the Grant Library, building 1528 May 24 to 27 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Osborn at (502) 626-0466 or DSN 536-0466, or e-mail at Joseph.Osborn@usarec.army.mil.

U.S. Military Academy positions available 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.

Warrant officer slots open The Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers to fill its warrant officer positions, 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 or DSN 536-0484/0458/0488/0478/1860/0271.

Special Forces briefings Special Forces briefings will be conducted weekly at the Grant Library. The briefing times are Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The Army's Special Forces is a strategic, multi-purpose force capable of rapid response to various contingencies around the world. Called Green Berets, these highly-skilled Soldiers are trained in unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense, direct action, special reconnaissance, combating terrorism, information operations and counter-proliferation. Special Forces candidates must be mature and self-motivated; open and humble; and better conditioned physically and emotionally than the average Soldier. All interested male soldiers, privates first class to staff sergeants, and second and first lieutenants are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Bill Roepke at 524-1461.

DECAM dust suppression Starting Monday, for three days the Directorate of Environmental Control and Management will be spraying magnesium chloride on all of Fort Carson's dirt roads to help suppress the dust. The chemical is not harmful, but will collect on vehicles as a washable residue.

CIF Hours

Central Issue Facility hours of operation:

Regular business hours
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Initial/partial issues
Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Direct exchange
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Partial turn-ins
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, call 526-3321.

Effective immediately: Replacement will be scheduled Monday, Thursday 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 a supply sergeant.

Active-duty units Permanent Change of Station/End of Time in 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 Kristine Harald at 526-3321. POC for this information is Frank Howard, 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. Turn around for 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 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.

The Commanding General's Newcomer's 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 change effective 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 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.



"Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers"

Boss meeting The post BOSS meeting, for BOSS representatives, meets the third Thursday of each month at Xtremes from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Dining Schedule

May 7 to May 13

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)

Exceptions

Patton House is closed until further notice.
Strikers and 43rd ASG are open Saturdays and Sundays.



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 5:30 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)
5:30 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.

Army ensures improvements made to detention operations

by Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON While investigations continue into charges of prisoner abuse at U.S. military detention facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan, steps are already being taken to ensure that those in custody are treated with dignity, respect and humanity, the Army vice chief of staff told Pentagon reporters today.

Gen. George Casey said Army Criminal Investigation Command investigations are continuing in 20 allegations of detainee misconduct in Iraq and Afghanistan reported since December 2002. Of these, 10 cases involve prisoner deaths and 10 involve charges of abuse, assault or other mistreatment.

So far, six Soldiers, two sergeants and four junior enlisted troops face courts martial for criminal misconduct at Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad. Six more Soldiers have received letters of reprimand, including a battalion commander and battalion operations sergeant major who were immediately relieved of duty, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld reported today.

No charges have yet been filed against military intelligence Soldiers who may have been involved in the incidents, Casey said, pending the outcome of a Procedure 15

investigation that involves misconduct during intelligence activities.

Casey called the inhumane treatment of Iraqi detainees at the prison a complete breakdown in discipline and said the Army is taking active steps to prevent such a breakdown from happening again.

Amy Maj. Gen. Jeff Miller assumed responsibility for all detainee operations in Iraq April 15, and the Abu Ghraib prison also has new leadership. Col. David Quantock, commander of the 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne), and Col. Foster Payne, commander of the 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, Casey said.

All new units reporting for duty at detention facilities now receive added training on the Geneva Conventions and rules of engagements. And a mobile training team of corrections and legal experts is helping train soldiers in confinement operations to improve the quality of the operations at these facilities, he said.

In addition, three new active-duty military police units will increase the Army's capability to conduct detainee operations, he said. Casey said the units will transfer from the reserve component as part of the Army's



Photo courtesy Hal Stoelzle, Rocky Mountain News

Waiting for dad ...

Tanja Harris holds 10-month-old daughter, Sara, and waits for the return of her husband, Sgt. Jesse Harris, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at the Special Events Center Monday.

Greenback

Car purchase may not pay off

by Capt. Theodore Stutz
4th Finance Battalion

Rewarding yourself or your family with a new purchase using the extra money you received from your deployment is a noble idea. Buying a car is a very popular option. However, there are a few things to consider first.

Is there a way to spend the money that will give me more financial freedom in the future?

You have undoubtedly heard that a car is the worst investment you have to make. This is very true. Cars will never give you any money in return for the money you put into them. But you have to have one, right? Of course you do, but if you want to reach the goal of financial security, sometimes you have to put good investments in front of things you want in your budget pecking order.

For example, if you are coming home planning to sell the old beater that still runs, buying a new car and moving back into the apartment you may want to reconsider, especially if the car is paid off. You would be financially better off to buy a house and keep the old car. A house may resell

for as much or more than what you paid for it.

If you get into a car loan and apartment rent for a total of \$1,200 a month, when you leave Fort Carson after two years you will have spent \$28,800 and will probably get enough selling the car to repay the rest of your loan, leaving you at a total expense of \$28,800. On the other hand, if you keep the old car and get into a home mortgage of \$1,200 a month, when you sell the house in two years you will probably profit somewhere around \$28,800 on the sale and would therefore have lived for free for the last two years. It would be the equivalent of putting the \$1,200 in the bank every month. You could also keep the house and rent it and make even more when you eventually sell it.

If you do not have the credit to purchase a house, this is the perfect time to rebuild your credit. The best thing you could do with your money is to pay off all your debts. You can usually pay off loans early with little or no early termination fee. Any fee would be less than the interest you would pay over the full life of the loan.



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretzinger

Greg Pollok, security officer, Alutiiq Wackenhaut Security Services, Inc., issues a day pass for a new car owner at Gate 1.

Bottom line; pay off all credit cards first.

Do not be afraid of large down payment requirements for home purchases. Being in the military and hav-

ing decent credit entitles you to a Veterans Association loan; a loan backed by the VA requires no down

AFA P Conference ...

Teacher certification issue remains unsolved

by Nancy A. Montville

Army Family Action Plan Program Manager

Fort Carson held its annual Army Family Action Plan Conference Nov. 5 and 6. The Family Support/Volunteer/Employment workgroup prioritized Teacher s Certification Nationwide as a top issue.

The scope of this issue is that current local, state and federal education requirements inhibit career teachers. Sponsored family members of active Department of Defense employees who are certified to teach in one state are required to obtain certification in the new state of transfer. Re-certification can be time consuming and costly, causing additional financial hardship on families. The workgroup made the following recommendations:

1. Establish a federal clause governing transfer of state teaching certifications.
2. Allow certified teachers to instruct in subsequent states without re-certifying, while maintaining certification in the issuing state.
3. Allow certification to extend beyond expiration

date of the issuing state to run concurrent with terms of federal service.

Anita Bender of the Fort Carson Education Center provided the local response to this issue. Since the authority to issue teaching certificates and licensures rests with each state, the issue cannot be resolved at Fort Carson. Certified teachers should always contact the State Department of Education in the state where they seek employment to determine if they qualify for certification through state reciprocity agreements

This issue was forwarded to Forces Command and included in the FORSCOM AFA P Conference. It was not prioritized by the workgroup at FORSCOM. The issue can be resubmitted at the next Fort Carson

AFA P Conference since there is not a current similar issue being staffed at higher headquarters.

To obtain additional information on the Army Family Action Plan, contact Nancy A. Montville, the Fort Carson AFA P Program Manager at 526-4590 or Nancy.Montville@carson.army.mil. To visit the Department of the Army AFA P Web site to review any DA issues go to www.goacs.org and click on AFA P Issue Book.



Greenback

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payment. Do not assume that your credit is not good enough; you can verify your credit with the help of your realtor. All other closing costs that arise during home purchase can be included in the amount borrowed. I made it clear to my realtor that I wanted to buy my house without paying a dime until my first mortgage payment and that is exactly what I did.

I am happy with my living situation and I have my debt under control and it is time to buy a car what is the best way to use my extra money?

The decision is to use the extra money as a down payment or to invest it and pay more on the car monthly. This decision simply takes you being honest with yourself, and figuring out exactly how much money you need to spend each pay period on bills and quality of life. If there is enough money to make the payments on the car you want then invest the extra money leftover. If there will not be enough monthly cash flow, put the money down on the car and get the monthly payments down into your range. If you try to do both save and squeeze in a payment you can't afford, you will build up credit card debt that will incur interest that will eventually negate your hard-earned deployment money. You will never be as frugal as you hoped. Therefore, it may be better to put that money down on a car and get your monthly payments to fit into your budget so that you avoid having to rely on a credit card to bail you out at the end of the pay period.

I must note, if you can afford the monthly payment without putting

money down or if you can afford to buy the car in cash, and the car is offered at 0 percent financing, then it is wiser to finance the car. You can keep your cash, invest it and make around 10 percent without losing anything to paid interest.

Find a car that you can afford and be firm on the monthly payment maximum you set. Before going to the dealer table, go to the manufacturer's Web site and find out about all the incentives that are available. Any rebates you don't discuss the dealer keeps. If you have a choice on whether to take rebates or use 0 percent financing, have the dealer work the numbers and simply choose whichever will get you to your desired monthly payment while keeping the length of the loan the same.

Start your negotiations with a monthly payment that is way below what you can afford. If you are not embarrassed by your initial offer, it is too high. And do not let them try and talk you into leasing as an option to get the monthly payment down. If the vehicle you are buying is reliable, then it is worth it to buy it and drive it free of payments after you pay it off so you can save up to buy the next car in cash.



Photo by Pfc. Clint Stein

Gearing up for summer ...

Motorcycle safety course instructor, Dennis Mellinger, gives instructions to Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Rankin, on the next task to perform during the last day of lessons Wednesday. The three-day motorcycle safety course is free of cost to military personnel but is only being offered through the month of June.

Knowing your rights...

Civil Relief Act protects Soldiers rights

by Capt. Elana Matt
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Legal Assistance Division

In December 2003, President George W. Bush signed the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act into law. The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act replaces the more than 60 year old Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act. The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, which is also known as the SCRA, provides servicemembers with more legal protections than ever before. This article will outline some of the most significant of these protections.

Delaying court appearances
The SCRA permits the servicemember to apply to a court to automatically stay or postpone, non-criminal court cases if the servicemember military service interferes with the servicemember's ability to appear in court. The SCRA requires the servicemember to follow a specific process to obtain the delay. If that process is complied with, the servicemember receives an initial delay of the court proceedings of at least 90 days. The court may choose to grant additional delays upon the request of the servicemember.



Interest rate cap
Under the SCRA, a servicemember may be eligible for an interest rate reduction on preservice financial obligations. In order to qualify for the interest rate reduction, the servicemember's military service must affect the servicemember's ability to pay the financial obligation. If the servicemember is eligible for the reduction in interest rate, preservice debts will accrue interest at a rate not higher than 6 percent per year during the time the servicemember is in the military.



Protection against eviction
If a servicemember is taken to court for an eviction due to the servicemember's inability to pay, the servicemember may request that the court delay the eviction for approximately 90 days. In order to qualify for this delay, the servicemember's inability to pay rent must be due to the servicemember's military service.

However, although the court may allow a servicemember to continue to live in the rental property, the court can also award the landlord damages under this provision.

If the court does award damages, the court can also require that the servicemember pay the landlord

through an allotment. Notably, this protection only covers servicemembers with a monthly rent of less than \$2,400.

Termination of residential leases
Most military members are familiar with military clauses for leases. Military clauses typically permit Soldiers to terminate leases upon receipt of permanent change of station or deployment orders. The SCRA now incorporates most aspects of standard military clauses into residential leases. The SCRA permits servicemembers to terminate a residential lease if the servicemember receives PCS or deployment orders for a period of more than 90 days. The servicemember must provide written notice to the landlord that the servicemember is terminating the lease along with a copy of the servicemember's orders. In a standard lease where rent is paid monthly, the termination becomes effective 30 days after the next rent payment is due.



For example, assume the servicemember's rent payment is due on the first of each month. The servicemember notifies the landlord of his intent to terminate the lease Feb. 15. The lease would not terminate until March 31. The first rent payment after the notice of termination was delivered is due March 1, so the lease terminates 30 days after that rent payment, or March 31. Servicemembers using the procedures under the SCRA to terminate a residential lease should keep good records of when and how the notice of termination was delivered to the landlord. If possible, the notice of termination should be sent by mail, return receipt requested.

Although the SCRA does cover most of the bases for terminating a lease due to military service obligations, the SCRA does not provide for the termination of a residential lease due to separation from the military, end term of service or a move from off post to on-post housing. If these issues arise during the term of the lease, servicemembers should still request that any lease agreement contain a specific military clause tailored to these situations.

Termination of car leases
A servicemember may terminate a lease for an automobile if the servicemember receives PCS orders or is deployed for more than 180 days. A servicemember terminates an automobile lease under the SCRA by providing the leasing company with a written notice of termination and a copy of the servicemember's orders. The termination is effective as of the date of the delivery of the termination notice.

Importantly, the leasing company cannot charge the servicemember any early termination charges for terminating the automobile lease under the SCRA. However, any fees that were agreed upon pursuant to the terms of the lease, such as an excess wear and tear fee or a mileage charge, must still be paid by the servicemember.



EIS is not a basis for terminating an automobile lease under the SCRA.

Income taxes
The SCRA prevents states from increasing the state tax bracket of a nonmilitary spouse who earned income in the state. In the past, some states raised the tax bracket of the nonmilitary spouse by adding the servicemember's military income for the limited purpose of determining the nonmilitary spouse's tax bracket. The SCRA specifically prohibits this practice. Under the SCRA, a servicemember's income may not be used to determine the nonmilitary spouse's tax bracket for state income tax purposes.

Although the protections provided under the SCRA are significant, the act does have some specific procedures that must be properly followed in order to receive SCRA benefits.

To obtain more information about these procedures, or about the SCRA in general, call the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office at 526-5572 or 526-5573. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Community



Participating in extremist activity . . .

Bottom line for Soldiers: don't

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

If you've been in the Army for more than a year, chances are you've sat through at least one briefing about the Army's policies regarding Soldiers participating in and affiliating with extremist organizations. But how widespread is the problem of Soldiers' membership in these groups Armywide and here at Fort Carson?

We may have some neo-Nazi activity here, but I personally haven't seen any, said an investigator with Fort Carson's Criminal Investigation Division who handles cases involving extremist and gang activity on post.

The investigator's minimal experience with extremist activity at Fort Carson is consistent with a study conducted by the Army Research Institute in 1996 that found there isn't much extremist activity in the Army. Of the Soldiers surveyed, 3.5 percent reported being approached to join an extremist organization since joining the Army.

The study was done in response to the racially motivated murders of two black Americans in Fayetteville, N.C., December, 1995 by Fort Bragg Soldiers who had extremist literature and other neo-Nazi materials in their possession. It concluded that while there are individual Soldiers who hold extremist views, they are isolated, and there is no widespread or organized extremist activity in the Army.

For the study, the definition of extremist organization that was used is outlined in Army Regulation 600-20, chapters 4 to 12: Extremist organizations and activities are ones that advocate racial, gender or ethnic hatred or intolerance; advocate, create or engage in illegal discrimination based on race, color, gender, religion or national origin or advocate the use of or use force or violence or unlawful means to deprive individuals of their rights under the United States Constitution or the laws of the United States, or any State, by unlawful means.

Although the study found minimal evidence of

extremist activity in the Army, it did find that gang-related activities appear to be more pervasive than extremist activities on and near Army installations.

Again, this finding is consistent with the experiences of criminal investigators at Fort Carson.

(Gang activity) is not one of our big problems, but it is present on post, said an investigator with Fort Carson's Military Police Investigations unit assigned to monitoring gangs on post.

There are certain areas (on post) where gang graffiti is concentrated. We go out there periodically to take pictures and make sure there isn't any new activity showing up, the MPI investigator said.

The Fort Carson CID investigator who handles gangs said that Soldiers who openly proclaim gang affiliations or who have gang-related tattoos are logged, but there is currently not an Armywide system in place to track them.

I'd like to see a system for gang members similar to the one the Army uses to track crimes, the CID investigator said.

To combat gang activity, Fort Carson CID and MPI units meet regularly with the Colorado Springs Police Department's Gang Net Unit to share information. The unit monitors activity in Fort Carson's surrounding communities.

Gang activity is a problem in Colorado Springs, but it's not as bad as some areas, the CID investigator said. It's not like Los Angeles or the West Coast where you see groups controlling turfs. Gang members here are spread out throughout the city, and it's more about drugs and money than it is about turf for them.

According to statistics gathered by Roseanne Merriman, a gang crime analyst with CSPD, for 2004, the CSPD identified 472 gang-involved individuals present in Colorado Springs. This number has been relatively static for the past three years.

While the city also has more than 20 separate gangs, the CSPD identifies the Hispanic gang as the largest in the area, accounting for 45 percent of the gang activity here, with the Crips gang as

the second largest, accounting for 29 percent. Other gangs that are active here include the Crenshaw Mafia Gangsters, Bloods, Folk Nation and People Nation alliances.

The Army's policy on gang affiliations and participation in extremist organizations by Soldiers is clear.

It's similar to the one on sexual harassment zero tolerance. You can't recruit for these groups, attend marches or rallies or distribute their literature, said the Fort Carson CID investigator.

According to AR 600-20, chapters 4 to 12, commanders have the authority to prohibit military personnel from engaging in or participating in any activities they determine will adversely affect good order, discipline or morale in the command. They also have the authority to remove all symbols, posters or other displays from barracks and to place areas or activities of f-post off limits.

If commanders find Soldiers participating in these activities, in accordance with Department of Defense Directive 1325.6, they can take Uniform Code of Military Justice action to include involuntarily separating them from the Army.

The bottom line for Soldiers when it comes to gangs and extremist organizations is don't participate. While the problem is currently a minimal one for Fort Carson, the Army vigilantly seeks out and punishes Soldiers who engage in this conduct.

Redeployment overwhelming trash system

by Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

The recent redeployment of thousands of Fort Carson Soldiers and the subsequent return of personal items and equipment is resulting in our trash collection system being overwhelmed. Many of the items being placed in the trash, such as cardboard, paper, plastic, glass and aluminum, are valuable, recyclable commodities.

In an effort to support the redeployment mission and recover these recyclables, the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management has allocated additional resources and initiated an installationwide collection program.

Units can help in the success of this initiative by separating recyclable commodities from trash and by doing the following:

When possible, take recyclables to one of the designated recycle drop-off points

Installation Recycle Facility, building 155 (near Gate 3)

Main Post Exchange drop-off site (south of the parking lot)

Francis Loop drop-off site (located at the intersection of Specker Avenue and Berkeley Avenue)

Cardboard collection dumpsters located near unit motorpools, dining facilities and support and administration areas.

For collection of recyclables from barracks and unit areas:

Remove all trash and debris from recyclable commodities.

Separate recyclables by commodity (cardboard, paper, glass, plastic, aluminum, etc.).

Stack recyclables neatly to either side (not in front) of the nearest trash container in the following



Courtesy photo by Virgil Redding

Dumpsters around the installation are being overloaded due to the redeployment. Many of the items discarded are recyclable commodities that can be taken to any one of Fort Carson's three recycling drop-

off points in the following manner:

Cardboard boxes: Flatten and stack all cardboard boxes and weight them down to keep them from blowing away.

Other recyclables can be bagged or boxed by type of commodity.

Notify the DECFM Recycle facility at 526-5898 so stacked items can be promptly recovered.

Units that anticipate receiving supplies and equipment generating a large volume of recyclables or in need of other recycling assistance may call the Installation Recycle Facility at 526-5898. Fort

Carson family housing residents interested in recycling opportunities need to call the Family Housing Leasing Office at 226-2268.

With help from everyone, Fort Carson can maintain a neat appearance, recover valuable resources and reduce costs

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Miscellaneous

Bulk trash pickup change In order to help maintain a refreshing curb appeal, we are dropping bulk pickup to one time per week. Effective May 7, bulk pickup is scheduled every Friday only. Please place items to be picked up at the curb in front of your home first thing Friday morning. Bulk pickup begins at 7 a.m., and continues until all items are picked up. In order to help us keep the curb looking sharp, please help us by not storing items outside, other than Friday morning for bulk pickup only. We thank you in advance for helping make our community a better place to call home.

CID seeking information The CID office is seeking information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person responsible for the wrongful damage of private property and larceny of private property.

Between April 21 and 22, unknown persons broke into a 2001 Honda Civic, and stole the stereo system and several hundred compact music discs. The vehicle was located in the parking lot adjacent to building 1954 on Fort Carson.

If anyone has any information about the larceny, contact Special Agent Jason Dailey at 524-1086 or the military police at 526-2333. Reference: case number 0169-04-CID056-76127

Voting information For voting information or voting materials, see your unit's Voting Assistance Officer or contact the Fort Carson Voting Assistance Officer at 526-8419.

NSPS briefings Briefings on the new National Security Personnel System will be held at Fort Carson from Monday to Friday. NSPS is scheduled to replace the current Department of Defense personnel management system and will change how civilian employees are hired, assigned, rewarded, advanced and removed.

A town hall meeting, open to all civilian employees, will be held Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

For more information on times and locations, call the local American Federation of Government Employees office at 526-0776.

Better Breathers Better Breathers is an educational and support group for active duty and retired servicemembers and family members to learn about their lung condition and how to live with it.

The group meets on the second Thursday of every month at Evans Army Community Hospital. This is a self-referral program and no appointment is needed; just let us know you are interested.

Topics are member requested as well as timely medical information. Individual assistance is also available on request.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Prieve, at 524-4043.

Commissary news A commissary customer newsletter is now being delivered through e-mail. Shoppers can sign up for it now at www.commissaries.com. The newsletter will keep customers informed about sales and promotional offers even offering links to manufacturer and vendor sites where they can enter shopping sprees and contests.

Also, the Fort Carson Commissary will be closed May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume June 1.

40 Days of Purpose Campaign The Protestant Service at Soldiers Memorial Chapel will host a spiritual campaign through June 6. Chap. (Maj.) Scott Kennedy, the senior pastor, is the campaign director. Have you ever asked yourself, "What on Earth am I here for?" During the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign, chaplains will attempt to answer that universal question by exploring these five central purposes: worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship and evangelism.

Come join the excitement Sundays at 11 a.m. at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. For more information, call Kennedy at 526-8011.

Soldier Readiness Processing site The Fort Carson SRP site will close at 12:30 p.m. May 21. The Identification Card/Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System will also be closed. In case of an emergency, Peterson Air Force Base will issue ID cards. For more information, contact Mary Foster at 524-3704.

Fort Carson Restoration Advisory Board holds open meetings for the public to learn about environmental restoration projects on post. The next meeting will be May 13 6:30 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

Yard Sale — The annual Fort Carson Mayor's yard sales are twice a month on the first and third Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.; dates are Saturday, May 15, June 5 and 9, July 3 and 17, Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 4 and 18, Oct. 2 and 16, Nov. 6 and 20 and Dec. 4 and 18.

Both on- and off-post residents can participate. Housing residents can set up yard sales in front of their houses; barracks and off-post residents can set up in the Beacon Elementary School parking lot.

All residents and sellers must comply with the following guidelines:

Each resident is responsible for conducting their own yard sale.

Individual occupants are responsible for trash control and removal, which must be completed by 5 p.m. the day of the sale or citations will be issued.

Commercial organizations and individuals will comply with all regulations related to commercial solicitation.

All sellers are prohibited from offering for sale items such as drugs, guns, food or anything that does not conform to the rules and regulations of Fort Carson or the state of Colorado.

For more information, contact your village mayor or the mayor program coordinator at 526-1082 or 526-1049.

Federal Employee Health Benefits The next Federal Employee Health Benefits Service Day will be held May 19, 8 to 9:30 a.m. in classroom B of the Directorate of Information Management Building. Representatives from Blue Cross/Shield, Mail handlers, Kaiser and GEHA will be there to meet with employees already enrolled in the FEHB program to answer questions. It is not open season; this is just an opportunity to ask questions of representatives. For more information, contact Michele Magrini at 526-8334.

Saluting veterans Colorado will celebrate the long-awaited formal dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. May 29 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Colorado Veteran's Monument at Lincoln and Colfax in Denver. Afterward, Denver will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade, and then there will be a tribute to veterans from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to everyone.

Armed Forces Day Celebration The Rotary Club of Colorado Springs Interquest is sponsoring Join-R-Forces Day, a celebration of Armed Forces Day at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs May 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is to honor military members and families and is open to all. Colorado Springs Mayor Lionel Rivera will be present, and there will be live entertainment, an awards ceremony, demonstrations of military dog training teams, displays of military equipment, outdoor booths and concessions, local vendors and more.

Returning Heroes Golf Classic The Fort Carson Officers Spouses Club is hosting its annual golf tournament May 13 at the Fort Carson Golf Course. Sign-ups begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The tournament is open to the public. Registration forms are available at the golf course. To make a donation or have the registration form e-mailed to you, contact Judy McLeary at 632-2574 or e-mail mclearytj@msn.com

School Information

Summer School If you are interested in extending your child's learning opportunities, the Fountain-Fort Carson School District is once again offering summer school for kindergarten through 11th grade.

The elementary program will be offered at Aragon and Patriot Elementary Schools June 7 to July 15, Mondays to Thursdays 8 a.m. to noon. The middle school and high school program will be held



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To enroll, stop by one of the above schools for the registration packet for that school's level or the administration building.

Claims against the estate With deepest regrets to the family of Chief Warrant Officer William Howell, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Chief Warrant Officer David Bishop at 524-1569.

Claims against the estate With deepest regrets to the family of Master Sgt. Richard L. Ferguson, deceased. Anyone having claims or indebtedness to his estate should contact Chief Warrant Officer John Dowling at 524-3277.

Claims against the estate With deepest regrets to the family of Pte. Nicholas James Parisi, deceased. Anyone having claims or indebtedness of his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Bradley Rudy at 526-6960 or (845) 216-3026.

Soldiers present flag to elementary school to show thanks for support during deployment

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson troops presented the nation's most powerful symbol of freedom to a local elementary school after a flag-raising ceremony under the school's flagpole Monday.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, gave the students and staff members of Caxon Elementary School in Colorado Springs a U.S. flag that was flown over Forward Operating Base Fort McHenry in Halwayjah, Iraq, while the unit was stationed there in support of Operation Iraqi



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

Spc. Alex Svetlosanov attaches the flag flown over Forward Operating Base McHenry in Iraq to Caxon Elementary School's flagpole.

Freedom.

Lt. Col. William Schafer, commander of the 1st Bn., 12th Inf., 3rd BCT said they gave the flag to the school for the support its students and staff members showed the unit while it was in Iraq.

Students sent Soldiers letters and collected pencils, paper and other supplies for Iraqi schoolchildren and sent them to Schafer, who sent them to the Iraqi schools the unit was charged with rebuilding and revitalizing.

(The letters were very special to us ... and) the supplies the school sent us were very helpful to our mission, Schafer said.

Schafer's wife, Robin Schafer, organized the collection effort, which was referred to as Operation Pencil Box.

Aljean Tucker, principal of Caxon Elementary School, said the flag presentation ceremony was a big event for the school, and she said the flag would be permanently displayed in the school's trophy case.

After presenting the flag to Tucker, Schafer gave the students of Caxon elementary school a brief history lesson about his battalion.

It was the 12th Regiment, U.S. Army Infantry, that secured Fort McHenry, Md., in the battle that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the national anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner, Schafer said.

He concluded his speech by telling the students his Soldiers were honored to join them in raising the flag they flew over Iraq over their school.



Photo by Richard Bridges

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, join students from Caxon Elementary School in saluting the national colors at a flag-raising ceremony Monday.

Chaplain s

Mother s Day: more than just

by Pat Tracey

Catholic Director of Religious Education

As I was reflecting on what to write in regard to Mother s Day I began to wonder how this celebration ever began. It was then that I found the following information on a Web site called everythingmothersday.com. In the United States it started with one woman named Anna Jarvis.

Jarvis was an Appalachian homemaker and she organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions of her community. She thought the day would be best advocated by mothers and called it Mother s Work Day.

When Anna Jarvis died in 1905, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Anna remembered that her mother said there were many days dedicated to men but not for mothers. Anna then began to lobby the politicians of the time to support a day dedicated to mothers. Anna Jarvis talked to many politicians including President s Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt, hoping they would support her campaign.

Jarvis organized a church service to celebrate her mother one Sunday in May 1908. Anna handed out white carnations to those in attendance because the white carnation was her mother s favorite flower. Anna Jarvis hard work began to pay off five years after that service. In

1973, The House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on the day many began calling Mother s Day, the second Sunday in May.

Finally on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother s Day. He said, Therefore, I Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the said Joint Resolution, do hereby direct the government officials to display the United States flag on all government buildings and do invite the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.

It is a day to express our love and reverence, so much so that the second Sunday in May has become the most popular day of the year to dine out, and the telephone lines record their highest traffic. So what will you do for your mother on this day? Take her out to dinner, give her a quick call, spend the day with her, provide her with breakfast in bed? What will you do?

I would suggest that each of us ask ourselves, what do we do throughout the entire year, to show our respect, our gratitude and our

love for the woman who bore us, the woman who nurtured us throughout the years, the woman who eventually let us go to become ourselves. It is good that as a nation we collectively celebrate an annual day for mothers, but it falls short if we don t recognize that this celebration of a mother should take place each and every day of the year.

I leave you with a poem by Nicholas Gordan.

Before I was myself you made me, me with love and patience, discipline and tears, then bit by bit stepped back to set me free, allowing me to sail upon my sea, though well within the headlands of your fears. Before I was myself you made me, me with dreams enough of what I was to be with hopes that would be sculpted by the years, then bit by bit stepped back to set me free.

Relinquishing your powers gradually to let me shape myself among my peers. Before I

Downed B-17 story traced by witness

by Ernie Newman
Peterson Air and Space Museum
Foundation

On Sept. 9, 1943, 7-year-old Rene Psarolis and his 13-year old brother, living in the northern end of Paris, watched as German fighters attacked an American B-17.

“During the following days,” he said, “there was a rumor about a bomber having crashed in the Hispano-Suiza factory at LaGarenne-Colombes (a suburb northwest of Paris) killing all of its crew.”

In the next 56 years, Psarolis did an amazing amount of research into the crash, searching archives throughout Germany and France. He eventually found pictures the German Luftwaffe had taken of a plane that was shot down near Beaumont le Roger.

He also discovered a movie news clip that had been shown in German and French movie theaters. The scenes in the film clearly showed the plane’s group and squadron markings and the tail number.

Psarolis continued his search with the 8th Air Force Historical Association and found that a B-17 from the 337th Bomb Squadron with those markings and tail number — and the call sign “Tar Fly” — had indeed been shot down Sept. 9, 1943. His research then



Photo courtesy Ernie Newman, Peterson Air and Space Museum Foundation

Retired Army Lt. Col. William B. Sheaves Jr. stands near a one-tenth scale model of “Tar Fly.” Sheaves, then a technical sergeant, was Tar Fly’s flight engineer. After retirement, he constructed the model by hand, using original plans from Boeing.

turned to the 96th Bomb Group Historical Association where he obtained the names of all crew members. He wrote to the Veterans Administration in St. Louis, asking a letter be forwarded to members of the

crew.

In the spring of 1999, retired Army Lt. Col. William B. Sheaves Jr., received a letter from the VA containing a sealed envelope addressed to him by name only. It was a letter from

Rene Psarolis and a copy of a picture of the B-17 Tar Fly, tail number 23353, on the ground in France.

“I have been trying for many years

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to find out what happened Sept. 9, 1943," the letter read. "We (my brother who was 13 at the time and I) saw the bombing, saw your planes high in the sky. And now, many many years later, I have found a photo of your aircraft which safely crash landed in a field somewhere in France.

"I couldn't believe it," Psarolis wrote. "I was jumping with joy."

Another Luftwaffe photo included in the package showed Tar Fly being disassembled.

The Germans were no dummies. They took downed aircraft that were not totally destroyed, dismantled them, moved them to a repair facility and made them serviceable aircraft again. They manned the repaired aircraft with their own crewmembers, as "stragglers," joining flights of American bombers en route to a target.

Once they determined where the Americans were headed, noted their altitude and air speed, the German crew called their anti-aircraft units and relayed necessary information. Before the anti-aircraft fire commenced, the straggler would conveniently disappear. This tactic resulted in many downed American aircraft with little effort.

The Tar Fly and her crew had arrived in England in June 1943, assigned to the 337th Bomb Squadron, 96th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, sta-



Courtesy photo

"Tar Fly," a B-17 bomber shot down Sept. 9, 1943, sits surrounded by German soldiers in a field near Beaumont le Roger, France.

tioned at Snetterton Heath in East Anglia, England. Sheaves, then a technical sergeant, was Tar Fly's flight engineer.

The B-17's Sept. 9, 1943, mission was against industrial targets in the Paris area and the Beaumont Sur Oise Airfield. Tar Fly was hit by 88-mm anti-aircraft fire and left the formation, attempting to return to England at low level.

The plane was jumped by German fighter aircraft, FW-190s, four of which were shot down before Tar Fly crash landed in an open field near Beaumont le Roger, France. Two Tar Fly crewmembers were killed; the rest were taken as Prisoners of War.

Psarolis later sent Sheaves a videotape showing the actual Luftwaffe cam-

era scenes of Tar Fly under attack and the crew being marched through town on their way to a POW camp.

As it turned out, Tar Fly had been a continuing part of Sheaves' life as well. After his retirement from the U.S. Army, Sheaves decided to construct an exact replica of the B-17F in which he and his crew had crash landed.

This radio-controlled model was one-tenth scale, with a 125-inch wingspan. He obtained a copy of Boeing's original plans for the B-17F and reduced the plans to one-tenth scale. During the next seven years, Sheaves designed and built this B-17 model project. He created and poured his own molds for several parts of the landing gears. The only parts purchased for the model were the engines and

wheels; everything else was made by hand.

The completed Tar Fly model was displayed at Solo's Restaurant for a period of time, but Sheaves decided the Peterson Air and Space Museum would be the more appropriate final resting place.

The B-17F Tar Fly model is now displayed in the Peterson museum in the original terminal building, along with other World War II exhibits.

Editor's note: Information for this story was gathered from letters and articles provided by Rene Psarolis and retired Army Lt. Col. William B. Sheaves Jr. The article previously appeared in the Peterson Air Force Base "Space Observer." See page 31 for a story about the museum.

Chaplain's Corner

Mother's Day: more than just cards

by Pat Tracey

Catholic Director of Religious Education

As I was reflecting on what to write in regard to Mother's Day I began to wonder how this celebration ever began. It was then that I found the following information on a Web site called everythingmothersday.com. In the United States it started with one woman named Anna Jarvis.

Jarvis was an Appalachian homemaker and she organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions of her community. She thought the day would be best advocated by mothers and called it "Mother's Work Day."

When Anna Jarvis died in 1905, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Anna remembered that her mother said there were many days dedicated to men but not for mothers. Anna then began to lobby the politicians of the time to support a day dedicated to mothers. Anna Jarvis talked to many politicians including Presidents Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt, hoping they would support her campaign.

Jarvis organized a church service to celebrate her mother one Sunday in May 1908. Anna handed out white carnations to those in attendance because the white carnation was her mother's favorite flower. Anna Jarvis' hard work began to pay off five years after that service. In 1973, The House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carna-

tions on the day many began calling Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May.

Finally on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He said, "Therefore, I Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the said Joint Resolution, do hereby direct the government officials to display the United States flag on all government buildings and do invite the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

It is a day to express our love and reverence, so much so that the second Sunday in May has become the most popular day of the year to dine out, and the telephone lines record their highest traffic. So what will you do for your mother on this day? Take her out to dinner, give her a quick call, spend the day with her, provide her with breakfast in bed? What will you do?

I would suggest that each of us ask ourselves, what do we do throughout the entire year, to show our respect, our gratitude and our love for the woman who bore us, the woman who nurtured us throughout the years, the woman who eventually let us go to become ourselves. It is good that as a nation we collectively celebrate an annual day for mothers, but it falls short if we don't recognize that this celebration

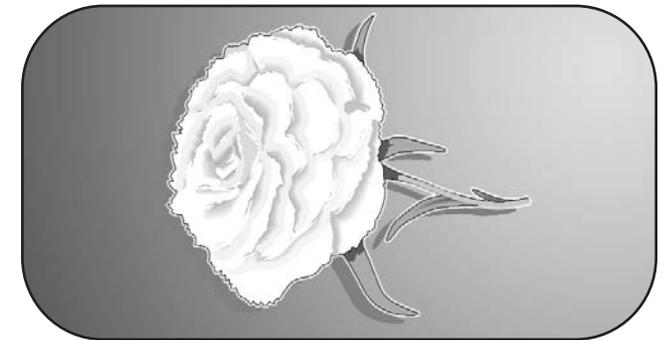
of a mother should take place each and every day of the year.

I leave you with a poem by Nicholas Gordan.

Before I was myself you made me, me with love and patience, discipline and tears, then bit by bit stepped back to set me free, allowing me to sail upon my sea, though well within the headlands of your fears. Before I was myself you made me, me with dreams enough of what I was to be with hopes that would be sculpted by the years, then bit by bit stepped back to set me free.

Relinquishing your powers gradually to let me shape myself among my peers. Before I was myself you made me, me and being good and wise, you gracefully as dancers when the last sweet cadence nears bit by bit stepped back to set me free.

For love inspires learning naturally: the mind assents to what the heart reveres. And so it was through love you made me, me by slowly stepping back to set me free.



Chapel

Fort Carson National Prayer Breakfast — May 26 from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 2886 S. Circle Drive. Tickets are available through your unit command sergeant major beginning in May.

Native American Services — The He Ska Akicita Inipi is located on Fort Carson. All native and non-native people, military personnel, family members and Department of Defense personnel are welcome. Anyone interested in attending and praying in this manner can contact Michael Dunning at (h) 382-5331, (c) 330-9537 or (e-mail) michael.dunning@carson.army.mil, or Charles Erwin at (h) 382-8177, (e-mail) erwin106@juno.com, or Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929, for more information and directions.

Vacation Bible School — Registration will begin May for the Fort Carson Summer Vacation Bible School, Lava Lava Island which will be conducted June 14 to 18, 9 a.m. to noon daily at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Registration may be completed at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel during normal duty hours and on Sunday mornings. Spaces are limited so register early.

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

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. Kennedy/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. Kennedy/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Friday	noon	Prayer	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
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					
Monday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugdug/330-7873
MORMON					
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-3718
NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE					
Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Ska Akicita Inipi) are offered to military dependents and Department of Defense personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. Please call the following for information and directions: Michael Dunning 382-5331 or 330-9537, or Zoe Goodblanket 442-0929.					

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 126 & James 4 to 5

Saturday — Psalms 127 and 1 Peter 1-2

Sunday — Psalms 128 and 1 Peter 3 to 5

Monday — Psalms 129 and 2 Peter

Tuesday — Psalms 120 and 1 John 1 to 3

Wednesday — Psalms 131 and 1 John 4 to 5

Thursday — Psalms 132 and 2 John, 3 John, Jude

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 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 USAR 88th Reserve Readiness Command, headquartered at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Army: For the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the Judge Advocate General Corps in their mission to provide legal assistance to Soldiers and fami-

lies and counsel to commanders around the world.

State: For the Soldiers and families from the state of Minnesota. Pray also for Gov. Tim Pawlenty, the state legislators and municipal officials of the North Star State.

Nation: For all mothers in celebration of Mother's Day. We pray, additionally for the men and women who serve in all branches of the Armed Forces in celebration of Armed Forces Day May 15.

Religious: We pray for all Soldiers and families of The Free Methodist Church. Pray also for the chaplains endorsed to military service by this community of faith.

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

Mountain Post Bike Rally

Pace and Race



Sgt. Carrie Mehr, training noncommissioned officer, 478th Personnel Services Battalion, shows off her medal for first place in the overall race.



Ted Brinegar, Fort Carson Adventure Programs and Education, crosses the finish line for a second place win in the men's heat.

Story and photos by Pfc. Stephen Kretzinger
Mountaineer staff
Friday the weather looked grim, but Mother Nature was on the Mountain Post side Saturday for the first Fort Carson Bike Rally.

The Pace and Race Bike Rally was Saturday morning at Ironhorse Memorial Park and it attracted bicycle enthusiasts of all ages.

We're here today to promote biking, said Al Gambala, recreation programmer, Morale, Recreation and Welfare. On top here, we have a lot of bicycling enthusiasts and what we're trying to do is give them an opportunity to participate in an event that they have some passion for.

The event had races, booths and general bike-riding fun as members of Fort Carson's MWR tested the waters for this type of event.

There are three races, said Sgt. Ben Sulaz, 478th Personnel Services Battalion. The kids' race, the leisure race and the six-k.

The course for the six-kilometer and leisure race started on Sheridan Avenue and took the racers up Prussian

Boulevard to Harr Avenue then down Tins Boulevard and back to Sheridan Avenue again.

The men and women raced together for the six-kilometer race and the leisure races started shortly behind them.

The leisure racers rode a plethora of different types of bikes. Some had mountain bikes, some had two-seated tandem bikes and others had fancy looking bikes with chrome spokes and headlights.

The youngest bicyclist raced on a smaller track made up of orange cones on the blacktop at Ironhorse Memorial Park. The slightly older children raced on the running trails just east of the picnic area.

Commemorative T-shirts were available for sale. The cost of the shirts was \$10 just to cover the cost of making them.

Booths from local bike shops and outdoor programs were set up for participants to browse as they waited for the races to begin.

This is the first time we've done this, said Gambala. This is to set a foundation for this type of event. In September we want to have another one.

We want to try and have another with a big, better and longer course, said

Gambala. We've gotten a general consensus that the people who participated this time want longer races, maybe 16 to 20k.

In the 6-kilometer race Sgt. Carrie Mehr, training noncommissioned officer, 478th FSB won first overall and women's Sgt. 1st Class David Nal, platoon leader, 3rd Battalion, 29 Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team won second overall and first in men's, and Ted Brinegar, Fort Carson Adventure Programs and Education won third overall and second in men's.

It was fun, said Mehr. It wasn't hard. Mehr is no stranger to bicycle racing and this one was a walk in the park compared to some of the other races she's been in, she said.

The longest race I have ever been in was 10 miles, said Mehr. But I've ridden 100 miles. Those were a lot of fun.

In the children's bike rodeo Jasmine Finch, 5, won first place in the 5 plus category and Alexa Nal, 9, took first in the 9 plus category.

This was just a feeler to see how many people were really interested, said Gambala.



Sgt. Carrie Mehr, training noncommissioned officer, 478th Personnel Services Battalion, takes a victory ride after taking first place in the overall and women's heat in the six-kilometer race.



Racers leave the starting line at the beginning of the six-kilometer race at the Race and Pace Bike Rally at Ironhorse Memorial Park Saturday. The other races of the day included the leisure race and the children's races that took place after the six-kilometer race.



Spc. Carlo Ranzani, tankerman, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, left, gets a helpful push from Pvt. Forrest Giesler, tankerman, 3rd Squadron, 3rd ACR, during the leisure race at Ironhorse Memorial Park. The leisure racers followed the six-kilometer race and rode at their own pace.



Dave Bungarner, Fort Carson Adventure Programs and Education, makes a few final adjustments to a participant's bicycle before the six-kilometer and leisure races at Ironhorse Memorial Park. Bungarner volunteered his bicycling knowledge for the event.



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Disabled Soldiers

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Four Soldiers in the program, two medically retired and two still on active duty, shared their experiences with DS3 at the media round table.

Sgt. James Sides, a flight medic who suffered multiple brain bruises, a broken arm, internal injuries and several minutes under water after his helicopter crashed, credited the program with keeping his family together.

Part of the problem was his wife Rebecca having to make a lot of tough decisions alone as Sides was fighting for his life and then recovering from his injuries.

One of those decisions was whether to take Sides off life support when he was in a coma and not expected to survive. Other decisions included how to make the move from their Fort Carson home to Wynne, Ark., when Sides was medically

retired. Other problems included where to get marriage counseling and counseling help for their two children who were having difficulty accepting their father's changed life.

"I went through the (Veterans Affairs) and didn't get the answers to what I needed," Sides said. "I found the DSS number, called and got what I needed."

DS3 made the counseling arrangements for Sides and his family, and called back with appointment times.

For Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Briscoe, a special forces Soldier who lost his right arm below the elbow and had nerve damage to his left arm due to wounds in Iraq, DS3 helped him understand how he might be able to stay in the Army, despite his wounds. Currently at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., as an outpatient, Briscoe is a 17-year Army veteran.

"I want to see it through to (a normal) retirement," Briscoe said.

Briscoe said he got briefed on his options of a medical retirement or working to meet the standards for a Medical Fitness Board, which might allow him to stay in the Army, shortly after arriving to Walter Reed while in a drug-induced haze from the pain-killer medication he was on.

"Somebody checked the block that I got the briefing," Briscoe said, "but I really don't remember what was said."

When DS3 officials made initial contact with Briscoe, he asked for information on his options and got it.

While the initial focus for the program has been on Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Soldiers, it is not limited to Soldiers from recent conflicts, Flowers said. He encourages any Army veteran who believes he or she is qualified for DS3 to call the Army Information Line.

For more information about the initiative, visit the DS3 Homepage, www.ArmyDS3.org.

Troops in Iraq

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and 121,000 of them are U.S. Soldiers. The overall U.S. troop strength in Iraq will be stabilized at approximately 138,000 as requested by the combatant commanders — a change from the predicted 115,000 in the beginning of OIF 1, officials said.

The extension of the 1st Armored Division out of Germany

(minus the stateside brigade) and the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Fort Polk, La., caused the spike in troop strength when they were required to remain in the country 90 days beyond their one-year tour.

The security situation is continually assessed and the force levels in Iraq and Afghanistan are continually assessed by the combatant commander and will be adjusted to meet developing mission requirements, officials said.

Detainees

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Brownlee, will provide a "holistic look at detainee operations across the Army," he said.

Lessons learned from prisoner abuse cases and investigations associated with them will be "internalized into the way we do business," Casey said. The Army will incorporate these lessons into its doctrine and is already sharing them with combat training cen-

ters that prepare soldiers for deployment to Iraq, he explained.

Casey stressed that commanders will continue to investigate all allegations of detainee mistreatment and take appropriate action as required. "We in the Army are committed to treating all persons with dignity, respect and humanity," he said. "All our Soldiers recognize that they have a moral and legal obligation to provide humane treatment to the personnel in our custody. We expect no less."

Johnson to coach marksmen at Olympics

Carson WCAP Soldier named rifle coach for Team USA at Games



Courtesy photo

Army Reserves Maj. David Johnson, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, coaches Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Leone. Johnson will coach Team USA's rifle marksmen in the Olympic Games this summer at Athens, Greece.

by **Tim Hipps**

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Army Reserves Maj. David Johnson, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, will be the rifle coach for Team USA in the Olympic Games at Athens, Greece, this summer.

Johnson, 40, a native of Mount Holly, N.J., has been a member of the U.S. National Rifle Team for 15 years. He competed in the 1992 Olympic Games at Barcelona, Spain, where he placed 11th and 21st in air rifle and three-position shooting respectively.

Johnson began shooting in 1972 at the Langley Junior Rifle Club in Virginia. A 1982 graduate of Hampton High School, he holds a bachelor's degree in finance from West Virginia University.

In 2000, after leaving active duty and joining the Army Reserves, he took the job as rifle coach at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and led the Nanooks to three individual and two team NCAA championships.

In June 2002, he returned to active duty and was assigned to WCAP and selected as rifle coach for the U.S. National Team.

"The World Class Athlete Program is important to me because I will be able to represent the USA in the Olympic Games as a coach," said Johnson, an infantry officer who joined the Army

in May 1986 and was attached to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga. "I joined the Army because my dad was in the military and I wanted to serve also."

In previous competitions, Johnson won a silver medal in air rifle at the 2000 National Championships. One year earlier, he took second place in prone competition at nationals.

In the 1995 Hiroshima World Cup, Johnson placed third in the three-position event. He also won a silver medal in three-position in the 1995 Pan American Games at Mar de Plata, Argentina.

Johnson is the third WCAP coach to be selected for the 2004 Summer Games. Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah is head coach of the U.S. Olympic boxing team and Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis is one of three Greco-Roman coaches for wrestling.

Editor's note: *Tim Hipps is a member of U.S. Army Community Family Support Center Public Affairs.*

WCAP coaches

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The Peterson Air and Space Museum is housed in Colorado Springs' first airport terminal building, built in 1937.

Peterson Air and Space Museum

Army history shown in museum



A B-17 replica has been added to the World War II exhibit in the Peterson museum. See related story on Page 17.

Story and photos by Nel Lampe Mountaineer staff

Although a small town at the time, Colorado Springs began its continuing relationship with the military in 1942. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor - Dec. 7, 1941, a military presence appeared on the local landscape.

Construction on an Army installation began south of town off Highway 115 in January 1942. It was named Camp Carson. In May 1942, another U.S. Army installation was established on the east side of town, on the site of the Colorado Springs Airport. This facility would be

used to train Army aviators and was known as Colorado Springs Army Air Base.

A third installation was established in Colorado Springs in 1943, near the corner of Boulder and Union, space presently occupied by the

Olympic Training Center.

Home to the 2nd Air Force during World War II, it was named Ent, honoring Gen. Uzal G. Ent, who had commanded the 2nd AF.

During the 1960s, Ent Air Force Base served as home to the North American Air Defense

Command until the underground facility in Cheyenne Mountain was finished in 1966.

The base at the airport was officially named Peterson Army Air Base in December 1942 in honor of Lt. Edward J. Peterson of Denver, who lost his life because of an aircraft accident at the base in August of that year. Peterson was a P-38E Lightning pilot. The P-38E was called an F-4 when it was configured for photo reconnaissance.

In addition to photo-reconnaissance, the base was used for combat crew training for the B-24 Liberator in 1943 and in 1944 trained P-40 Warhawk pilots.

The Army Air Base was closed after the end of World War II, but became active again in the early '50s when an air defense mission came to Colorado Springs and was headquartered at Ent. As Ent had no runways, Peterson was



A P-40 "Flying Tiger" aircraft is displayed across the street from the Peterson museum, at the corner of Peterson and Ent streets.

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Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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Air museum

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used for flying missions. Over the years Peterson has had various aircraft assigned and assumed space warning and surveillance missions.

Both Ent and Peterson became Air Force bases when the Air Force was created in 1947.

As the Air Force prepared to close Ent Air Force Base in the mid 1970s, build-up at Peterson began. Brick buildings replaced World War II wooden buildings. Most evidence of Peterson's World War II Army days is gone — just a few buildings, warehouses, the flight line and hangars are still there.

But the original passenger terminal building, completed in 1941, which served as the Army's first headquarters, remains. The nearby quonset-type hangars, and a caretaker's house were the only buildings on the airport in 1941. These buildings are now part of the eight-acre historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. The Peterson Air and Space Museum is housed in the that district.

The base has served support functions for NORAD, U.S. Space Command and Air Force Space Command. The U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command U.S. Northern Command are also headquartered on the base as well as an Air Force Reserve wing equipped with C-130 aircraft.

The old terminal building houses exhibits about the airport's early history and World War II use.

Alexander Aircraft Factory, one of the largest manufacturers of airplanes in its time, manufactured airplanes in Colorado Springs from 1926 until 1942. Some displays are about the Alexander aircraft. Many of the planes flew from the city airport.

The Broadmoor Hotel built a hangar at the airport in 1930 for use of its guests who arrived in private planes.

Also housed in the terminal building are

World War II-era exhibits, such as photographs depicting the base's World War II photo-reconnaissance mission, construction phase and aerial photographs. Some of Peterson's uniforms, pilot log and other personal mementos are in the exhibit.

One exhibit includes World War II souvenirs and Prisoner of War artifacts.

A recent acquisition to the World War II display is a radio-controlled model of a B-17, built and donated by a crew member of a B-17, "The Tar Fly," which made its last flight in September 1943. A video telling about that aircraft and its last flight, and the incarceration of the survivors can be seen in the theater.

Artifacts from space and defense missions are housed in the former city hangar, along with original consoles used at NORAD.

There's an extensive Canadian Air Force exhibit, honoring the Canadian participation in NORAD.

A P-47 is being restored in the hangar, where it will be displayed.

Army Air Defense Command artifacts are also displayed in the museum, such as the command flag and squadron emblem. Army missiles, the Hawk, Nike Hercules and Nike Ajax are on the museum grounds.

A Hawk missile launcher, from China Lake, Calif., has recently been acquired by the museum. Museum personnel are seeking help from anyone who might be familiar with a Hawk launcher to assist and advise in its restoration.

An Army Air Force P-40 "Flying Tiger" is mounted across the street from the museum.

Sixteen aircraft are in the museum's airpark, including an F-94-C, a T-33, an F-106A, an EC-121T, an F-4C, an F-89J, an F-15A, a F-101B and a Canadian CF-100.

A 37-seat theater in the museum accommodates visitors who wish to watch a video screening. Several video tapes are available on historic military subjects.

A small gift shop is in the



An F-94 aircraft is one of 16 aircraft displayed in the air park behind the museum. Four Army missiles are also displayed.



An Army Hawk launcher was recently acquired by the Peterson museum.

museum. Souvenir coffee cups, patches pins and caps are sold.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and entrance is free.

A traveling special exhibit will be in the museum hangar through June 5. "A Day in the Life of the United States Armed Forces," features pictures from the book with the same title. There is no charge to see this exhibit, which will observe the museum's hours.

Peterson Air Force Base entry requires a Department of Defense decal on automobiles or visitors must to stop at the visitor center at the front gate, reached off East Platte Avenue (East Highway 24) and Peterson Road. Visitors without a DOD decal must obtain a visitor pass to visit the museum. A temporary visitor pass requires proof of insurance, vehicle registration and a driver's license.

Peterson Air Force Base is located on the eastern edge of Colorado Springs, several miles east of Academy Boulevard, off Highway 24 at Peterson Road. Visitors with DOD stickers also may enter at the west gate near Airport and Powers.

For museum information, call 556-4915.



Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, curator of the Peterson Air and Space Museum, demonstrates an exhibit which shows how an Air Force Space Command unit provides missile warning information to Soldiers on the battlefield.



Retired Army Lt. Col. William Sheaves Jr. points out details on a World War II flight uniform, similar to one he wore on B-17 missions.

Just the Facts

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

Get Out!

Theater

"Miss Saigon" is the next show in the Broadway series in the Pikes Peak Center, Thursday through May 16. Tickets start at \$34, call 520-SHOW.

Money Museum

The first U.S. silver dollar ever made, struck in 1794, is presently displayed at The Money Museum, 818 N. Cascade Ave. The museum is free.

Hummingbirds

Starsmore Discovery Center hosts its annual **"Hummingbird Fest"** Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A family activity, visitors will learn all about hummingbirds and children will make a hummingbird feeder to take home. There'll be bird walks, music and food vendors. Starsmore is at the entrance to North Cheyenne Cañon Park; call 578-6146 for information.

Armed Forces Day concert

The Air Force Academy Band presents its annual **Armed Forces Day Concert** Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., at the Air Force Academy's Arnold Theater. Tickets are free but required, and are available at Ticketmaster outlets.

Concerts

"Songs of Nature," performed by the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale, the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony and the Moms and Company Choir is Sunday at 3 p.m.

at the Pikes Peak Center. Tickets begin at \$10; call 520-7469.

Colorado Springs Philharmonic performs works by Mozart and Schubert, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada. Tickets are \$20, call 520-7469.

Mothers' Day at JoyRides

JoyRides Family Fun Center honors mothers on Mother's Day. Any mother accompanied by her family gets in free. The three-hour all access wristband for family members costs \$15 for ages 11 and below and \$18 for 12 and older. JoyRides is off East Platte Avenue at 5150 Edison Ave.

Magic show

Stars of Magic is May 14, 7 p.m. at Peterson Air Force Base auditorium. Tickets are on sale for \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 3 to 12; call 554-3522 or 554-3178.

Free rides for military

JoyRides Family Fun Center hosts Armed Forces Weekend Monday through May 16. All military with ID get a free all-day wristband. Family members of military get a 50 percent discount on all-day wristbands. JoyRides is at 5150 Edison Ave., east of Academy Boulevard off Platte Avenue.

Mother Earth celebration

Mothering Mother Earth Fair is in the Pioneers Museum Park, at the corner of Nevada and Vermijo Avenues in downtown Colorado Springs. The free event kicks off with an all species parade, speakers, music and demonstra-

tions, as well as children's crafts and refreshments, from 1 to 4 p.m..

Armed Forces Day Celebration

The **Rotary Club** is sponsoring **"Join-R-Forces Day,"** May 15 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Memorial Park in Colorado Springs. The event honors military members and their families and is open to the public. There is live entertainment, military displays, food vendors and more. The celebration is on the west side of Memorial Park, off Hancock and Pikes Peak avenues.

Concert

The **Colorado Springs Philharmonic** presents a pops concert featuring the **"Sons of the San Joaquin,"** 8 p.m. May 21, at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Tickets start at \$12; call 520-SHOW.

Musicals

"Hot Mikado," a revised version of the **Gilbert and Sullivan "Mikado,"** is the Repertory Theater's production in the Fine Arts Center theater, 30 W. Dale St., Fridays and Saturdays through May 30 at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$23 in advance or \$25 at the door; call 634-5583.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," is at 7 p.m. May 27 to 30, at the Air Force Academy's Arnold Hall. Tickets are \$15, call 333-4497. It's a student production.

Denver concerts

Tim McGraw performs at the Coors amphitheatre at in Denver July 14, tickets start at \$31.75. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Prince has added another show Aug 28, 8 p.m. at the Pepsi Center in Denver; call 520-9090.



Photo courtesy Fine Arts Center

Musical ...

“Hot Mikado” is a revised version of the Gilbert and Sullivan “Mikado.” The revised version is adapted and arranged by Rob Bowman, with book and lyrics by David H. Bell, and is performed by the Fine Arts Center Repertory Theatre. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through May 20. Call the box office, 634-5583 for \$23 tickets. Tickets at the door are \$25. The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center theater is at 30 W. Dale Street.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to May 14.

Army Newswatch: stories on the Stryker platoon, new medals and homecomings (repeat). Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on the Marine Corps Exposition, the Sea Shadow and sea rescues (repeat). Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: stories on an anti-terrorism course, the Marine war-fighting laboratory and shipboard fire fighting gear. Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

The Mountain Post Community Town Meeting, held monthly, airts at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Information on West Nile Virus at

7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts COLA, 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 Training Support Team at 526-5111.

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit an e-mail to the above address, send a clean, type-written 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.

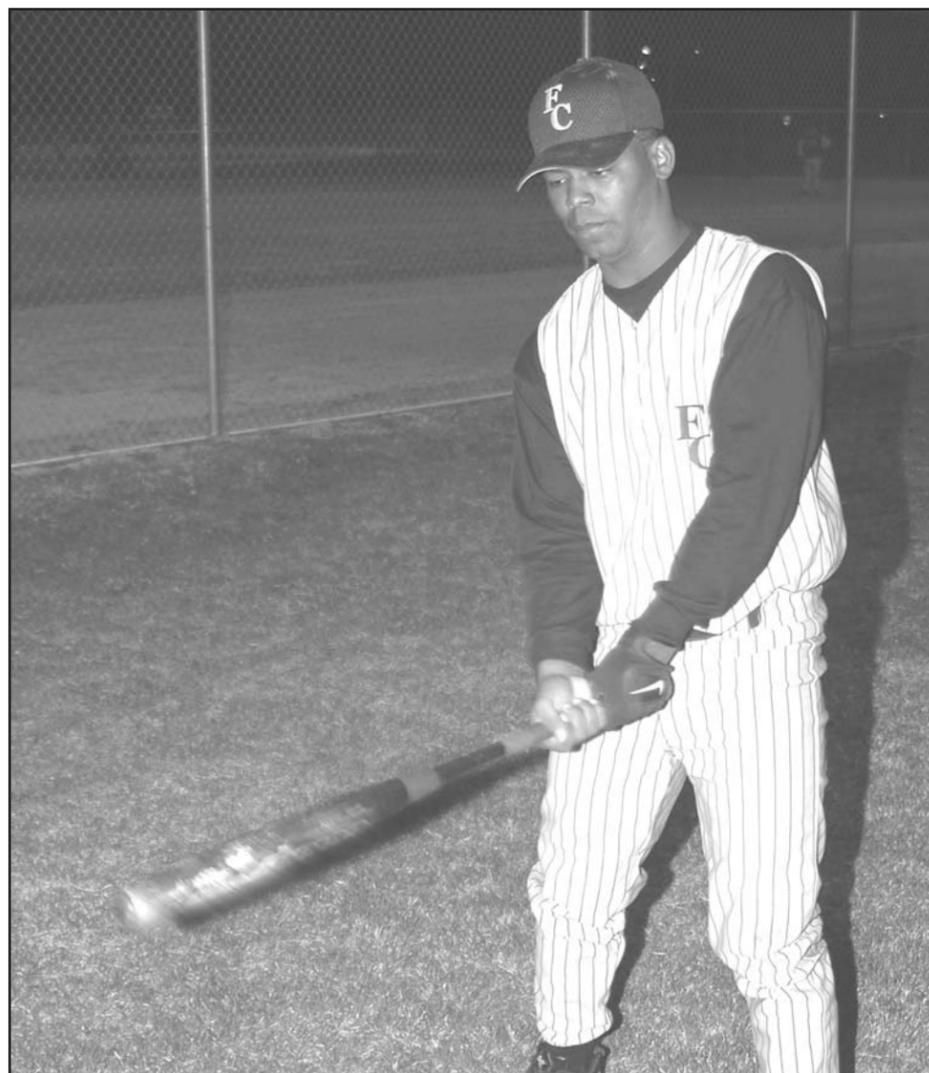
Sports & Leisure

Varsity Softball

Aces make grand showing at tournament



Aces third baseman Anthony Moore, with glove, tries to tag out a sliding opponent unsuccessfully during tournament action Sunday,



Photos by Walt Johnson

Aces outfielder Nate Simmons, who was selected to the all-tournament team, warms up prior to a tournament game Saturday night.

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

The Fort Carson Aces, the post varsity men's softball team, faced a major challenge Saturday and Sunday at the Skyview Sports Complex in Colorado Springs.

The Premier Players Series Triple Crown tournament promised to be a clear sign of how good, or how much work, the team needed to improve for the upcoming season.

The Aces began the tournament with a victory and the hopes for the team to play in the championship round were high. The Aces combined good defense and timely hitting to earn its victory and moved on to game two of the tournament confident of what it could achieve.

As good as the team hit in the first game it was inversely as bad in the second as the Aces bats turned ice cold and it couldn't buy a hit at the right time. In the end, the Aces lost the second game of the tournament and now the thought of playing in the championship round appeared to be a mighty hill to climb.

Faced with the prospect of having to win a number of games to put itself in position to achieve the team's goal — play for a championship in each tournament — the team had two ways to go, give up or give it the best effort available.

"Our goal before each tournament is to get to the final three teams left and take our chances," Aces coach

Bryan Rushing said Saturday night. "We have to win some ball games to get to where we want to be and I believe my guys have what it takes to get the job done."

The team showed it definitely had what it takes to get the job done. Faced with bone-chilling weather Saturday night and having to win two games to get a chance to play in the Sunday fun, the Aces did just that, earning a berth in the Sunday morning round of the tournament and getting within one win of the third place game. Sunday morning began early for the Aces. The team had to be at the ball field at 7 a.m. to prepare for an 8 a.m. game. After Saturday's grueling schedule and the early wake up call on Sunday, it would have been understandable if the team came with less than its best game.

The Aces would have none of that. The team brought its hitting shoes to the 8 a.m. game and won to earn a trip to the third place game and looked poised to play for the championship.

As the team was winning Sunday morning team member Eddie Byrd made a good point as the team was racing toward victory.

"We're able to win these games because of the conditioning we have thanks to our physical conditioning program."

The talents of the team's players was enough to get the team to the third place game, but it finally ran out of gas, losing the game and falling one win short of playing for a title.



Aces player Dion Hice, 15, hustles into second base but the throw beat him during action Sunday in Colorado Springs.

On the Bench

Lady Mountaineers open with tough loss

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

For all the Soldiers that are or have returned from overseas duty, thank you for what you did, what you do and what you continue to do for your country.

The Fort Carson Lady Mountaineers opened its season with a tough assignment in Saturday's U.S. Slow Pitch Softball Association tournament in Colorado Springs.

The Lady Mountaineers first matchup came against one of the best teams in Colorado Springs the past five years, the Twisters, and the opponents used its advantage to beat the Lady Mountaineers 24-3.

The Lady Mountaineers opponents have played as a collective unit for the past five years and it showed in its approach to the game and the way they played off each other's known strengths. This was in contrast to the Lady Mountaineers, who are still going through the growing pains of getting to know each other as players.

The first round loss knocked the

Lady Mountaineers into the losers' bracket where the team met Mystique. The second game was a much better showing than the first as the Lady Mountaineers played well for six and a half innings, taking a 7-4 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning.

Then some timely hits by the Mystique team allowed it to rally past the Lady Mountaineers and give the team its second defeat of the tournament 8-7.

"We played much better in the second game obviously than we did the first game. I think the first game was a case of running into a team that has played together for some time and our having some nervous energy that took us some time to settle down and understand. What we learned from this tournament is we can be a good team if we want to work for it," Lady Mountaineers' coach Cathy Satow said.

Both the volleyball and soccer seasons are winding down on post.

The post volleyball championship will be decided Wednesday at the

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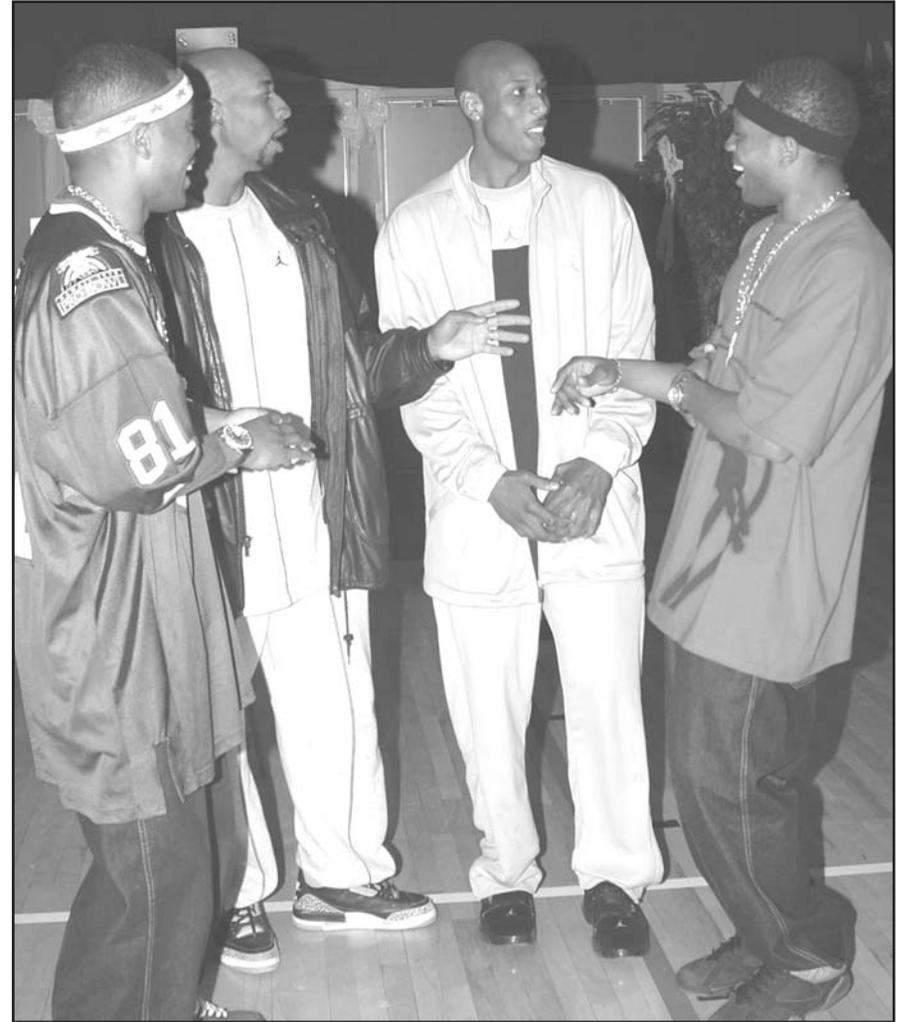


Photo by Walt Johnson

Brother, Brother ...

Former Harlem Globetrotter Roy Byrd, second from right, and his brother Anthony Byrd, second from left, talk basketball with Fort Carson all-star players and twin brothers Jatavius Jackson, left, and Jamil Jackson at the Special Events Center April 30.



Photo by Walt Johnson

Getting a foot into it ...

A member of the of the Purple Panthers, 5, prepares to drive the ball down the field as members of his team look to go on offense and the opponents, the Striking Jaguars, prepare to defend.

Bench

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Special Events Center at 6 p.m.

The post soccer championship will be decided May 20 at the Mountain Post Sports Complex fields at 6 p.m. according to Joe Lujan, assistant sports director.

There are going to be a couple of interesting events going on at the Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course on post.

Thursday the Fort Carson Officers Spouses' Club will host a golf classic honoring the "Returning Heroes."

"We decided to rename it 'Returning Heroes' in honor of the guys coming back from overseas duty. It's the annual tournament we put on as a fund-raiser for us and we want it to be a fun time for the Soldiers to get away from work and have a good time on the golf course," Judy McLeary, chairwoman of the golf tournament said.

The day will begin with an 8:30 a.m. check-in and a 10:00 a.m. shot gun (scramble format) start.

Prices for the event are as follows: Civilians \$60; O-3 through O-10, Warrant Officer 5 and Department of Defense

civilians, \$50; WO1 through Chief Warrant Officer 4 and E-5 through O-2, \$40, and E-1 through E-4, \$30. Included in the price is the registration and greens fees, Global Positioning Satellite enhanced cart, complimentary use driving range, goodie bag, complimentary greens fees pass for 18 holes to play at a future date and a bar-beque meal.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams in three flights and tournament champion prizes will be awarded to the top team.

The field is limited so get your entries in as soon as possible. Registration forms are available at the post golf course.

For more information on the tournament contact McLeary at 632-2574.

There will be a "Welcome Home to our Heroes" street dance May 15 in Fountain.

The event, which is free, is designed to honor the men and women of the military for the efforts in the past year in supporting the nation.

The dance will feature the live band Nuttin' Fancy and will take place at 116 Main Street in Fountain.

For more information, contact Debbie Nichols at 382-7718.

Mountaineer Event of the Week

All-Army team defeats Colorado Springs stars

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

The evening started off in a strange way and it only got more confusing for the All-Army basketball team Friday night at the post Special Events Center. The game between the All-Army tryout team and the Colorado Springs all-stars got underway 40 minutes late because of logistics problems getting the Colorado Springs all-stars on post. As Murphy's Law was taking place at the front gate few people realized that the strangest thing that would happen this evening was about to take place on the basketball court.

The All-Army team played the game with more peaks and valleys than the images on an electrocardiogram. The Army team raced out to a 19-8 lead on the Springs team to begin the game and it looked like the Army squad would cruise to an easy victory.

The Springs team seemed to get its legs under them at this point and outscored the Army team 12-1 to crawl within one point of the Army team at 21-20. The Army team responded to

the challenge of the Springs team by going on a 25-12 run to end the first half with a commanding 46-32 lead.

Again, it looked like the Army team was poised to run the visitors out of the Special Events Center as the team maintained a double digit lead for most of the second half. Suddenly, with about three minutes left in the game, things changed.

The Springs all-stars put together a run that got them within five points of the Army team at 109-104 and it looked like the momentum was swinging the all-stars way. The Army team again responded to the challenge by holding the Springs team to just two points for the rest of the game to win 115-106.

"I think you saw the guys had some nervous energy out there. This is the first time a team has ever scored 100 points on us but we will fine tune our defense. I think between now and the time we leave here in late May we have some work to do, and we'll get it done," all-Army coach Babe Kwasniak said.

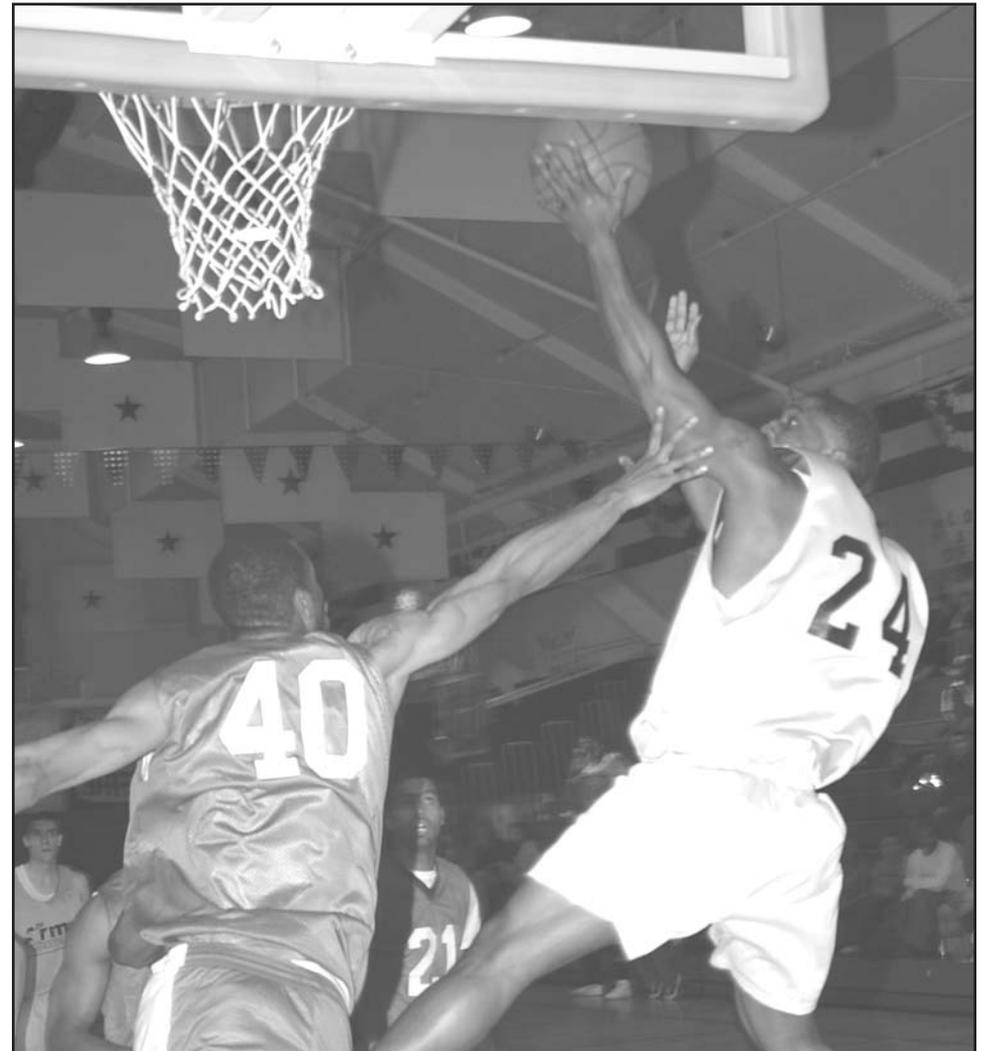


Photo by Walt Johnson

All-Army hopeful Anthony Calloway, 24, drives to the basket to score over the defensive efforts of Colorado Springs all-star player Kenny Walker, 40, during Friday's contest at the Special Events Center.