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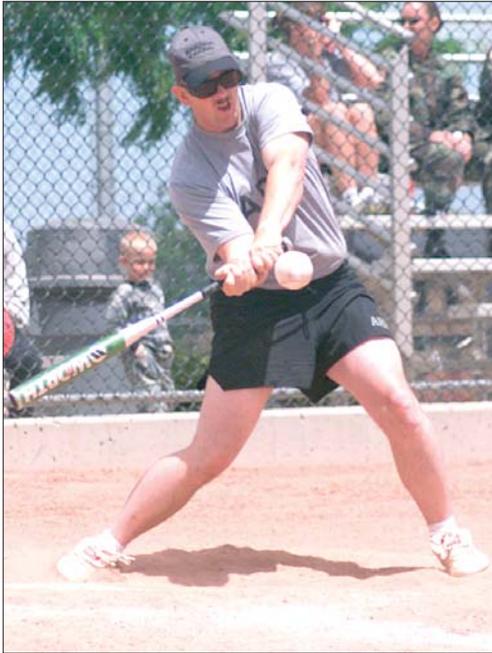


Photo by Sgt. Chris Smith

## Swing for the fences ...

A player for the 524th Signal Battalion swings at a pitch during a softball game between the 524th and Medical Department Activity at the Mountain Post Sports Complex Tuesday. The game was part of Kit Carson Week competition.

## Servicemembers' families will benefit from education bill

by Sgt. Jon Wiley  
Mountaineer staff

Gov. Bill Owens signed a bill into Colorado state law Thursday at the foot of the capitol building in Denver that will make it easier for servicemembers' family members to pursue a higher education in the state.

House Bill 04-1006 allows members of the armed forces to apply for in-state tuition classification for any of their family members, including spouses. It also allows family members of servicemembers who are transferred out of state to qualify for in-state tuition at Colorado's colleges and universities for up to a year after they move. After qualifying for in-state tuition once, their in-state status will not be changed as long as they are continuously enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.

"We want military families to know they can call Colorado home, even after they're transferred to another state," said Owens. "This means a lot to our military families.

Sen. Andy McElhany of Colorado Springs sponsored the bill. He said it "was a delight to carry the bill" and that it "is just the right thing to do for military families who have no control over where they are stationed."

Owens signed a second bill into law Thursday that authorizes up to \$650,000 in

tuition assistance for Colorado National Guard members. This is four times the appropriation in last fiscal year's budget.

"In Colorado's time of need, the Guard has always been there. Today, we are showing the Guard that Colorado is there for them," Owens said.

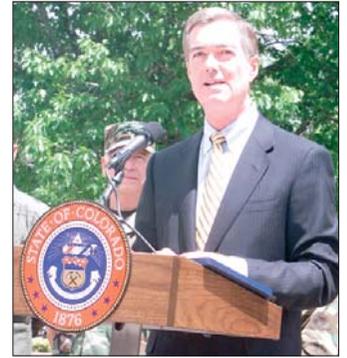


Photo by Sgt. Jon Wiley

Gov. Bill Owens speaks to a crowd prior to signing a new education bill that will benefit servicemembers' families.

## Deadline nears for retro desert re-up bonus

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — An estimated 5,000 Soldiers who re-enlisted in the theater of operations last year may be eligible for a sizable bonus, and officials said only 341 have applied so far.

Bonuses up to \$5,000 will be retroactively paid to Soldiers, between the ranks of specialist and staff sergeant, with 17 months to 10 years in service, who re-enlisted between March 18, 2003 through Sept. 18, 2003, while assigned or attached to units deployed in

Afghanistan, Kuwait or Iraq.

As of now, the Human Resources Command has received only 341 Soldier elections to take advantage of this retroactive bonus. Soldiers who believe they may be eligible should contact their career counselor for eligibility determination and assistance in obtaining the bonus, HRC officials said.

Soldiers have until June 30 to contact their career counselors and request the lump sum payment. The program will still be open through July, but career

counselors will have to submit all pertinent information to the Retention Management Division for review, states military personnel message 04-141.

If a Soldier received a bonus based on his military occupational specialty, he is not entitled to receive the lump sum of \$5,000 in addition to it. However, he is entitled to the bonus equaling the higher amount, the MILPER message stated.

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### Countdown to the Army Ball

8 days until Fort Carson's Army Birthday Ball June 12. For ticket information, call your unit point of contact.

Post Weather hotline:  
526-0096

# GC: Carson NCO wins regional IMA

During the week of May 17, two Mountain Post Soldiers traveled to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to represent Fort Carson in the Installation Management Agency, Northwest Region Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition.

Sgt. Larry Johnson, chaplain assistant at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, and Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger, staff writer for the *Mountaineer* newspaper, competed in various events ranging from M-16A2 rifle qualification to land navigation. Johnson was crowned Northwest Region IMA NCO of the Year and will go on to compete in the IMA NCO of the Year competition in July. These two Soldiers competed exceptionally well and have earned the praise of the Mountain Post team in their efforts. We are proud of them.

During the competition, the Soldiers were given an hour and a half to write an essay on a mystery topic. The topic was "How does IMA and my daily activities support the Global War on Terrorism?" and Johnson's essay stuck out as one that encapsulates the true meaning behind the IMA mission. He read it aloud at the awards ceremony at the end of the competition, but I'd also like to share his essay with the Fort Carson community.

**Col. Michael Resty Jr.**  
*Fort Carson garrison commander*  
**"How IMA and my daily activities support the Global War on**

**Terrorism" by Sgt. Larry S. Johnson, U.S. Army Garrison**

The Fort Carson Installation Ministry Team believes that there is one war fought in two theaters or fronts. The two theaters are the forward theater and the rear theater. Both theaters are very important. The forward theater is fought by units deployed to areas of contingency. The rear theater is fought by the Army Installation Management Agency, including myself along with my fellow Soldiers and civilians, and it supports the forward theater in important ways.

The nation was shaken and forced into war shortly after Sept. 11, 2001. Our way of life was attacked and we had to defend it. Suddenly, airports had very tight security. National Guard units were guarding airports along with airport security. Citizens were frightened and military installations which were formerly open posts became closed. This attack was similar to the "day of infamy," Dec. 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was attacked. But it was different because this war involved enemies not in just one, two or three nations, but in many nations around the world. This enemy is called terrorist and their method of warfare, terrorism, would not be tolerated. The U.S. Army was once again called to live up to the motto inscribed on its flag, "This We'll Defend," and defend our nation against all enemies, foreign and domestic. The Army has (defended) and continues to

defend in two theaters.

While units like the 3rd Infantry Division of Fort Stewart, Ga., 4th Infantry Division of Fort Hood, Texas, and 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment of Fort Carson were fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, the IMA fought at home stations, continuing to support the troops overseas. Although, it is not as glorious to some as actual combat overseas, it is just as important. The IMA motto, "Sustain, Support and Defend," is very descriptive of the fight it continually fights today.

IMA sustains by keeping buildings in operable conditions, so units can have an office and workplace that is up to standard when Soldiers redeploy home to prepare for their next call. Our civilian counterparts, working in organizations like the Directorate of Public Works, help to ensure that our Soldiers live in standard barracks upon their return.

Not only does IMA sustain, but it also supports. First of all, it supports by providing back fill for deployed that may need Soldiers in certain MOSs that are trained and ready to fight. IMA also supports the families of deployed Soldiers by providing facilities and funding to run services like Army Community Service or Family Readiness Groups to make sure the families are cared for properly. This is where I come in as a chaplain assistant to make sure families have the religious



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support they may need through counseling, sacramental rites, religious education, worship or in the unfortunate event of honoring the fallen through memorial ceremonies.

Lastly, IMA defends. It defends like every other Major Command in the Army ... being prepared to fight and win the nation's wars, defending the Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic. Unlike any other MACOM, IMA defends by creating an integrated fighting force of highly trained Soldiers and very skilled civilians working together for the common defense of freedom. This keeps our country safe, enables our citizens to rest in peace at night and makes our nation respected for its values and principles. Truly, we do now and will continue to "Sustain, Support and Defend."



## How can weight-control policies be better enforced?



**"Sergeants need to discipline guys who fall out of runs more."**

Spc. Robert Carrington  
1st Bn., 12 Inf., 3rd BCT



**"Individuals need to be held accountable and take more personal initiative."**

Staff Sgt. Elias Chavez  
HHT, 3rd Sqd., 3rd ACR



**"Maybe we should use the displacement method for measuring body fat."**

Sgt. Jessica Miller  
59th QM Co.



**"Leaders need to provide better education and nutritional direction."**

Spc. Sam Stolzoff  
66th MI, 3rd ACR

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# News

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## WWII veterans tell their stories for history

by Joe Burlas

### Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — While the pool of those who can give firsthand accounts of World War II experiences is rapidly dwindling, a Library of Congress program is ensuring not all those memories are lost.

More than 400 LoC Veterans History Project volunteer and permanent staff workers armed with tape recorders, digital cameras and laptops stormed the World War II Reunion on the Mall in Washington, D.C., May 28 to 31, collecting an estimated 3,000 veteran interviews to add to its archive.

“Time is slipping away from capturing those memories from our World War II veterans,” said Diane Kresh, LoC Public Service Collection director.

Of the 16 million men and women who served in uniform during World War II, less than 4 million are alive today, according to VA statistics. Those stats also indicate about 1,100 World War II veterans die each day.

John Shoffner, 85, of Denton, Md., was one of the veterans who attended the World War II Reunion and took the time to be interviewed by a project volunteer.

Joining the Army at 23 in April 1943, Shoffner served as a B-26 bomber flight engineer on 65 missions over Europe with the 3-23rd Bomb Group.

Shoffner showed off the Distinguished Flying Cross and a single tear rolled downed his left cheek as he talked of how he earned it just before the inva-

sion of Europe by the Allied Forces.

The top brass had been going over the plans for D-Day and somebody spoke up about two 16-inch artillery guns at the end of the Maginot defensive line that could range the invasion beaches in Normandy, France, Shoffner said. They drew straws to determine which bomber group would get the mission because it was considered a suicide mission due to all the anti-aircraft guns protecting the two big guns, he said.

“The mission was limited to 18 planes as they figured they could afford to lose no more than that,” Shoffner said. “We flew into France, broke into a single line, and one by one we dropped our 2,000-pound bombs. They sent another group to hit the target the next morning in case we missed. They flew over the guns with no flack because our bombs had also taken out the anti-air battalion — one of the guns was completely destroyed and the other was knocked over on its side.”

Shoffner recalled two close calls during the war. The first was a fighter who chased them after a bombing run over Paris.

“The B-26 technical manual says the fastest it can fly is 250 miles per hour but we often got 350 out of it because we had taken all the armor off it,” Shoffner said. “We got chased by a German fighter over Paris and the pilot opened the throttle all the way. After we pulled away, the pilot called back and said, ‘Hey guys, we just hit 450 miles per hour.’”

The second close call came on D-Day with a hairy takeoff. Planes normally took off 20 seconds apart, alternating between two parallel airstrips. That meant that a plane was usually rolling down the strip before the plane in front of it was off the ground.

On June 6, 1944, Shoffner’s plane was the second in line. The plane in front had an engine failure and rolled to a stop 100 feet short of the end of the strip as Shoffner’s B-26 came accelerating behind it. “We barely got it in the air and cleared the stalled plane,” Shoffner said.

While the focus of project workers was to get World War II veteran stories during the reunion, they did not turn away veterans of other wars, Kresh said. Anybody who has served in uniform during any era is asked to submit stories about serving, she said.

“The project is about making history real — taking it beyond just dates and places listed in a history book,” Kresh said. “We’re trying to make history real and alive. It’s also about honoring those who have served this nation.”

The veteran stories collected during the Memorial Day weekend will likely take three to four months to be posted in the online archive due to a formal vetting process and the volume of stories collected, said Anneliesa Clump-Behrend, a public affairs specialist with the project.

To view the Library of Congress Veterans History Project online archive or to submit a veteran’s story, visit [www.loc.gov/folklife/vets](http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets).

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# CENTCOM reports Tillman likely killed by friendly fire

## American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — Friendly fire probably killed former National Football League star Cpl. Pat Tillman in Afghanistan April 22, U.S. Central Command officials announced in a news release.

The release said that while an investigation made no specific finding of fault, the results indicate Tillman died “as a probable result of friendly fire while his unit was engaged in combat with enemy forces.”

Tillman’s unit was ambushed by 10 to 12 enemy fighters with small arms and mortar fire, resulting in an intense firefight lasting about 20 minutes. The CENTCOM release said the incident took place on “very severe and constricted terrain with impaired light conditions.” Following initial contact, the release continued, Tillman left his vehicle and moved into position to suppress enemy fire.

“There is an inherent degree of confusion in

any firefight,” the release said, “particularly when a unit is ambushed, and especially under difficult light and terrain conditions which produces an environment that increases the likelihood of fratricide.”

In the release, CENTCOM officials expressed regret and emphasized that the circumstances of Tillman’s death do not diminish the value of his service and sacrifice. “Corporal Tillman was shot and killed while responding to enemy fire without regard for his own safety,” the news release said. “He focused his efforts on the elimination of enemy forces and the protection of his team members.”

Tillman, 27, was deployed with the 75th Ranger Regiment from Fort Benning, Ga. Inspired by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, he left a \$3.6 million contract with the Arizona Cardinals on the table to enlist in the Army and become a Ranger.

## Bonus

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The action to get Soldiers retroactively paid was the result of a junior Soldier from the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., making a poignant comment to Les Brownlee, the acting secretary of the Army.

Last year the Army had money and was looking to boost retention, said Ron Canada, chief of the HRC Retention Management Division.

So it announced that it would give a special bonus up to \$5,000 to Soldiers who re-enlisted Sept. 19 through Sept. 30.

While visiting the Central Command area of operation, Brownlee heard from a junior Soldier who re-enlisted prior to the bonus being offered. He told Brownlee that he would have

appreciated getting a bonus for re-enlisting too. Brownlee later went to Congress and received \$25 million to retroactively pay those Soldiers who are eligible under the newly expanded dates, Canada said.

In Brownlee’s testimony before the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, he said the Army is an all-volunteer force doing tremendous work, and recruiting and retention are of great interest to senior leadership.

“We will continue to rely on a robust Selective Re-enlistment Bonus Program to enable achievement of our retention program. Developing ways to retain Soldiers directly engaged in the ongoing war on terror is critical,” Brownlee said.

*Editor’s note: Update based on HRC Public Affairs and an original article posted April 18 by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs.*

# Military

## TMC 9 named for fallen hero

by Pfc. Clint Stein  
Mountaineer staff

A dedication ceremony was held at the Troop Medical Clinic 9 to honor Sgt. Michael Diraimondo, 571st Medical Co, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, who died after the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter he was a crewmember of was shot down in Iraq during an evacuation mission.

Family, friends and members of the 3rd ACR were present during the ribbon-cutting ceremony to name the newly renovated TMC 9 after Diraimondo.

He loved being in the 3rd ACR and a medic, said his father, Tony Diraimondo.

"This is a tremendous honor to have his name live on." He always had a love and passion to help people, he added.

Although Diraimondo recently attained the rank of specialist and was not yet fully trained to be a flight medic, he had the desire to accomplish his goals. Diraimondo asked his platoon

sergeant several times if he could be a flight medic but was always refused. Finally, after going above his chain of command, Diraimondo got his wish when his commander, Maj. William LaChance, liked his enthusiasm.

"We put him through the most critical test," said LaChance, "He was more than up to the task."

Within months Diraimondo was putting his skills to the test when a Shamrock Huey helicopter crashed in Iraq. During this time, Diraimondo ignored hostile threat while treating 13 of 37 crew members of the Shamrock, said LaChance. After returning safely to a secured location, Diraimondo volunteered to go back to help his fellow comrades, said La Chance.

"It's moments in time like these that define Soldier-medics," LaChance said.

As Diraimondo's father got up to speak to his son's friends and fellow Brave Rifles, he reminded them that Diraimondo is not the only hero in the 3rd ACR or the Army. This dedication is



Photo by Pfc. Clint Stein

**Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general, far left, helps hold the ribbon as Danielle Diraimondo cuts the ribbon for the May 25 naming of TMC 9 after her brother, Sgt. Michael DiRaimondo, who was killed in Iraq.**

a tribute to the other 44 Soldiers who didn't come back, he said. "He is no less or more a hero than they are," said the proud father.

"To all of the thousands of Soldiers who are still in Iraq and serving their country, America depends on you", he said. "You are America's heroes."

# Military Briefs

## Misc.

**Enlistment bonus** — If you were deployed in Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan, you may be entitled to a lump sum reenlistment bonus of \$5,000. Effective April 13, the Army announced a retroactive bonus to qualified Soldiers that reenlisted from March 18, 2003 to Sept. 18, 2003.

Also effective May 18, the Army announced a new listing of Selective Reenlistment Bonus and Targeted SRB Program. Under this new message, qualified Soldiers may be eligible for a lump sum bonus of up to \$10,000.

To see if you were qualified, please see your local Career Counselor:

3rd ACR — 526-3417

3rd BCT — 526-4549

43rd ASG — 526-9366

Division Troops — 526-3983.

### Officer Candidate School Board

— There will be an Officer Candidate School board Aug. 5 and 6. All participants must report in Class A's. All packets must be turned in to the 478th Personnel Support Battalion, building 1118, Room 208, no later than July 27. For more information, call Spc. Samantha Lamping at 526-1906.

**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 Sunday to Thursday 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



**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. For information, call 524-BOSS.

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 non-commissioned 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/adjutantgeneral> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

**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 Roepe at 524-1461.

## 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 depart-

ing 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 end of time in servicing?** 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 Newcomers' Brief** is the third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

## Hours of operation

**Education Center hours of operation** — The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services are as follows:

### Counselor Support Center

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Army Learning Center and Basic Skill Classes** — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

**Defense Activity for Non-Tradition Education Support and Advanced Personnel Testing** — Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**eArmyU Testing** — Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

**eArmyU Office** — Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Military Occupational Specialty Library** — Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 to 4:30 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 526-1322.

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

# Dining Schedule

## 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.

## June 4 to 11

## Exceptions

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



## 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)

# Portion of Highway 115 honors veterans

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

Vietnam veterans, state officials, Col. Michael Resty, garrison commander, and a plethora of other guests took part in the renaming of a portion of Highway 115 to the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway" in a ceremony May 27 at the Fort Carson Main Gate.

The renaming was part of House Joint Resolution 03-1043, "Naming a portion of State Highway 115 as the 'Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway'" sponsored by Colorado State Representative Mark Cloer who was in attendance at the ceremony.

The ceremony began with remarks by retired Col. Jerry Allgood who was master of ceremony for the events. The opening remarks were followed by the invocation by retired Chaplain John C. Sargent.

After the invocation, the attendees recited the pledge of allegiance and then observed a moment of silence while retired Master Sgt. Bill Boyt played taps in memory of those who died in the service of the country.

The ceremony had two guest speakers. The first speaker was Army retired Sgt. Peter Lemon, machine gunner, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division and Medal of Honor recipient.

"It makes me feel proud that

Colorado acknowledged the service of the folks that fought in Vietnam, especially those that lost their lives," said Lemon. "I think it speaks to the state of Colorado with regards to their pride and their patriotism in regards to all veterans and those that are still serving in the military."

Lemon was awarded the Medal of Honor in the Tay Ninh province, Republic of Vietnam, April 1, 1970.

"The Medal of Honor really acknowledges everybody that has ever served our country in the name of freedom," said Lemon. "Specifically in my case, Casey Waller, Nathan Mann and Brent Street, the three comrades that I lost in the battle for which I received the award."

The second guest speaker was Colorado State Representative Mark Cloer, sponsor of House Joint Resolution 03-1043 and son of a Vietnam veteran.

The speakers were followed by a symbolic ribbon-cutting ceremony before the crowd drove on Highway 115 for the unveiling of one of the new signs. Participating in the ribbon cutting were Lemon, Allgood, Cloer, retired Master Sgt. Paul A. Stevens, retired Master Sgt. Nathaniel R. Gasset and State Senator Andy McElhany.

Leading the procession to the sign unveiling were the American Legion Riders District 7 and the Pikes Peak



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

**From left, Colorado State Representative Mark Cloer, retired Master Sgt. Nathaniel R. Gasset, State Senator Andy McElhany, retired Master Sgt. Paul A. Stevens and retired Sgt. Peter Lemon cut the ceremonial ribbon for the renaming of Highway 115, which was renamed Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway in a ceremony at Gate 1 May 27.**

Harley-Davidson Chapter 405 and escorted by the El Paso County Sheriff's traffic unit. The unveiling of a second sign farther north was held later in the day.

The signs were constructed and installed by John Cordova and his department at the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Many local Vietnam veterans attended the ceremony, showing their pride at

this gesture by the state of Colorado.

"I feel tremendously proud," said retired Air Force Sgt. Jose Torres, who served in Vietnam from March 1968 to March of 1969 doing airborne reconnaissance. "I think it was one of those things ... that was long overdue. I think we don't recognize the Vietnam vet as much as we should. I'm really honored. I'm glad to be here among the rest of these fellows."

# General begins, ends career at Carson

by Merrie Schilter-Lowe

U.S. Northern Command Public  
Affairs Office

It was a fitting end to his active-duty career. Army Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III and his wife Ann, began life as a military couple at Fort Carson nearly 38 years ago. The couple returned to Fort Carson May 27 for the general's retirement ceremony.

Anderson was deputy commander at U.S. Northern Command and vice commander of U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command at Peterson Air Force Base. He served a total of 43 years in the military, 39 of them as an officer.

Flanked by nearly 300 guests, dignitaries, friends and family members, Anderson and his wife listened as Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army vice chief of staff, thanked them for selfless service to the Army and nation.

Casey, who officiated the ceremony, called the Andersons people of "character, integrity and dignity." He said no one measured up to those traits to the same level as the Andersons.

Casey also thanked the general for his leadership from the platoon to major command level.

"The value of his unique ability to lead organizations through change can-

not be overstated," said Casey. "Such ability can only be accomplished by creative, adaptive leaders who possess a tremendous degree of vision and courage — leaders like Gen. Ed Anderson," Casey said.

The general's parents traveled from Albuquerque, N.M. to watch their son receive honors. Retired Army Col. Ed Anderson Jr., said it was one of the most momentous occasions in their lives; even more so than the day their son graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1966.

"At West Point he was just in the ranks. Today he's out in front," said the colonel.

After presenting flowers to his wife, mother, sister and three of his granddaughters, Anderson thanked his many friends — several of whom he met while a cadet at West Point — for attending his retirement ceremony. He recalled events from his childhood and early days in the military then paid tribute to the Fort Carson Soldiers, especially those recently returned from Iraq.

Anderson said that in light of the current controversy surrounding the Army because of Iraqi prisoner abuses, the news media has failed to recognize "the great job and tremendous sacrifices of our forces around the world." He told



Photo courtesy Merrie Schilter-Lowe

**Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III, right, deputy commander at U.S. Northern Command and vice commander of U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command at Peterson Air Force Base, delivers a salute at the end of his retirement ceremony.**

the Fort Carson Soldiers, "You make all of us in and out of uniform very proud."

Anderson also took the opportunity to urge Americans not to forget the events of Sept. 11, 2001. "Our enemy is patiently waiting for us to let down our guard," he said. Americans "must not become complacent." Anderson also said the nation must dedicate the resources necessary to win the war on terrorism the same way it won the Cold

War.

Although he is taking off the uniform and hanging up his beret, the general said he could look at today's military and say with assurance that the services are "in good hands with our leaders."

The Andersons have not finalized their post-retirement plans, but the general said he would like to continue to work in the area of homeland defense.

# Community

## Housing now permits air conditioners

### Units must be professionally installed on post

by Pfc. Clint Stein  
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson U.S. Army Garrison, Family Housing and the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management have made a change to the energy policy that will allow Mountain Post residents to have window air-conditioning units installed in their homes under certain conditions.

After an annual postwide survey by Family Housing, it was discovered there was an increase in requests for air-conditioning units during the summer months. Fort Carson command and Family Housing addressed Soldiers' concerns and quality of life.

Although a maximum of two air-conditioning units is authorized for each housing unit, DECAM recommends natural ventilation as the primary means for cooling. Before this new program, residents needed medical approval to have an air conditioner.

Before post residents buy an air conditioner, they should contact the Family Housing Office first, said Dean Quaranta, Program Analyst at Fort Carson Housing. The air conditioner has to be approved by the Fort Carson Housing Office before installation.

Once the request is approved, tenants will be able to purchase their own window unit if it meets the specifications set forth by Fort Carson Housing Office, said

Quaranta. Window air-conditioning units must have an energy efficiency ratio of 9.5 or higher and may not exceed 15,000 BTUs, Quaranta said.

"That's why it's important they call the housing office before they purchase an (air conditioner), they may buy the wrong product."

Although residents are allowed to buy an air conditioner of their choice, it must be installed and removed by a Fort Carson Family Housing approved contractor.

"It's in the Soldiers' best interest," said Quaranta, "if they wreck the house they'll have to pay for it, or if one falls from a second floor window someone could get hurt."

There is an estimated \$100 charge for the installation and another \$100 for removal of an air conditioner that the tenants will be responsible for paying, in addition to the cost of the air-conditioning unit. The installation and removal fee may decrease as more contractors are hired to install air conditioners.

After a window air conditioner has been properly installed, it must be operated within the guidelines of the Fort Carson Housing Office.

Air conditioners may be operated from from June 1 to Oct. 1 only if the outside temperature is above 78 degrees Fahrenheit, but set no lower than 78 degrees cooling temperature. Requests for the use of air conditioners must be submitted to the Fort Carson Family Housing Office in the Colorado Inn.

Tenants can contact the Fort Carson Family Housing Office at 226-2268 to get more information about this new program and to get a list of approved installation contractors.

## DECAM's energy-saving tips

The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management encourages these easy energy saving measures:

- Turn off all lighting, incandescent and fluorescent, upon leaving a room regardless of duration of how long the room is unoccupied. Do not use lights when adequate outside light is available.
- Turn off personal computers when not needed for five minutes or more and the complete system when not needed for one hour.
- Additional electrical savings can be realized by lighting only those rooms that are occupied.
- Deflect daytime sun with vertical louvers or awnings on windows, or draw draperies and shades in sunny windows. Keep windows and outside doors closed during the hottest hours of the day, open windows in morning or on shady side of the building

for natural cooling.

- Keep the lights low or off if day lighting is adequate. Electric lights generate heat and add to the load on the air-conditioning equipment.
- When purchasing energy consuming appliances, attempt to buy items bearing the Energy Star label, as they are the most energy efficient.
- On cooler days and during cooler hours, open windows, doors and bay doors instead of using air-conditioners. Use fans or evaporative coolers.
- Dress for higher temperatures. Casual clothes of lightweight fabrics are comfortable and are acceptable almost everywhere during the summer.

For additional energy conservation information, visit the DECAM Web site at [www.carson.army.mil/Decam/Homepage.html](http://www.carson.army.mil/Decam/Homepage.html) or call 526-1739 or 526-4666.

## Shoplifting problematic on Fort Carson



Photo by Sgt. Chris Smith

Hiding merchandise in your clothing to commit shoplifting is a crime that can carry stiff penalties.

by Sgt. Chris Smith  
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson has a habitual problem with shoplifting in its Army Air Force Exchange Service facilities.

The old five-finger discount isn't just connected with youth on post but with Soldiers and spouses as well, according to Terri Tupai AAFES security manager.

The problem is not limited only to the post exchange, but it takes place at other facilities on post as well. The shoppettes are frequent victims of thievery.

One way consumers can help with the problem is letting management know if they've seen something.

"People don't get the seriousness of it ... theft is a crime," said Tupai. "I understand the kid's not responsible, but the parents have to pay."

There is a flat \$200 penalty for shoplifters even if it's only a 50-cent piece of candy. The other legal penalties vary depending on the thief. Active-duty Soldiers will be referred to their unit for punishment while family members receive a citation and are referred to Judge Advocate General where the penal-

ties range from a fine to jail time.

Other problems at AAFES facilities include check fraud, according to Tupai. She said customers regularly purposefully write bad checks.

A solution to the problem as Tupai sees it is to have stiffer penalties for shoplifting. She thinks it may help with juveniles giving into peer pressure.

Patrons unauthorized in AAFES facilities also cause problems. One person took more than \$2,000 worth of merchandise. He was caught, and as shoplifting is often a habitual problem, according to Tupai, most will eventually be caught.

"You might get away with it once or twice," said Tupai. "But it will catch up with you."

AAFES security takes an active approach to stop shoplifting. Exchange detectives often wear civilian clothes and act like regular shoppers, but they keep an eye out for suspicious shoppers in an effort to help control the problem.

With shoplifting being a continuous problem it is important for those in the Carson community to be aware that their actions or those of people they know can have negative effects. Shoplifting is costly, and eventually will be reflected in rising prices.

# Post wellness center offers trip for families

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

The Mountain Post Wellness Center and the Installation Chaplain's Office are sending 30 to 35 Soldiers to a Young Life retreat Aug. 8 to 14 with the help of a local organization called Impact Colorado Springs.

"There is an organization in town called Impact Colorado Springs," said Bridget S. Minihane, director, Mountain Post Wellness Center. "Their mission is to mobilize community resources in support of community needs."

Impact Colorado Springs contacted the Mountain Post Wellness Center with an idea to send 30 to 35 Soldiers and their families on a retreat, said Minihane.

Trail West is a lodge-style facility with adjacent condominiums that can accommodate up to approximately 30 families a week during the summer family camp program, according to the Trail West Web site. The guest rooms have two queen-size beds and a private bath with either balcony or patio. The five condominiums are located about 100 yards from the lodge, they sleep five to seven people and have a small kitchen, sitting area and wood-burning stove.

The main lodge includes a lobby and dining room, both with fireplaces, a large meeting room with sound and projection capabili-

ties, two small meeting rooms, a game room, a gift shop and a snack bar.

Trail West offers a number of recreational activities and facilities including horseback riding, pony rides, ropes course, swimming pool and hot tub, trout pond, tennis courts, basketball, sand volleyball, flying disc golf course, a playground, 4x4 Jeep tours and white water rafting.

Young Life is a Christian organization, but that is not a requirement to attend the retreat, said Minihane.

"You don't have to be a believer to attend," said Minihane. "There will be some Bible study and some sing-a-longs, however. There will be tons of other activities, though."

The purpose of the trip is to allow Soldiers to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and spend some quality time with their families.

"The overall purpose is to bring families together in a fun, healthy atmosphere and to restore health and well-being to individuals.

"There are no phones, no TVs-which horrifies some people at first, but when you get out to Buena Vista, Colorado, it's so beautiful and breathtaking that you forget about all that," said Minihane.

For a family of five, a trip like this

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Photo by Pfc. Clint Stein

## *A symbol of tribute ...*

The Defenders of Freedom sculpture created by Mike Garman was presented to 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general, Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, May 25 by Colorado Springs mayor Lionel Rivera on behalf of the state of Colorado. Replica sculptures will be on sale at the Army Ball June 12.

# Community Briefs

## Miscellaneous

**Roof repairs** — Chapman Roofing has begun roof repairs and replacements as needed on all homes that suffered wind damage. This will be ongoing for several weeks. We are unable to target specific dates for each home as the workload varies. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

**Camp and sports physicals** — Evans Army Community Hospital has set aside additional physical slots to meet the high demand. Call soon to get a time that works for you.

School physicals are not a requirement for entry into any local school.

Immunizations will need to be updated for children entering kindergarten and children 11 to 12 years of age.

Peds Immunization Clinic Hours: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Closed after 11:30 a.m. the second Thursday of the month.

- Immunizations are done on a walk-in basis
- Call 264-5000 to make an appointment for a physical.

**Health and Safety Office closing** — The American Red Cross Health and Safety Education Office in room 1801 at Evans Army Community Hospital will be closed for two months. The Health and Safety program is part of the Pikes Peak Chapter in Colorado Springs which is currently undergoing a transition.

If you are a military unit or family member interested in a community CPR/first aid or other health and safety education classes, call the chapter at 632-3563. The new address is: 1040 South 8th Street in Colorado Springs, across from Motor City.

**Youth sponsorship training** — Army life means having to leave your home, school and friends to move to a new installation. Youth sponsorship offers you the opportunity to make new friends and help someone adjust to their new home.

Classes are offered one Saturday per month at the Family Connection Center in building 1354 from 2 to 4 p.m. Upcoming classes are June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. For more information on youth sponsorship, call 526-1070.

**Bulk trash pickup change** — In order to help maintain a refreshing curb appeal, we are dropping bulk pickup to one time per week. 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. We thank you in advance for helping make our community a better place to call home.

**CID seeking information** — The Criminal Investigation Command 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 526-8410. You can also find voting information by going to the Federal Voting Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or the Fort Carson Web site at [www.carson.army.mil](http://www.carson.army.mil), click on links.

**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](http://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.

**40 Days of Purpose Campaign** — The Protestant Service at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel will host a spiritual campaign through Sunday. Chaplain (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.

**Yard Sale** — The annual Fort Carson Mayors' 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 and June 19, 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:

- Residents are responsible for conducting their 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.

## 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 Monday to July 15, Mondays to Thursdays 8 a.m. to noon. The middle school and high school program will be held at Fountain-Fort Carson High School Monday to July 15, Mondays to Thursdays 8 a.m. to noon.

A variety of challenging and stimulating classes are being offered as choices that will engage your child in the learning process.

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



Army Community Service  
Family Readiness Center  
719-526-4590

## YOUTH Sponsorship Training

*Army life is having to leave your home, school & friends to move to a new installation. Youth sponsorship offers you the opportunity to make new friends & help someone adjust to their new home.*



**SIGN UP NOW!**  
**Saturday, July 17**  
**2 P.M.-4 P.M.**  
**Family Connection, Bldg. 1354**

For details or to register, contact the staff at the Family Connection at (719) 526-1070.

administration building.

**Enhanced 911 Survey** — The Directorate of Information Management is conducting a building-by-building telephone survey in support of the E-911 implementation. The Fort Carson E-911 system will use government administrative telephones, identified by prefixes 524 and 526, to provide emergency response coordinated through the fire department.

Several survey teams will visit buildings to verify telephone numbers, unit identification, room, floor, building and address. Team members will be wearing hats and vests identifying them as 911 survey team members. Facility managers and telephone control officers will be contacted for assistance in this survey process.

For information on E-911 service on nongovernment telephones, contact the service provider (i.e. Sprint, Qwest, Nextel).

## Claims against the estate

**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 of his estate should contact Chief Warrant Officer John Dowling at 524-3277.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Pvt. 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.

## Fur, feathers and fins:

# Hunting, fishing around Carson

by Mead Klavetter

### Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

Only two-and-a-half hours south-east of Fort Carson, the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site offers some of the most natural and diverse hunting opportunities in Colorado.

Acquired by the Army in 1983, the 236,000-acre PCMS provides critical maneuver space for larger size units and an unrivaled outdoor experience for the avid sportsman.

The installation is widely known for its superior quality big game animals. A combination of a limited number of licenses and minimal hunting pressure has preserved the unique hunting opportunities at PCMS.

Although two of the big game hunts (rifle buck deer and antelope) are highly prized tags sought after by many members of the public nationwide, there are ways to hunt both species without first accumulating a lot of preference points.

Participants have a better chance of drawing a tag for buck deer and antelope if they apply for muzzleloader or archery tags, instead of rifle.

Historically, rifle doe deer and antelope tags require a lesser number of preference points (average 1.50 and 1.25 in 2003, respectively) to successfully draw a permit than buck tags.

Other game animals such as elk, bear, coyote, lion, rabbit, turkey, dove and scaled quail make PCMS their home. Hunting permits for most of these animals can be bought over the counter.

The Fort Carson hunting permit is also valid at PCMS. Fort Carson and Colorado hunting rules and regulations apply. Camping is periodically available in designated locations during big game seasons.

Prior to going to PCMS, call 524-0123 or 524-0124 to check on range accessibility. Be prepared for all kinds of weather conditions and have a full tank of gas and supplies before head-



Courtesy photo

**Justin Smith, from Sidney, Neb., displays a deer he hunted at Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site during muzzleloader season.**

ing for PCMS as the site is remote.

For more information on hunting and fishing in the Fort Carson area,

call the Wildlife Office at 576-8074 or visit the Web site at <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/gmu591>.

## Wellness Center

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would cost them upward of \$3,500, but the prices are much lower for this particular trip, said Minihane.

"Right now all we're asking for E-1 to E-5 is \$50 for the family for the week, E-6 to E-9 is \$75, officers is \$100 and field-grade officers is \$150," said

Minihane. "It's less than 10 percent of what you would pay usually."

The sign up for the trip is "first come, first served," said Minihane. The trip is reserved for active military families who can get leave from Aug. 8 to 14. Minihane asks that those signing up bring a leave form with them so they can be sure that everyone who signs up will be able to attend.

"We want to make sure that everyone that signs up is committed to going," said Minihane.

Those signing up for the trip should be prepared to pay for the trip with check, money order or credit card, cash will not be accepted. The money paid for the trip goes solely to fund the trip, said Minihane.

For more information or to sign up for the trip to Trail West, contact Yolanda Gilson at 526-6917.

# Saving water ...

## Appliances can save money, resources

by Susan Galentine-Ketchum  
Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

If temperatures are an indication, summer is bearing down on us and water use is already increasing. Since this is the third year of drought conditions, water is, and will continue to be, scarce.

There are products on the market to help consumers use water more efficiently and save money, especially off post where they bear the cost of water usage. Home appliances that use water efficiently are useful throughout the year, but especially when the need to maintain lawns increases overall water demand in the summer.

A government-backed program that helps consumers easily find such appliances is the Energy Star program. The Energy Star program was developed to help the environment by labeling superior, energy-efficient products.

Some water-saving measures for indoors from the Environmental Protection Agency and Colorado Springs Utilities include:

- Install a low-flow toilet. Homes built before 1992, may still have high-volume toilets that use from 3.5 -to-5 gallons of water per flush. Since 1992, homebuilders have been required to install 1.6 gallons-per flush toilets, which can save between 14,000 and 25,000 gallons of water a year for a family of four. A low-flow toilet can significantly offset overall water use since toilets use the most water in a home.

- Replace old clothes washers with an energy-efficient one. Washing machines are the second largest water user in a home. Consumers should look for the EPA Energy Star symbol when replacing a

washer, dishwasher or any other appliance. Energy Star rated washers use between 18 to 25 gallons of water per-load as compared to standard machines, which use up to 40 gallons per load.

- Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads. Buying low-flow showerheads, for instance, can save consumers up to 600 gallons of water per month, according to CSU, and the effect of low-flow shower heads versus normal shower heads is negligible.

- Check for water leaks in the home. CSU suggests reading the water meter before and after a two-hour interval in which no water is used. If the meter reads at a higher rate, then there is a leak in the home.

### Tips to reduce personal water use, especially during the summer:

- Take showers instead of baths. When showering be aware of how long the shower lasts. Reducing a shower from eight to five minutes, according to CSU, can save up to 600 gallons a month. Use a timer set for eight minutes. Take the challenge to finish the shower in that time.

- Don't use your toilet as a trash can — it wastes

water to flush trash articles.

- Don't let the water run while washing dishes, shaving and brushing teeth.

- Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher, and don't pre-wash dishes.

- Be aware of water wasted down the drain. According to the EPA, nearly 14 percent of the water a homeowner pays for is not used, it goes down the drain from such activities as letting water run until it gets cool, washing fruit in the sink with the water running instead of in a basin and using the garbage disposal instead of composting food items such as vegeta-

bles and fruit.

With home water conservation efforts, a little goes a long way in saving money and cutting back on water.

For information on water and energy efficient appliances, log on to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov). To find local water conservation information and about applying for rebates being offered by CSU for purchases of water-conserving devices, log on to the CSU Web site at [www.csu.org/residential/conservation/page2837.html](http://www.csu.org/residential/conservation/page2837.html).





Plc. Clint Stein

## Prayer breakfast ...

Chap. (Col.) Robert Eldridge Jr. was the guest speaker at the National Prayer breakfast May 26 at the Sheraton Hotel where more than 650 Soldiers attended. Eldridge is presently serving as the Command Chaplain, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.

# Colorado Division of Wildlife offers active duty elk hunt

## Courtesy Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

The Colorado Division of Wildlife has provided Fort Carson with 17 additional late season rifle cow elk licenses. This special hunting opportunity is being afforded to Fort Carson assigned active-duty military members only.

Interested hunters must com-

plete the necessary application and provide it to the DECAM Wildlife Office no later than July 12, 2004. The application selection for the licenses will be done by random drawing July 21, 2004.

To obtain an application, log on to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Web site at <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/gmu591/> or stop by the DECAM Wildlife Office.

To get to the DECAM Wildlife Office, follow Specker Avenue to Butts Road, drive south 4.4 miles on Butts Road to Route 4, then drive west 3.6 miles on Route 4. At the intersection just after the Olympic Shooting Center and before Womack Reservoir, turn right and drive north to the Wildlife Office, which is open Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## 2004 Special Fort Carson Active-duty Cow Elk License Application

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (MMDDYY): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conservation Number or Customer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your signature hereby verifies that you are currently on active duty at Fort Carson, and that you understand and agree to the specific requirements of this hunt.*

## Chaplain's Corner

*Don't take your freedoms for granted ...*

# Sunday chapel: an Army tradition

**Commentary by Chap. (1st Lt.) Jamison  
Bowman Jr.**

**1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment**

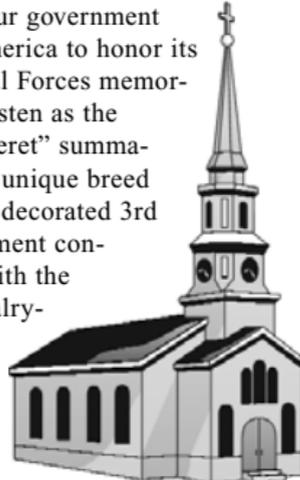
Many eyes beheld the glorious moments of the Army's past and participated in campaigns that epitomized valor and honor. Army posts throughout the world summarize what the Army represents through traditions that Soldiers learn and live.

America's troops observe "Reveille" and "Retreat," hail new Soldiers, farewell seasoned veterans and attend various kinds of ceremonies.

Fort Carson periodically hosts many traditions that each Soldier carries into the next duty station, the civilian world or retirement. Kit Carson week

carries the baton that our government passed long ago for America to honor its forefathers. At a Special Forces memorial service, observers listen as the "Ballad of the Green Beret" summarizes the life cycle of a unique breed of Soldiers. The highly decorated 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment concludes certain events with the charge of mounted cavalrymen. All of the above events occurred recently, and hundreds of Soldiers attended.

Unfortunately, one



of the oldest traditions in the Army remains neglected by some. One thing that separates the U.S. Army from other world armies is the opportunity and right to worship. Weekly chapel services are not mandatory, but are available to any Soldier in America's fighting force. Sunday chapel services empower troops to serve their country as elite Soldiers because God stands in the office of supreme commander-in-chief.

American Soldiers should observe the freedom to serve God as they serve their country. This is a tradition that the United States has provided since this country was built. No Soldier should take for granted the Sunday chapel services that our forefathers built with sweat and blood.

## Chapel

**Vacation Bible School** — Registration is ongoing 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 at 6:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Protestant high school activities include Bible studies Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

**Employment opportunity** — The Fort Carson Command Chaplain's Office is seeking a musician (pianist) for the Ethnic Protestant (Gospel) Service at Prussman Chapel, 11 a.m., Sundays. This is a temporary bidding one-year contract for fiscal 2004 will end Sept. 30; will rebid for the fiscal year 2005.

Point of contact for more information is Margaret Wright, Fort Carson Director of Contracting at 526-3841.

**Volunteer opportunities** — Come join in the Lava Lava Island VBS fun by volunteering as a Island Crew Leader. Each Island Crew Leader will be mentor and guide to five children as they navigate the learning stations of Lava Lava Island. For information, contact Kathy Wallace at 392-4788.

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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
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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
<b>PROTESTANT</b>					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
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For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.

## WICCA

Monday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugdu/330-7873
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 382-5333 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 2 & Acts 21-22

**Saturday** — Psalms 3 & Acts 23-24

**Sunday** — Psalms 4 & Acts 25-26

**Monday** — Psalms 5 & Acts 27-28

**Tuesday** — Psalms 6 & Joshua 1-5

**Wednesday** — Psalms 7 & Joshua 6-8

**Thursday** — Psalms 8 & Joshua 9-11

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ROMAN CATHOLIC

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## LITURGICAL

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## MORMON

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## NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE

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 256th Infantry Brigade, a separate enhanced brigade headquartered in Lafayette, La., mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Army: For the men and women serving in the Medical Service Corps. Pray that God will bless this branch as an integral part of the Army health care team serving

Soldiers, families and retirees.

State: For the Soldiers and families from the State of Connecticut. Pray for Gov. John Rowland, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Nutmeg State.

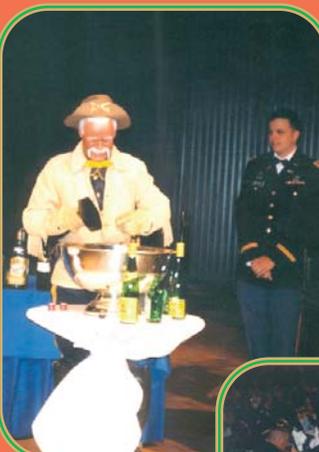
Nation: For the men and women who served and those who continue to serve in the U.S. Army as we celebrate its 229th birthday. Pray also for our nation's proud heritage represented in the stars and stripes as we celebrate Flag Day June 14.

Religious: For all Soldiers and families from the Moravian Church in America. Pray also for all military chaplains endorsed to serve on behalf of 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](http://www.usarmychaplain.com).

# Cav Week recognizes Troopers' OIF heroics



Spc. Robert Dillon, Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd ACR, tries his hand at riding the mechanical bull during Cavalry Week. Dillon gave the machine a run for its money, but fell short of the proverbial "eight seconds."



"Old Bill" puts cow dung in the regimental punch bowl at the Regimental Ball while a young cavalryman looks on with trepidation.

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

3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment veterans from yesterday and today gathered here to enjoy one another's comradeship, honor fallen troopers and share in the pride of the regiment during Cavalry Week May 24 to 27.

The week featured sporting events for troopers, ceremonies honoring returning heroes and fallen comrades and celebration of mission accomplishment and reunion with family and friends. The annual event took on special significance because of the Regiment's recent redeployment from Iraq where the unit lost 49 troopers, said Sgt. Maj. Anthony Griego, 3rd ACR operations sergeant major.

Troopers participated in a variety of sports, including football, softball, volleyball and basketball. The hearty competition afforded them an opportunity to enjoy comradeship with their fellow soldiers, Griego said.

"They need to do that once in a while," he said.

The regiment was officially recognized for its accomplishments in Iraq in a Cavalry Week ceremony May 25. Maj. Gen. Robert W. Wilson, who presided at the ceremony, praised the regiment for helping bring security and democracy to the largest province in Iraq.

"The Soldiers were proud for their mission accomplishment and were happy to be home," Griego said. "They looked magnificent."

"And to cap it (the ceremony) off with an old-time cavalry charge makes you all the more proud of the regiment," Griego added.

A trooper who did not make it home, Sgt. Michael Anthony Diraimondo, was honored on the afternoon of May 25 when Troop Medical Clinic 9 was named after

him. Diraimondo was killed while conducting a MEDEVAC mission near Fallujah. The combat medic was described as "courageous" and "compassionate" at the ceremony. Diraimondo's commander, Maj. William LaChance, noted the Army lost "one of its best" in Diraimondo.

Celebration was in order later that day as troopers gathered for food and beverages, a big raffle and — for the harder cavalrymen — mechanical bull riding.

Family was the key word May 26 as twice the number of people as expected showed up for a regimental picnic at Iron Horse Park. An estimated 8,000 troopers, spouses and children turned out for the event. They enjoyed a relaxing day of feasting and socializing in the civilian-dress affair.

The week's keystone event was the memorial dedication ceremony May 27. The morning began with the dedication and unveiling of a stained glass window at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Then, at the memorial dedication, a towering 10-foot monument bearing the names of the 49 troopers of the 3rd ACR and its attachments who died in Operation Iraqi Freedom was unveiled. The monument is made of black granite. In addition to the names of the fallen troopers, the 3rd ACR's area of operations is laser-engraved on one side and the words to "Fiddler's Green," an old cavalrymen's lament, on the other. The monument cost \$153,400 and was paid for with donations from troopers, alumni and businesses.

Family members of the deceased Soldiers came from throughout the country for the memorial dedication.

"The families knew in their hearts that their Soldier was a Soldier — that he or she died for them," Griego

said. "The families are happy to see the regiment is not forgetting their sons and daughters," he said.

Sgt. Jesse Miller, the Regimental Casualty Affairs noncommissioned officer in charge, made all the arrangements for the families of the deceased Soldiers to come from throughout the country and attend the memorial dedication.

"From seeing a little child to a 56-year-old father break down, it doesn't matter who you are inside you have to weep for what the family is going through," he said.

Troopers were visibly empathetic toward the families and with each other at the ceremony and throughout the week, Griego said.

Individual memorials held after the death of each trooper helped family members with closure on the tragic loss of their son or daughter, Miller said. "And with having this physical monolith (the monument) it closes that chapter, except for personal issues and grieving," he said.

Cavalry Week concluded with the annual Regimental Ball. Troopers enjoyed the festivities, including a visit by the regiment's mascot, "Old Bill," a character drawn by Western artist Frederick Remington.

Cavalry Week was "a great week," Griego said, because of the "super participation" by troopers and family members, overwhelming support, in the form of donations, from local businesses and the attitude and enthusiasm of troopers throughout the week.

"This week closes one chapter and opens another one for the regiment," Griego said. "The troopers are happy to be back and now we're ready to continue on as a fighting unit."



Col. David A. Teeple, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Thompson, Acting Regimental command sergeant major, unveil the monument honoring the 49 troopers from 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and its attachments who died in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Troopers pay tribute to their fallen comrades at the dedicatory monument. Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Qualls Jr.



Cavalry troopers finish Cavalry Week off by celebrating at the Regimental Ball.



Spc. Chris Barnes, a tanker in Dragon Company, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, helps Dakota Givens into a Bradley Fighting Vehicle during a regimental picnic at Iron Horse Park. Givens' father, Pfc. Jesse A. Givens, died while on an armor mission in Iraq. His mother is Melissa Givens.

# Koshare Indian Museum

## One of nation's finest Indian collections

Story and photos  
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

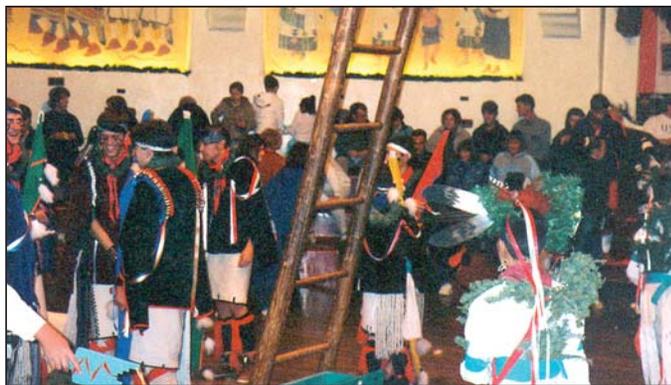
**L**a Junta is a town of about 10,000 people, about 70 miles east of Pueblo on Highway 50 East. La Junta is home to Otero Junior College and a museum with an unusual beginning — Koshare Indian Museum was started by a Boy Scout troop.

La Junta was a settlement started by the Kansas Pacific Railroad in 1873 at a place where three trails converged. The Santa Fe Trail headed south over Raton Pass to Taos and Santa Fe. The trail northwest led to the Rocky Mountain and the trail east led to the United States. La Junta, in Spanish, means “the junction.”

La Junta was a rough, western town, with plenty of cowboys causing trouble when they drank. Bat Masterson once served as the town Marshall, hired by the town fathers to clean up the town.

La Junta is still a railroad town. The Amtrak train stops in La Junta twice a day, heading west to California and east to Chicago.

The story of the museum begins with local citizen James Francis Burshears, known as “Buck.” Buck was raised in La Junta. After graduating from Colorado College in 1933, he was a Boy Scout leader. Wanting to honor American Indians and inspire the boys to stay active in Scouting, Burshears organized a group of Scouts into what he called the Koshare Indian Dancers. A koshare is not an Indian tribe, but in Pueblo Indian culture, a character who portrays inappropriate behavior as



Members of La Junta Boy Scout Troop 232, finish a performance of authentic dances at the troop's Kiva, at the Koshare Indian Museum.

entertainment, much like today's clown. Traditionally, a koshare wears black and white striped garments and face paint. Burshears thought the word koshare was appropriate for a group of boys attempting to perform Indian traditional dances.

The Scouts in Burshears' troop studied Indian lore; learned songs and crafts. They learned authentic dances, helping keep traditional Indian dances and songs alive.

In addition to their dancing, the Scouts participate in normal Scout activities. In fact, a phenomenal number of Scouts in this troop have attained the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle Scout. Almost 600 Eagle Scouts have graduated from the La Junta troop.

For 50 years Burshears led the group of Scouts as the dancers gained fame for their authentic dance performances. The troop's Koshare Indian dancers have performed throughout the United States to great acclaim, performing up to 60 shows a year.

For more than 70 years, hundreds of Boy Scouts, ages 11 to 18, have passed through La Junta's Scout Troop 232, continuing the Koshare tradition.

The boys make their own ceremonial regalia.

During the years Burshears was



Modern kachina dolls are in an exhibit in the Koshare Indian Museum in La Junta.

involved with the Boy Scouts and the Koshare Indian Dancers, he collected Plains and Southwest art and artifacts, such as jewelry, paintings, sculptures, baskets, weapons and textiles.

In 1949, a structure was designed to provide a place for the Koshare Indian Dancers to perform and to house Burshears' growing Indian artifact collection.

The structure, patterned after a Pueblo, contains a ceremonial round room, known as a Kiva.

The Kiva has one of the largest



The Koshare Indian Museum in La Junta has a large collection of artifacts and art.

# Harper's



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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**Museum**

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self-supported log roofs in the world, containing more than 620 logs and weighing 80,000 pounds. The building is on the Colorado Historic Register.

The Koshare Indian Dancers use the proceeds earned by their performances to acquire more pieces for the collection. The Koshare Indian Museum has one of the finest collections of American Indian art and artifacts, displayed in three galleries.

The collection include textiles, basketry, pottery, weapons, jewelry, sculptures, clothing and headdresses. Some artifacts date from 1000 to 1250 AD.

A Visiting Artists exhibit includes works from local and Colorado artists.

A new exhibit of "Santa Fe Calendars" is in the basement.

Museum visitors may visit the Kiva where the Koshare Indian Dancers perform when in their hometown.

The Koshare Indian Museum Library has hundreds of books about American Indians, open to the public for research.

During June and July the Koshare Indian



**The Koshare Indian Museum has a large collection of kachina dolls. Kachina dolls traditionally were given to small girls to help them understand religion.**

Dancers perform in the Kiva at 8 p.m. Saturday nights. There are some performances on Fridays and Sundays; call the museum at (800) 693-5482 or (719) 384-5482 for the schedule and to make a reservation. Dance performances last about 90 minutes and involve 50 or 60 dancers and drummers. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students 17 and younger. Reservations are necessary, but seating is general admission. Guests are advised to arrive at the Kiva at least 30 minutes prior to the show to guarantee a seat. Bring a cushion or blanket for comfort as seating is on concrete tiers.

Admission to the museum is included in the performance price and the museum will be open prior to the show.

Museum admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students 7 to 17. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Mondays and Wednesdays, when it is open until 9 p.m.

After seeing the museum, stop at the Kiva Trading Post, where you'll see authentic Indian pottery and jewelry, kachina dolls and sand paintings as well as post cards and souvenirs, books and videos. The Koshare Indian Museum is located on the Otero Junior College grounds. From Fort Carson, head south on Interstate 25 to Pueblo, taking the Highway 50 Exit east. At La Junta, turn south on Colorado Avenue and go 18 blocks south. Take a right on 18th Street and park near the Kiva building. It's about a two-and a half hour drive to La Junta.

While in La Junta, if time permits, try to visit the reconstructed 1833 Bent's Fort eight miles



**Boy Scouts portraying koshare characters interact with children after a performance.**

from La Junta. The Otero Museum is also in La Junta.

The nearby town of Las Animas has a Kit Carson Museum, open from 1 to 5 p.m. in summer months. Admission is \$2. The museum has an Indian collection, carriages, railroad items and Kit Carson artifacts, an 1876 county jail and an 1891 school house.

Boggsville, near Las Animas, is one of the first non-military settlements in southeastern Colorado and was founded in the 1860s. Kit Carson lived in Boggsville at the time of his death.



**The roof of the Kiva is made of 620 logs and weighs 80,000 pounds.**



**There are artifacts in the Koshare Indian Museum are more than 1,000 years old.**

**Just the Facts**

- **Travel time** two and a half hours
- **For ages** families
- **Type** museum
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ 1/2 (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** \$
  - \$ = Less than \$20
  - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
  - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 (Based on a family of four)

## Get Out!

### Welcome home parade

**Military members who've returned from service in Operation Iraqi Freedom** will be honored with a ticker-tape parade in downtown Colorado Springs beginning Saturday at 10 a.m. The parade route is along Tejon and Cascade and will include more than 5,000 marching troops, five "Humvees," fire trucks and the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard.

### Military Appreciation

**JoyRides Family Fun Center** offers free all-day wristbands for servicemembers today through June 11. Show military identification for the free wristband and 50 percent discount for all family members. JoyRides is at 5150 Edison Ave., on the city's east side, off Platte Avenue.

### Fest

**Springspree**, a downtown annual street festival is June 19, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., no admission fee. There's entertainment, music, dance, crafts and food. For information call 533-1216.

### Melodramas

**"The Thief of Frisco"** is presented by the Cripple Creek Players in the Butte Theater in Cripple Creek, starting June 19 through the summer. Shows are Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m.

There are 2 p.m. shows on some days. Call (719) 689-2513 for reservations and matinee times. Ticket prices start at \$6.50.

**"Run to the Roundhouse, Nellie"** is at the Iron Springs Chateau through Sept. 30, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and weekends. Tickets are \$24 for dinner and a show, and \$18 for the show only. Call 685-5104 for reservations. The Iron Springs Chateau is at 444 Ruxton Ave.

### Stage productions

**Star Bar Players present "Dinner with Friends"** at the Lon Chaney Theater in the City Auditorium, at the Corner of Kiowa and Weber streets. Tickets start at \$12, call 573-7411. Shows are Fridays and Saturday at 8 p.m.

**"How the Other Half Loves"** is in the Fine Arts Center Theater, 30 W. Dale St. Performances are today and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m., June 12 at 8 p.m. and June 13 at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$18.

### Supercross

**Pikes Peak Supercross** holds its 17th annual event at Penrose Equestrian Center, 1045 W. Rio Grande in Colorado Springs June 19. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for ages 6 to 12.

### Colorado Renaissance Festival

**The Colorado Renaissance Festival** at Larkspur Exit 173, near Castle Rock, opens June 12 through Aug. 1 — Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. Entrance is \$15.95 for adults and \$8 for children.

### North Pole

**Santa's Workshop at the North Pole** is

open for the season. Military families get a special entrance rate of \$7.50 per person all summer; show current identification. North Pole is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.,

### Bluegrass fest

**Bluegrass on the River** is at Pueblo's Greenway and Nature Center, by the Arkansas River, 5200 Nature Center Road, off Pueblo Boulevard. Tickets are from \$6 to \$25. The event includes Black Rose and, Fireweed and begins at 7 p.m. today. Saturday and Sunday events start at 10 a.m.; call (719) 549-2414.

### Colorado State Fair

**The Colorado State Fair runs Aug. 21 to Sept. 5.** In addition to a midway, blue ribbon animals and good food, the fair has concerts. On sale at the State Fair Box Office and Ticketmaster, 520-9090, tickets are available for Stacie Orrico, Chris Cagle, Chris LeDoux, ZZ Top, Dierks Bentley Trick Pony, Brad Paisley, REO Speedwagon, Olivia Newton John and Clay Aiken. Tickets range from \$13 to \$33.

### Concert

**"Train" is in concert** at Fort Carson's Special Event Center ball field June 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Information, Tickets and Registration Office; call 526-2083.

### Mozart

**Opera Theatre of the Rockies presents Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro,"** June 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and June 13 at 2:30 p.m. at Armstrong Hall on the Colorado College campus. Tickets start at \$15, call 520-SHOW.



Photo by Nel Lampe

## Buffalo Bill ...

The Buffalo Bill Museum near Golden has a burial commemoration Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. marking the 87th anniversary of the burial of William F. Cody. Following entertainment and music, the film "The Life of Buffalo Bill in 3 Reels" will be shown at 1:30 and 3 p.m. The film was produced and directed by Buffalo Bill. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children. Take Interstate 70 west of Denver.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to June 11.

Army Newswatch: stories on up-armored "Humvee" doors, launch of the Pentagon Channel and Army recruiters partner with bull riders (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 Joint Project Optic Window, Marine soccer in Iraq and 20th anniversary of Navy News. 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 ship-board fire fighting gear (repeat). 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 is at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Foreign language programming, courtesy of SCOLA, is on Channel 9, unless there is a training videotape showing. To show a training video, please contact the Training Support Team at 526-5111. SCOLA programming schedule can be found at <http://www.scola.org>.

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@car-us.army.mil](mailto:CommandInfo@car-us.army.mil).

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

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

# Sports & Leisure

*Little Rascals make a play ...*

## Lady Mountaineers fight for victory

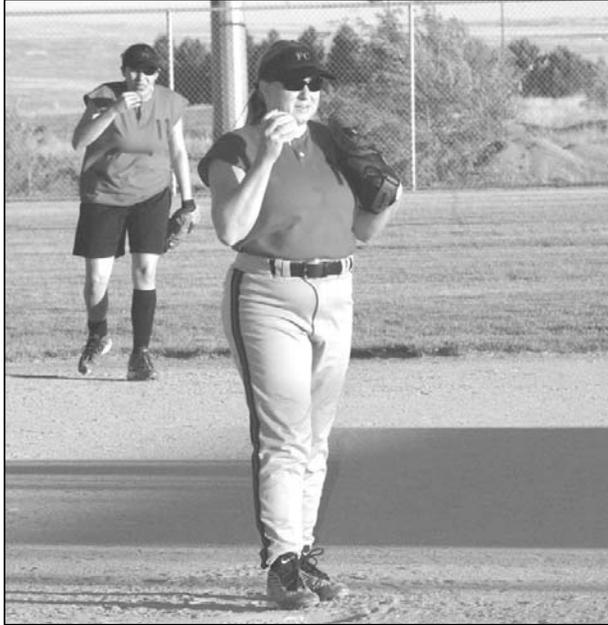


Photo by Walt Johnson

Kelly Berreman gets set to pitch to a Little Rascals player May 26 at the Skyview Sports Complex.

by **Walt Johnson**  
Mountaineer staff

*Editor's note: The Fort Carson Lady Mountaineers will play two games Wednesday night. The team will meet the S.G.O. Wild Thing at 7 p.m. and the Little Rascals at 8 p.m. at field number two at Skyview Sports Complex in Colorado Springs.*

Before the Fort Carson Lady Mountaineers took the field against the Little Rascals May 26 at Skyview Sports Complex in Colorado Springs, Mountaineers' coach Cathy Satow could only flash back to last year when the teams played and wonder what the evening held for her team

"Last year, this was the one team that we just couldn't seem to beat no matter how well we played. They always seemed to come up with the big hit or good defensive play that helped them beat us," Satow said.

In the teams' first meeting this year, the Lady Mountaineers came away with a 25-19 victory that drove away the ghost of last year's losses, but came within a whisker of repeating history.

After a scoreless first inning the

Lady Mountaineers went to bat in the second inning and put eight runs on the scoreboard. Leading 8-0 going to the bottom of the second inning would seem to suggest the Lady Mountaineers were in firm control of the game. That was not the case as the bottom of the inning saw the Little Rascals put eight runs of its own on the scoreboard to pull even at eight a piece.

Over the next two and a half innings the Lady Mountaineers built a 25-11 lead and it appeared the victory was secure as the Little Rascals came up for its last at bats. Then the ghost of last year appeared to be showing up.

The Little Rascals immediately began chipping away at the Lady Mountaineer's lead, scoring four quick runs to cut the lead to 25-15 with one out. While no one said it, you could read it in the minds of the Lady Mountaineers that history may be repeating itself. When the Little Rascals scored four more runs with only one out and two runners on to cut the deficit to 25-19 the team buckled down and got the last two outs to secure the victory.

## Mountaineer Youth Sports

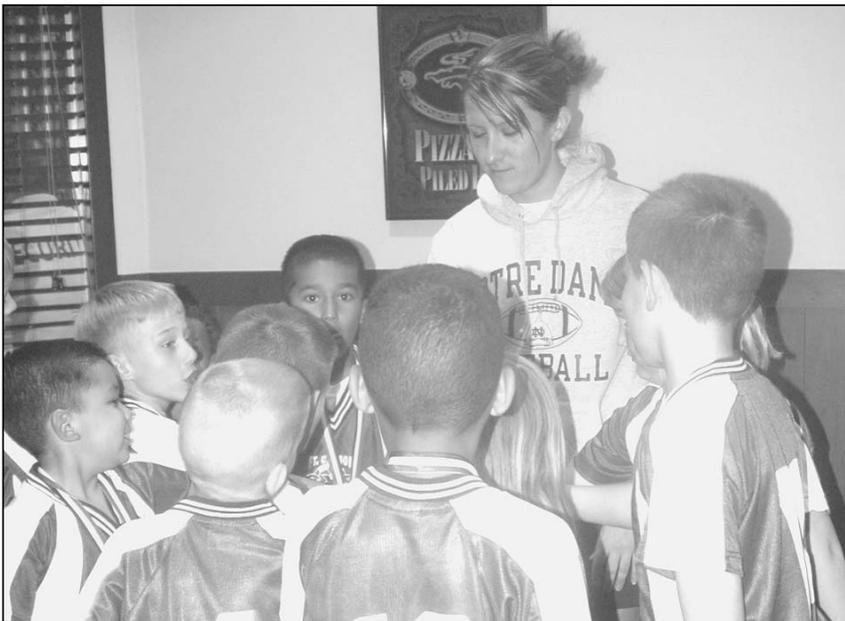


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### Season over ...

Kristi Andrews, center, coach of the Fort Carson youth center 7- to 9-year-old Panthers soccer team, talks with members of her team May 26 at Xtremes Sports and Entertainment Bar. The coach and the parents of the team hosted an end-of-season party for the team that officially concluded the post soccer season for the Panthers.

## On the Bench

# Soldier prepares for post powerlifting competition

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

Ann Horn likes to push herself beyond the limits of what she can achieve in everything she does.

She feels that helps make her a successful person in life and now she is hoping to bring that competitive spirit to the Fort Carson powerlifting competition July 24 and 25 at McKibben Physical Fitness Center.

The last time the post hosted a powerlifting event, the women's competition was open for the taking due to the limited number of women competing. With more women set to participate in this event, it looks like whoever wins will have to bring the "A" game to be successful and Horn thinks she is ready to do just that.

Horn has traveled an interesting road to get to the point she can compete in powerlifting events. She was always physically fit, a cheerleader in high school and she enjoyed playing sports, Horn said she got into this phase of fitness because she wanted to improve her Army fitness results.

"I would always pass my physical fitness test but I started training harder because I wanted to get my PT patch. This was the first time I worked out focusing on the situps, pushups and the two-mile run and I fell in love with it. There is something good in pushing your body to the limit. It is a physical and mental challenge and for me it is a great adrenaline rush" Horn said.

"I also love it because I think it positively affects other aspects of your life. It takes a lot of discipline to get into the gym and push your body that hard. The discipline I learned from working out has helped me in other phases of my life," Horn added.

Horn said she goes into the gym to work out now because "every time I go I see some improvement and I get more and more motivated to go back for another workout." She is currently training with the undisputed champion of powerlifting on post, Tony Claiborne, who will be back to defend his men's title in July.

Horn, who started out three years ago with light weights to get some tone in her body, is now on a program directed by Claiborne that has proved to be beneficial to people in the past. The last woman to win the powerlifting title here was



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**Ann Horn shows the form she hopes will earn her the top spot in the upcoming Fort Carson powerlifting event at McKibben Physical Fitness Center.**

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also trained by Claiborne and Horn thinks she knows why Claiborne turns out so many winners.

"Claiborne is like myself in that he is a perfectionist and he is very competitive. Everyone he trains always does well and he knows what he's doing in getting someone ready for competition.

He produced all the winners last year and he gives me a lot of confidence that I can be successful," Horn said.

Horn said it is important to note she thinks being a part of this competition does not take away from her being a woman. She said she is confident that she can win, train as hard as she likes and still be considered feminine.

"I always say I can lift with the boys, but I don't have to look like the boys," Horn said with a laugh.

### **Mark your calendars for June 15. That is Fort Carson night with the Colorado Springs Sky Sox.**

The game will be played at 7 p.m. at Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs against the Oklahoma Rangers. It is always a fun time at the stadium during military appreciation night and this year should be extra special with all the returning heroes. Contact the Information, Ticket and Registration office for ticket information for the game.

### **Congratulations are in order for the all-Army basketball team.**

The Army's best hoopsters, who trained for the inter-service championships here, won the gold medal by defeating Air Force Sunday night in Charleston, S.C. Army players named to the all-service team (consisting of players from the Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy) are: Craig Marcelin, Ronald Bartley, Eloi Perry and Eric Draper.

**The Fort Carson Aces finished fifth in this weekend's tournament in Fort Collins. This was the best competition the team has faced this year and it made a terrific showing**

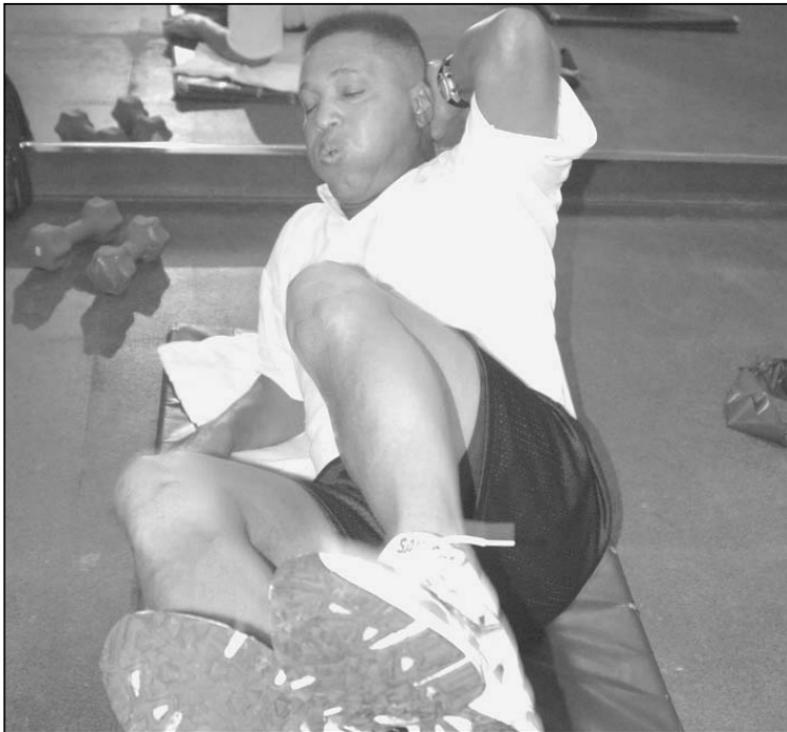


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## *Working hard ...*

**Arnold Lewis, 1st Battalion, 360th Infantry, gets into an intense workout recently at Forrest Fitness Center. Forrest hosts various fitness classes five days a week.**

# *Mountaineer Sports Spotlight*

## *Sims shines ...*

Fort Carson's Lavell Sims, 54, anchored a stingy Flames defense Saturday and scored a touchdown on a 45-yard fumble recovery and run Saturday at Sand Creek Stadium in Colorado Springs. The game marked the final pre-season game for the Flames who will begin regular season action Sunday at Sand Creek Stadium at 7 p.m. against the Nebraska Storm.



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## *Mountaineer* Leisure Feature



*“I’m  
leaving” ...*

Detrick Gilder, 8, 52nd Engineers guard, decides to drive to the basket ahead of the defensive efforts of two opponents during Tuesday action at McKibben Physical Fitness Center in support of the Kit Carson Community Festival.

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