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More Fort Carson troops stage for deployments

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

Three more Mountain Post units received orders Monday to deploy to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility to support the ongoing global war on terrorism.

Nearly 250 soldiers from the 360th Transportation Company, 43rd Area Support Group, Company A, 52nd Engineer Battalion, 43rd ASG and the 14th Public Affairs Detachment are set to move out.

1st Sgt. Michael Rosenthal, 360th Trans. Co., said his unit always maintains a high state of readiness and is fully prepared to do what is required of it to defend the nation's interests at home and abroad.

"We're in the military, so we're always expecting orders of some sort," he said.

The unit's last major deployment was to Bosnia in 2000, where it provided bulk petroleum transportation support.

The soldiers of the 14th Public Affairs Detachment are also ready to move out at a moment's notice.

"We're a 72-hour notice unit that is always ready," said Maj. Sherri Reed, commander 14th PAD.

Since December 2000, the unit has deployed to support missions in Kuwait, Venezuela and Oregon by providing forward deployed troops with command



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

Spc. Athanasios Drivas, 360th Transportation Company, 43rd Area Support Group, ground guides M915A2 Line Haul trucks to the highway during an exercise to train new drivers for the unit's upcoming deployment.

information products, such as newspapers and news broadcasts and media relations expertise.

While the 14th PAD will facilitate the flow of information in upcoming mis-

sions, Company A, 52nd Eng. Bn., will keep road and air traffic moving by building roads and repairing airfields, as well as constructing base camps and other facilities.



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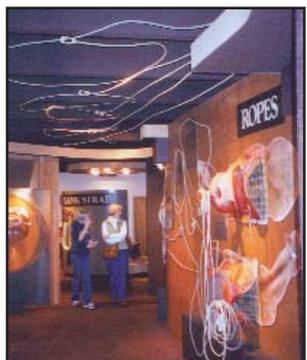
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Mountain Post Team Members hit the slopes during annual Fort Carson Ski Day.

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Learn about the history of the American sport of rodeo and American cowboys at the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.

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History celebration

The African American/Black History Celebration will be held at the Elkhorn Conference Center Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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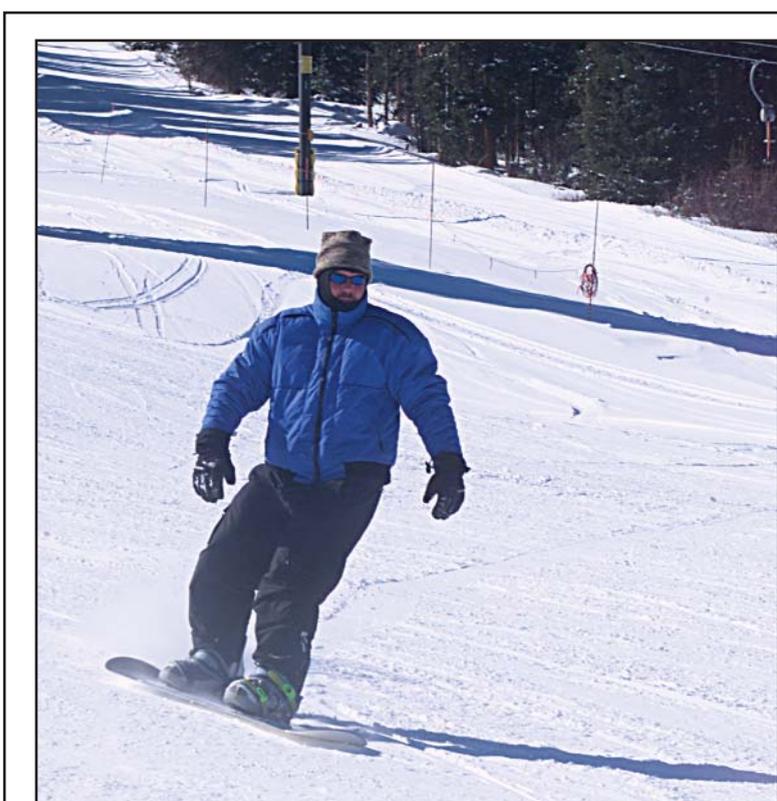


Photo by Spc. Jon Christoffersen

Slippery slope ...

A servicemember snowboards during ski day Friday at Ski Cooper. For more on the ski day, see Pages 18 and 19.

Workshop to teach parents, professionals about school transfers

Courtesy Military Child Education Coalition

Did you know that military-connected children move through six to nine schools from kindergarten through 12th grade?

The Military Child Education Coalition is presenting two Parent/Professional workshops titled, School Transitions: The Essential Ingredients.

Topics include:

- Learning about kindergarten through 12th grade school transition, research
- Preparing to move to a new school
- Testing and assessment
- Fitting in — social and emotional support
- Preparing for college, transcripts

Parents of preschool children through 12th grade and professionals working with military families are invited to this workshop. Come learn how to improve the education of all military-connected children.

Place: Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel, 2886 S. Circle Drive (Interstate 25, Exit 138)

Date: Feb. 24

Time: Session I, 9a.m. to noon or Session II, 6 to 9 p.m.

Please call Hope Metzler at 526-1071 to join this workshop or e-mail hope.metzler@carson.army.mil. For more information about MCEC, visit www.MilitaryChild.org.

Carson's Black History Month celebration features work, essays of W.E.B. DuBois

Commentary by Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Farmer
Equal Opportunity Office

Black History Month is celebrated each February to affirm, recognize and appreciate the rich heritage, struggle, achievements, progress and diversity of African American people.

An African American scholar, Carter G. Woodson, created and promoted "Negro History Week" in February 1926. He chose the week in February to correspond to the respective birthdays of Frederick Douglass, an ex-slave and slavery abolitionist, and Abraham Lincoln, the signer of the document granting slaves in the United States freedom, the Emancipation Proclamation. In 1976, the year of our nation's Bicentennial, the week-long celebration was expanded to one month.

Today, our annual observance provides an opportunity to highlight features of the overall African American culture. This year's theme is — The Souls of Black Folks: Centennial Reflections. Souls is a compilation of 14 essays authored in 1903 by W.E.B. DuBois.

As Americans, we have moved into a new century with a sense of purpose, direction and renewed commitment to our citizens. From time-to-time, however, it is necessary to take a pause and examine where we are as a society relative to our past. One such area of examination is race relations and interaction in America, specifically as it applies to blacks and whites. A large part of understanding the problems we face as a society is understanding people who are different than we are. If you are black, ask yourself,

"How well do I understand my own history?" and if you are not black, ask yourself, "How well do I understand a history other than my own?"

Several African American groups have played a vital role in the defense of this country. One group was the Buffalo Soldiers. These soldiers were members of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments of the U.S. Army, units made up of African Americans soldiers, who served in the western United States from 1867 to 1896. The Buffalo Soldiers were noted for their courage and discipline. In nearly 30 years of frontier service, the Buffalo Soldiers took part in almost 200 major and minor engagements. From 1870 to 1890, 14 Buffalo Soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor, the Army's highest award for bravery.

Another group in the military was the Tuskegee Airmen. They were black servicemen of who trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama during World War II. They constituted the first African American flying unit in the U.S. military. They fought in the European theatre and were noted as the only escort group that did not lose a bomber to enemy planes. Although only 992 pilots graduated from the Tuskegee Air Field Course, they flew 1,578 missions and 15,533 sorties, destroyed 261 enemy aircraft and won more than 850

medals.

Then there is (retired general) Colin Powell. In April 1989, Powell became a four-star general. He played a leading role in planning the invasion of Panama (1989) and the Desert Shield and Storm operations (1990 to 91) of the Persian Gulf. He is currently serving as the U.S. Secretary of State.

There are many more groups and soldiers that could be mentioned in this article, but I wanted to share these individuals with you to show you some of the contributions that African Americans have made and are still making today.

If you would like to know more about the Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen or Brown Bomber, a local baseball team, then attend this year's African American Celebration. The Division EO office invites the entire Mountain Post Team to join us for this year's celebration at the Elkhorn Conference Center Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's celebration will consist of a bazaar type event (read: no long speeches) with numerous booths displaying African American art, history and memorabilia. Some

booths will allow you to purchase items. A free food sampling will also be available. Mark the date on your calendar and we hope to see the entire Mountain Post Team at this great event. If you have any questions, call Sgt. 1st Timothy Class Farmer at 526-6146.



Korea — 50 years ago this week

Baseball star Ted Williams escapes crashed jet

by Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Capt. Ted Williams, a Boston Red Sox baseball star and serving Marine fighter pilot, escaped from his crashed jet without serious injury, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

Feb. 13, 1953 — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles tells the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's subcommittee on the Far East that the Eisenhower administration will take no actions that could lead to World War III without first consulting Congress and allies.

Afterward, he holds his first news conference since taking office. He said the administration is seeking ways to bar trade from reaching China. Studies of ways to "interrupt or minimize" strategic goods reaching China have been underway "pretty continuously" in the State Department since the Chinese entered the Korean War, but the subject was now

"under perhaps more intensive scrutiny."

Two solutions are a naval blockade and a U.N. embargo on trade with China. They top the list of "a whole series of measures of varying kinds which could be adopted." But Dulles says he will not take action regarding China to the U.N. General Assembly when it reconvenes Feb. 24.

At Panmunjom, communist liaison officers hand their U.N. counterparts a message from their command demanding that the United Nations decide if the truce talks are to be permanently called off.

Feb. 15 — Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Eighth Army commanding general, tells reporters that adding Nationalist China troops to his command would be welcome. He would not have a say on policy concerning their employment.

The question arises because of recent statements by Nationalist China's Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek that Formosa must invade mainland China

now, even though his forces aren't completely ready. An invasion would pull Chinese troops from Korea, he said.

Taylor also says he asks "nothing better" than for the communists to try another offensive. He says the Eighth Army is more than ready to take them on.

After aerial reconnaissance showed the Reds were trying to rebuild the power plant on Suiho Reservoir, allied aircraft destroy it again. The reservoir power plant, first knocked out last June, is across the Yalu River from Manchuria.

Feb. 16 — About 200 allied tactical fighters attack a troop assembly and supply center southwest of Pyongyang.

Williams, a Marine Corps jet fighter pilot and a Boston Red Sox star outfielder, escapes from a Panther jet that crashes at an airfield in Korea. He was returning from his third combat mission over North Korea.

The Air Force reports two American fighters fired at two Soviet-style aircraft

over northern Japan today. They damaged both and chased them back to the Kurile Islands.

Feb. 17 — The Air Force reports that F-86 Sabrejet pilots have shot down 11 MiGs, probably destroyed another six and damaged 11 in dogfights since Feb. 1.

The second largest all-jet tactical fighter raid of the war hits a tank and infantry training center west of Pyongyang Feb. 18. A force of 389 Air Force and Marine fighters reportedly destroys 139 buildings.

Feb. 18 — The Defense Department releases the list of American casualties in Korea as of Feb. 9. The overall count of 130,093 includes 22,948 dead.

Prime Minister Jawaharal Nehru tells India's lower house of parliament that talks in America of blockading China are not messages "that can lead to peace."

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News

New Evans commander strives for continued excellence

by Spc. Stacy Harris
Mountaineer staff

Col. Scott Goodrich assumed command of the Medical Department Activities Friday from Col. James F. McGaha during a change of command ceremony at the Evans Army Community Hospital Dining Facility.

"We've heard it said that these are uncertain times in which we live ..." said Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command. "We are a nation at war, and we have been at war since Sept. 11, 2001. But here we are at Evans carrying on everyday activities ... trying our best to sustain world-class care."

Perugini went on to describe how the efforts of outgoing commander McGaha have improved the services at EACH and because of that, Evans is in the top 10 percent of hospitals nationwide.

"That isn't a small feat," Perugini said. "None of that would have ever happened without leadership and today we are here to say goodbye to a great leader — Col. McGaha. This community and this Army will miss Jim McGaha."

McGaha has held command of Evans for about a year and during his tenure has raised the standard and has listened to the patients' comments to improve services.

"It's (the ceremony) really a celebration of the accomplishments of the staff here," McGaha said, telling participants that EACH has many relationships with the units around post, the other military services, as well as the outside community. And while units continue to deploy for the fight on terrorism, the hospital will continue the mission of taking care of the families.

"It's the relationships that will see us through this (deployments)," he said. "When those units potentially leave here — they are leaving with a part of Evans. But, we are going to continue to take care of the families.

"What we do here is continue to raise the bar ... and we make it better because of you (the patients)," he said.

As McGaha handed the reigns over to Goodrich, he said, "I thank you for the opportunity to work with every one of you. You have all contributed to make this a great place. It's a complex organization, and it runs well because of you (the staff). Thank you for the care you provide this community."

To Goodrich he said, "You are getting a well-seasoned crew. As I turn this over to the both of you (Goodrich and his wife), I do it with a big frog in my throat. I love this organization and I know you will too. Take care of them."

Goodrich was the former deputy commander for Clinical Services at Evans and is well prepared to take over the job as commander.

"He's the right man for the job," Perugini said. "He knows the mission and he will get it accomplished."

Goodrich told participants that McGaha is a hard commander to follow.

"You have raised the bar so high, I need a step ladder to even touch it," he said. "You showed us what excellence looks like and led us to it. My mission now ... is to move this MEDDAC closer to the goal of organizational perfection."

Goodrich told staff members that he looks forward to working with each and every one of them and continuing on



Photo by Spc. Stacy Harris

Col. Scott Goodrich, left, incoming commander, Medical Department Activities, shows he accepts command by taking the unit colors from Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command.

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Celebs help promote Army

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Actor Sean Astin and wrestler Bradshaw are among celebrities who are using their stardom to increase troop morale and keep the military fresh in the minds of Americans.

Astin, known for his roles in “Rudy” and the “Lord of the Rings,” visited the Pentagon Jan. 30 to record public service announcements thanking troops for their service and re-emphasizing America's trust in its military.

“There's a lot of different people and voices in America, and I don't mind letting my voice be heard,” Astin said. “I learned from reading about Vietnam that no matter what you think politically about certain deployments, as a good citizen and a patriot, it's your duty to appreciate that there are soldiers using their lives on your behalf as a citizen.”

Although many may know Astin has appeared in more than 25 motion pictures, few know he has served as a civilian aide to the secretary of the Army since 1995. He served under Togo West, Louis Caldera and now Secretary of the Army Thomas White. Astin, as a civilian aide, is ranked just below a three-star general and is considered to be the secretary of the Army's personal rep-

resentative in the California region. He said he tells the Army story to anyone who wants to know it. “I'm in a position where I do whatever I can to support the Army.”

In an unofficial capacity, Bradshaw has conducted countless interviews, worn Army apparel on TV, and used his weekly program sponsored by World Wrestling Enterprise as a venue to talk about how the war is affecting its troops.

Bradshaw visited the Pentagon and soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., recovering from wounds while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom Feb. 4. He was one of three performers who accompanied Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley on a United Services Organization tour to Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Kuwait during the Christmas holiday.

Both in and out of the ring, Bradshaw said his niche is telling Americans what life is like for soldiers on enemy territory.

“Despite the fact the Army does everything outstandingly well to take care of these soldiers, they're still out in the desert, away from families.”

In the future, Bradshaw said he wants to film public service announcements also. Astin's announcements will be seen on Armed Forces Radio and Television Stations.

MEDDAC

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the path of excellence that McGaha had already started.

“I look forward to serving as your commander ... and I am very proud to call myself a member of the Evans health care team.”

McGaha has served a variety of command and staff assignments to include Ambulance Platoon Leader, 25th Medical Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Medical Program Analyst, Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate for the Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C., and Executive Assistant to the Surgeon General. Evans was McGaha's final assignment as he retires from military service.

Goodrich begins his assignment at Evans coming from a background of several medical assignments, to include Battalion Flight Surgeon, 222nd Aviation Battalion, Fort Richardson, Alaska; Chief of Family Practice, 130th Station Hospital, Heidelberg, Germany; Medical Director, Family Health Center of both Fort Belvoir, Va. and Woodbridge, Va.; and the Military Health System's Director of Population Health Programs, TRICARE Management Activity, Health Affairs, Falls Church, Va. Goodrich is also a member of the American Board of Family Physicians, U.S. Army Association of Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Association.

Military

Local sheriff pays visit to Army Space Command

El Paso County's top lawman learns about high-tech gadgets that may help law enforcement

by **D. J. Montoya**

Army Space Command Public Affairs Office

What interest do areas such as satellite imagery, non-line of sight tracking and a reach-back capability have to local law enforcement?

Plenty, according to the new El Paso County Sheriff, Terry Maketa.

Maketa visited U.S. Army Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base Jan. 8 to receive a briefing on the command's capabilities, a tour and the opportunity to meet some of the people who provide space-based products to the warfighter.

"I was extremely impressed with what I saw," said the 15-year veteran of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Recently, local governments and law enforcement have moved toward incorporating high technology in their day-to-day operations, such as the use of Tasers in the Sheriff's Office. The city of Colorado Springs has also pro-

posed use of a Global Positioning Satellite based Automatic Vehicle Locator system to assist emergency vehicles.

Seeing what one day may have commercial and law enforcement applications, especially to his department, was of great interest to Maketa.

One of the many products of Army Space Command that caught his attention was the field of satellite imagery.

Maketa said this type of tool would be of great use in areas such as fires, floods and intelligence for narcotics interdiction.

Army Space Command was a key player in last summer's Colorado wild fire fighting efforts when it was asked to provide specially enhanced satellite images of the affected areas.

"The whole satellite imaging arena and what you are able to do with the images once available would be of great use to our department," he said.

He also pointed to the real-time



Photo by Sharon Hartman

Bo Dunaway, director, Spectral Operations Resource Center, explains some of the technology to incoming El Paso County Sheriff, Terry Maketa, during a guided tour of Army Space Command facilities.

capabilities Army Space Command is utilizing with Blue Force Tracking, and the comprehensive reach-back ability

that is found in the Army Space Command Operations Center, which

Military Briefs

Smallpox Hotline

Smallpox vaccination hotline — The Preventive Medicine Careline has established a smallpox hotline to give information on the status of smallpox vaccinations in the community. The number is 526-6422.

Soldiers on profile

Soldiers on profiles — In accordance with Army Regulation 600-60, all soldiers with a P3 or P4 profile in any area of their body designators — Physical Capacity, Upper extremities, Lower extremities, Hearing, Eyes or Psychiatric — are required to appear before the Military Occupation Specialty/Medical Retention Board within 60 days of the signed, approved profile.

The purpose of this requirement is to maintain the quality of the force by ensuring the soldiers are physically qualified to perform their Primary Military Occupational Specialty worldwide under field conditions. Soldiers with a P3 or P4 profile are non-deployable as of the date the profile is completed. P3 or P4 soldiers are not authorized reassignment, training at any U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command course or advancement course, or re-enlistment without appearance before the board. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Keith Cashion at 526-6530.

GI Bill benefits

Soldiers who converted from VEAP to Montgomery GI Bill last year are reminded that it is their responsibility to individually check to ensure they have paid the full \$2,700 within the required deadline, 18 months from the date entered on their DD Form 2366. Meeting this 18-month deadline is critical. Soldiers have no education benefits to utilize until the required \$2,700 is paid in full.

Furthermore, soldiers who fail to pay the money in full by the deadline will forfeit all contributions made to that point and will not be eligible for any MGIB benefits.

Many soldiers have had problems with their local finance offices erroneously stopping the reduction in pay when it reached \$600 or \$12,000. In some cases, Finance refunded some payments to the soldiers. These are finance problems and errors, and must be resolved. Defense Finance and Accounting Service has sent a message out to field finance offices advising them of the needed corrective action. However, soldiers are ultimately responsible for initiating action to discover and correct finance mistakes. Soldiers may have to make lump sum payments to ensure the full \$2,700 is paid within the 18 months. For more information, contact Bill Unger, 526-4125, or any guidance counselor at the education center.

Replacing identification cards

Procedure for replacing lost or stolen identification cards — Effective immediately, all soldiers assigned or attached to Fort Carson who have had an ID card or Common Access Card lost or stolen will be required to present a memorandum signed by their commander when requesting a replacement card. Local policy requires all active duty soldiers, reservists, retirees, family members and Fort Carson civilian employees who lose their ID or Common Access Card to present a form of identification before a replacement card can be issued.

The following forms of ID are acceptable: valid driver's license with photo, state ID with

photo, birth certificate with seal or photocopy of birth certificate that reflects the state file number. If no form of ID is available, the soldier must be accompanied by a senior noncommissioned officer (sergeant first class or above) or a commissioned officer.

Hours of operation

Mountain Post Wellness Center — The wellness center, located next to the commissary, hours of operation are now 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Information, Tickets and Registration Office and the Outdoor Recreation Complex Information Desk have been combined in an effort to better serve customers. Hours of operation are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 526-2083 or 526-5366.

For official travel services, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel, in building 1012 on Long Street, is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 3 p.m. on training holidays.

Travelers are reminded to bring three copies of travel orders when picking up tickets for official travel. Soldiers and family members must have one original and one copy of their "travelopes" and three copies of each order, to include amendments, for overseas permanent changes of station. If you cannot pick up your tickets in person, you can fax a copy of orders to 526-1142 or 576-5262 for issuance of an E-ticket.

Please call 576-5188 to confirm receipt of faxed orders. Tickets will not be issued without orders. If you do not use your ticket, you must bring it and two copies of your orders. If you were issued an E-ticket and did not travel, you still must bring in two copies of orders to process a refund for the unused ticket.

Central Issue Facility hours of operation are: Regular business hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Initial Issue/Partial Issue/DX: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Partial Turn-Ins: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Full Turn-Ins require an appointment. Please call 524-2006 or 526-2729 to schedule an appointment. For questions, call Stacey Sly at 526-5512.

Legal assistance adjusted schedule — Due to the increase of deployments and the need for attorneys to staff the SRP site, walk-ins to see attorneys are now Wednesdays only; sign in is at 12:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Power of Attorneys and notaries are done on a walk-in basis 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Open Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.

Briefings

Special Forces briefings — Special Forces recruiting briefings are held Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Grant Library for males in the pay grades E-3 to E-7 with a GT score of 100 or higher and who are U.S. citizens.

ETS/Transition briefing schedule — In order for soldiers to receive their ETS orders, soldiers must attend an End of Term of Service briefing. Soldiers may sign in at 7:15 a.m. and the briefing begins at 7:30 a.m. in building 1118, room 317. For more information, call the Transition Center at 526-2240 or 526-4298.

Pest control training — Pest Management Regulation, AR 200-5, requires only certified applicators apply pesticides on military installations. The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management has a program that provides military personnel the necessary training

and herbicide. Each unit is allowed a maximum of five people for training unless approved through the unit commander to DECAM. Training sessions are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. at building 3711, until all units have received the training.

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

The following are dates for upcoming briefings: Wednesday.

Amnesty Turn-in

Fort Carson Ammunition and Explosives amnesty turn-in — When military A & E are found outside the boundaries of Fort Carson military areas, notify the local civilian authorities or the military police, 526-2333. Abandoned military A & E, excluding small arms ammunition up to and including .50 caliber, will not be moved by untrained personnel. If A & E are found, notify the Fort Carson 764th Explosive Ordnance Company, 526-2643.

Abandoned A & E found on post may be turned in at the Ammunition Reclamation Area, located on Butts Road, one mile south of the airfield. The hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Ammunition Supply Point, 526-4381, or the Quality Assurance Office, 526-1795 or 526-1892.

Siren Test

Monthly siren test — To ensure Fort Carson sirens remain operational, a monthly test will be conducted at noon on the last Friday of each month. The test will sound six seconds on, six seconds off, for a duration of five minutes. The "all clear" will be indicated by a continuous three-minute siren.

Laundry Service

Post Laundry Service — The Post Laundry service provides free laundry and dry cleaning service to soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the Post Laundry prior to turn in. Soldiers are reminded to allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment.

The turnaround for the service is 72 hours and no appointment is necessary. The Post Laundry will not clean personal items like BDUs, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC jackets and most web equipment.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. For more information call, 526-8806 or 526-8804.

Luncheon

AUSA quarterly luncheon — The luncheon will be Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel South, by Interstate 25 and Circle Drive.

Guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Geraci, deputy commanding general, Army Space Command and space and Missile Defense Command. Topic is "The Army's Role in Space." There will also be demonstrations provided by Army Space Command.

Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Call Sandi Sams at 570-8056 or by talk to your unit first sergeant or command sergeant major.

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

Greenback

Hours of operation change at 4th Finance Battalion

by 2nd Lt. Suzanne Love
4th Finance Battalion

The 4th Finance Battalion is reducing by one operating location the number of daily finance support locations for one additional day each week.

With elements of the battalion already deployed or deploying and the possibility of more significant elements deploying in the near future, the battalion will close the finance operations at our B Detachment (building 1854) location on Wednesdays. Closing on Wednesdays will allow the battalion the time needed to prepare for possible deployment.

The battalion will still be more than capable of providing quality finance support to the Mountain Post Team. It will continue to maintain Welcome Center operations (A Detachment — building 1218), our daily finance presence at the Soldier Readiness Program site, and our Reserve Pay Operations section. For those soldiers who normally receive their pay support at the B Detachment location, they will receive finance support for emergencies from A Detachment on Wednesdays.

Deploying soldiers will continue to receive finance support as they go through the SRP site or at B Detachment on one of their other operating days.

Interest Rate on Government Debts for 2003

The Department of Treasury has established the interest rate to be charged on debts due the United States at 4.25 percent effective Jan. 1. The rate will remain in effect through Dec. 31.

This rate is simple interest, added to debts once it is established the due date for payment of indebtedness has passed. Interest accrues, however, from the date on which the letter of indebtedness was first mailed or hand-delivered to the member on the date the debt is paid in full. Therefore, the minimum amount charged for interest shall be for a 30-day period. When the due date passes without receipt of the required payment from the servicemember, interest shall be computed by multiplying the principal amount of the debt by the applicable interest rate divided by 360 days times the number of days in the interest period.

Interest is required to be added to any military pay and allowance debt if and when the member has requested proration, or when a member fails to respond to a letter of indebtedness and the finance office has to establish a proration period.

Address all questions or concerns concerning interests rates on government debts to Debt Management, 4th Finance Battalion at 526-0500.

Commercial airlines to help transport troops, equipment

by Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Commercial airlines have been enlisted by Department of Defense to transport troops and equipment as part of the buildup for possible war with Iraq.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld ordered the activation of Stage I of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, according to a Saturday U.S. Transportation Command press release. The CRAF, created in 1952, boosts U.S. military airlift capability with civilian planes, if needed.

Under Stage I, 22 U.S. airline companies will make 47 of their passenger airliners and 31 cargo planes available for military use, according to TRANSCOM. Currently, only 47 passenger aircraft are being used. The cargo planes could be drafted into service quickly if needed.

The Civil Reserve Air Fleet program has three stages. Stage I is the lowest activation level. Stage II was activated for the first time during Operation Desert Shield in 1990. Stage III, for full-scale mobilizations, has never been activated; it calls for the use of up to 400 civilian aircraft.

The Air Force's Air Mobility Command awards peacetime contracts to commercial air carriers that participate in the CRAF program.

Historically, the commercial sector has provided the U.S. military with 93 percent of all troop air-transport and 41 percent of long-range cargo needs, according to TRANSCOM.

Dining Schedule

Weekday Dining Facilities

A La Carte Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)

Standard Facilities

3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)
10th Special Forces Group (A) (building 7481)

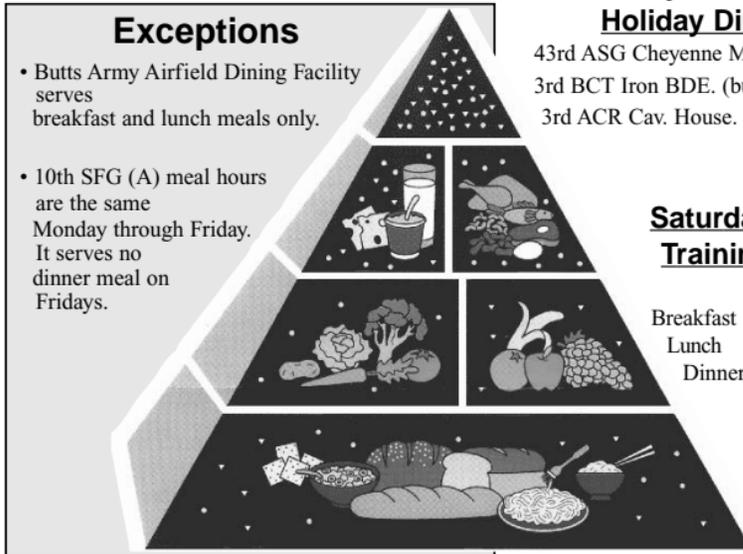
Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Week of Feb. 15 to Feb. 21

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield Dining Facility serves breakfast and lunch meals only.
- 10th SFG (A) meal hours are the same Monday through Friday. It serves no dinner meal on Fridays.



Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn. (building 1040)
3rd BCT Iron BDE. (building 2061)
3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Family members are cordially invited to dine in Fort Carson dining facilities.

*Army Space Command***Soldier, wife bring warmth to Afghanistan**

by Maj. Robert Zaza
Army Space Command

BAGRAM AIR BASE,

Afghanistan — Army Space Command Support Teams normally provide space products and expertise to corps commanders and staffs as participants in the global war on terrorism. That's what the job that Army Space Command Support Team 4 is deployed here currently to do.

Recently, a member of that team, mobilized reservist 1st Lt. Shawn Price, gave more than the 100 percent soldiers are expected to give, when he spearheaded a humanitarian relief effort with the assistance of his wife Marie.

A project to provide blankets and winter clothing to destitute Afghans began in November 2002 with Marie Price's idea to do something for the American soldiers in Afghanistan.

"I wanted to send supplies to the soldiers, just extra stuff. I contacted my husband and we discussed the idea," Marie said. 1st Lt. Price felt the need for adequate clothing among the Afghans was so great they should gather clothing and blankets for them instead.

"We have it made, compared to the local people," he said.

The 1st Baptist Church of Kettering, Ohio, rallied together to collect 22 large boxes of winter clothing. A child-care center, La Petite Academy, and Marie's apartment complex also donated clothing. The Family Support Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, helped immensely by shipping the boxes.

On Jan. 12, Price joined a group of soldiers from the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion, a unit from Riverdale, Md., on a mission to distribute the boxes to people in the Bagram Valley, in the shadow of the Hindu Kush Mountains. The 450th conducted the mission on a Sunday, a day normally reserved for down time.

Price reported that the distribution got out of control after a while because the Afghans were so desperate. The 450th made arrangements with the local "Mullah" to leave the remaining items with the village elders, who distributed the items by need to villagers following evening prayer. The boxes consisted of a variety of winter apparel, adult pants and shirts, infant and toddler clothing and blankets.

After the mission, Price wrote in an e-mail to Marie, "I can't describe the desperation of these people — how badly they need help. We ran into



Photo courtesy Army Space Command

1st Lt. Shawn Price, a mobilized Reservist with Army Space Command Support Team 4, distributes clothing to children and adults in Afghanistan.

some problems giving out the clothes because the crowd got slightly out of control, so we had to end it early. They weren't being malicious, just overcome with the need to get what they could — sisters fighting brothers, parents pushing their children aside. I don't think I've ever seen the look on a child's face that I saw when they were clawing at us for clothes. It wasn't panic; it was

survival. It was the look that you would see on the face of a grown adult fighting for his or her life. Everything here is about 'survival of the fittest.'

"On the good side, they were grateful to see us. The people at your church need to know that the Lord allowed them to do a great thing — possibly the greatest thing that any civilian can do as part of the effort in Afghanistan," he

Clinical depression: a real, treatable illness

Courtesy TriWest Healthcare

We've all felt sad before. Most of us even feel a little depressed or "down in the dumps" from time to time. Feelings of sadness or fleeting depression are not uncommon, nor are they a reason for concern. However, for those who suffer from clinical depression, these feelings can be extreme, recurring and impossible to manage without professional help.

What people often don't realize is that clinical depression is an illness, and management of this disease depends on proper treatment. Fortunately, your TRICARE mental health benefits offer services designed to help properly treat depression.

What is clinical depression and who's affected by it?

Unlike brief episodes of "the blues," clinical depression is a state of sadness and despair that can overtake every aspect of daily life. According to the National Mental Health Association, clinical depression affects more than 19 million Americans each year. Statistics say one out of every five women and one out of every 15 men will suffer from major depression at some point during their lifetime, while one out of every 33 children suffer from depression each year.

Recognizing the symptoms of depression is the first step in identifying the illness. Some of the most common signs of depression in adults are constant feelings of sadness/emptiness, agitation, loss of energy/fatigue, feelings of worthlessness or guilt and thoughts of suicide. Symptoms common in children with depression differ slightly from those of adults and include high absenteeism or poor performance in school, withdrawal from friends/activities, problems with authority, low self-esteem and drug/alcohol abuse.

People suffering from medical conditions such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer and eating disorders are also commonly plagued by depression. In many cases, patients with serious medical problems believe that depression is a natural, emotional response to their condition, or they mistake symptoms of depression for symptoms of their condition. For these reasons, few seek treatment.

Unfortunately, they're not alone. Regardless of the root of their depression, people often hesitate to discuss their symptoms with their physician because they are embarrassed, feel it is a sign of weakness or expect that they can snap out of it on their own. The fact is, depression is an illness that requires professional attention and support.

Treatment

Counseling services and the use of antidepressant medications are the most common treatments for depression.

However, because depression can stem from a variety of things (including a family history of the disease, an imbalance in body chemistry, changes in hormone levels or a reaction to a traumatic life event), it is important to discuss your symptoms and situation with a health care provider to help determine the proper direction for treatment.

When should I seek treatment?

Though treatment for depression is usually successful (80 percent of treated patients show signs of improvement), the NMHA estimates that only half of those suffering from the illness actually seek treatment. If you or a family member suffers from more than five of the symptoms noted above for longer than two weeks, it is important that you seek professional assistance. Treatment for

depression is more successful if the illness is addressed as soon as possible.

What are TRICARE's mental health benefits?

As a TRICARE beneficiary, mental health services are available to help you treat and beat depression. For information about your mental health benefits, visit the beneficiary section of www.triwest.com and click the "Find Mental Health & Wellness Topics" link on the left vertical bar. You may also call Merit Behavioral Care, TriWest Healthcare



Alliance's mental health/substance abuse contractor for the TRICARE Central Region, at (888) 910-9378. MBC mental health care managers are available through this toll-free line 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

As with any illness, prompt attention to depression is key. With treatment, depression can be manageable and you can take control of your life again. For more information, or for help locating a mental health provider in your area, call (888) 910-9378.

Don't let icy roads take you for a spin

by 1st Lt. Melissa Field
 Provost Marshal Office

Colorado has mountains and is subject to a continental climate. Both result in snow. Anyone who lives in other winter-prone states should not be afraid of driving in winter weather conditions in Colorado. Colorado's mountains shouldn't frighten out-of-staters from winter-weather driving. The same rules apply to winter driving in Colorado as apply to winter driving everywhere else:

- Have a safe following distance between you and the car in front of you. It should be as far as four seconds between vehicles during bad conditions.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good working condition, with properly inflated tires, windshield washer fluid and an ice scraper. Have decent all-season tires. Nowadays if you shell

out money for snow tires you're being taken for a ride, because modern all-season tires are just fine.

- Plan ahead, know your route and get weather reports. Having four-wheel drive and/or anti-lock brakes does not mean your car is immune from the laws of physics. Slow down in slick conditions. If you're driving in a storm and feel as though you're in over your head, that's a sign you should stop.

- When visibility drops or you are using your windshield wipers, a good rule of thumb is to put on your headlights, not to just assist in your vision, but to enable others to see you.

- An additional reminder: Colorado Revised Statute 42-4-201(4) States no vehicle shall be operated upon a highway or roadway unless the driver's vision through any required glass equipment is normal and unob-

structed. Clean off all the snow — headlights and taillights too.

Domestic conflicts

We're all aware of the Army family domestic interest. Did you know that the Military Police are obliged to report domestic incidents on the installation to III Corps? If local law enforcement officers are called to a household for a domestic dispute, in most cases someone will be apprehended. According to the

CRS, "Domestic violence means an act or threatened act of violence upon a person with whom the actor is or has been involved in an intimate relationship." Off-post incidents involving members of Fort Carson are reported to the Military Police. So before things get out of hand, take five or leave the area until things cool off.

The 5025th GSU is back

If you haven't noticed, there's a bunch of new faces on patrol. Once again the 5025th has been activated to support the Fort Carson mission. Please offer them a welcome and your support as they support us.

Traffic citations

- One citation for 46 mph in a 20 mph zone
- Forty-six other tickets issued for speeding
- Thirteen tickets issued for failure to stop for a traffic control device
- Four tickets issued for displaying blue lights

Nuclear medicine clinic at Evans gets new equipment

by Spc. Stacy Harris
 Mountaineer staff

The Nuclear Medicine Clinic at Evans Army Community Hospital received new equipment during Christmas break and is the first hospital in the Colorado area to have the updated technology.

Nuclear Medicine uses very small amounts of radioactive material to diagnose certain problems. It provides accurate images that help health-care professionals study organs and tissues, gives valuable information on how the organs and tissues work and can also be used as a therapy, according to a Nuclear Medicine pamphlet. Nuclear

medicine is used to detect conditions such as heart disease, cancer and arthritis, as well as other infections.



The new equipment Evans received is a Gamma Camera, which is an open gantry system, said Sgt. Andrew Fisher, noncommissioned officer in charge, Nuclear Medicine. The new equipment was brought in to replace the outdated system.

"This particular model of camera — we are the only ones in the state of Colorado to have it," Fisher said.

Fisher said the older equipment typically has a ring setup and must pass over the patient, and patient size can sometimes be a fac-

tor. In addition, the new camera also allows for the patients to be treated while on a stretcher or bed because the table can be moved out of the way.

"It allows a little more freedom with the size of patients," he said.

Fisher said it is important to have this new updated equipment because it gives them the capability of not having to move the patient around any more than necessary, but otherwise, the old and the new machines work about the same.

Even so, the old equipment needed to be replaced because it would soon be outdated, he said. The typical machine lasts about 10 to 12 years before needing to be updated.

For more information on Nuclear Medicine, call 526-7350.

Sheriff

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would help his own department's daily operations.

"The biggie is knowing where your resources are at any given time," said Maketa.

"El Paso County is almost 2,160-square miles. We have people in every corner of it and some days in every corner of the state. And then we start talking about transport and so forth. So absolutely, it would be nice to see where our resources are, and their progress for officer safety issues as well as efficiency."

Maketa admits his knowledge of the Army's role in space is not extensive. No stranger to military life, Maketa grew up on military bases.

"My dad was in the infantry — a 26-year career. I just never heard any discussions of the Army's role in space. I knew the Army had artillery and ground launched missiles but ... space?"

"I was, of course, aware of the military use of space assets,

but I was pretty surprised to learn of the advancements and the deep involvement of the Army in space."

Commenting on his visit to the command and the important role space is playing in today's world, Maketa said, "What I experienced was something that I see as being the first step in a long-term relationship. It provided for me a snapshot of what we can expect in the civilian sector and law enforcement."

"I know the relationships between local law enforcement and military installations — whether it is the Army or Air Force — have improved over the years. There is more of an effort to share information. I'm actually looking forward to building on the blocks that we have today."

Maketa went on to say that Army Space Command personnel know what their role is — be it national defense, homeland security or forming solid partnerships with local law enforcement.

12 Afghans surrender after firefight at Bagram Air Base

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. Special Forces soldiers came under heavy weapons fire Monday as they patrolled an area north of Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The soldiers were on a mounted patrol when anti-coalition forces opened fire with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, U.S. officials said. The patrol drove through the fire and called for close-air support. Coalition aircraft dropped precision-guided munitions on targets and then strafed the area. There were no U.S. casualties.

The commander of the 2nd Battalion of the Afghan national army later arranged the surrender of 12 men loyal to a local warlord. The 12 had fled into the hills and hid in area caves; they turned over their weapons and ammunition to the 2nd Battalion.

The incident continues a string of isolated attacks on coalition forces. Coalition forces came under fire southwest of Gardez Friday.

There have been mortar and rocket attacks on coalition targets in the country. U.S. Central Command officials said it is sometimes difficult to tell whether an attack was directed at the coalition or was fighting among rival Afghan factions.

Operation Mongoose near Spin Boldak is winding down. Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division continued cave destruction in the Adi Ghar Mountains. The operation began Jan. 27. At least 18 Afghan fighters loyal to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar were killed.

Hekmatyar, a former prime minister, had been generally thought to be an unaligned, renegade guerrilla leader. Fliers distributed last year in Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan, however, claimed Hekmatyar had joined forces with al Qaeda terrorists.

At Mongoose's height, 300 to 350 coalition troops were involved. Coalition forces cleared more than 75 caves.

Community

Car seat safety: proper restraints important

Courtesy Evans Army Community Hospital

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children age 4 to 14. Keeping children safe on the road means putting them in the right restraint at the right age.

While most infants and toddlers ride in the correct child safety seat, less than 10 percent of the children who should be in booster seats use one. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends children who have outgrown child safety seats be properly restrained in booster seats in the back seat until they are at least 8 years old, unless they are 4 feet 9 inches tall. A booster seat lifts a child up so a safety belt can fit correctly. Without a booster seat, a small child can be ejected from a vehicle in a crash.

Representatives will be able to answer parents' questions about child safety seats and booster seats. During Child Passenger Safety Week 2003, which runs through Saturday, child-safety advocates will be reaching out to child-care providers to educate them about child passenger safety issues, including the use of booster seats, and to encourage them to take the message to parents. Throughout the year, child-care providers will be attending classes on "Moving Kids Safely in Child Care," a curriculum developed by NHTSA and the

American Academy of Pediatrics. According to U.S. Census data, about seven million children age 5 and younger are in some form of child-care. Engaging child-care providers provides an unprecedented opportunity to ensure the safe transportation of millions of children. "Securing your child in the right restraint at the right time is one of the most important things you can do to protect your child."

The four steps for children are: 1. Rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds. 2. Forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age one to about age 4 and 20 to 40 pounds. 3. Booster seats in the back seat from about age 4 and 40 pounds to at least age 8, unless 4 feet 9 inches tall. 4. Safety belts at age 8 or older or taller than 4 feet 9 inches. All children, 12 and under, should ride in the back seat. For more information about child passenger safety, go to www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

Community car seat and child passenger safety checks will be held:

Feb. 22 at AMR ambulance bays on 2370 N.

Powers, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 20 at 415 W. Alabama Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. Call Juan Flores at 322-2035 for directions.

April 19 at Saturn of Chapel Hills, 1540 Auto Mall Loop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Local Resources for car seat information:

Chris Simosky and Kim Nolan (Safe Kids) at 632-4293; Maile Gray (Drive Smart) at 444-7534; Gloria at (460-3285) and Juan Flores at 322-2035.

Evans Army Community Hospital is hosting the following activities:

Drive Smart of Colorado will donate an infant car seat (LOVE SEAT) to the first baby born Friday at Evans.

Boosters will be given out to child-care providers tomorrow night for those who transport children and are attending an education class that night.

A table will be set up across from the Pediatric clinic at EACH today to answer questions and select (drawing) several soldiers, E4 and below, for family members who need boosters. For more information, contact Linda Riding, Community Health at 526-6132.



Community Events

Parent's workshop

School transition workshop — Did you know that military-connected children move through six to nine schools from kindergarten through 12th grade?

The Military Child Education Coalition is presenting two Parent/Professional Workshops titled, School Transitions: The Essential Ingredients.

Topics include:

- Learning about K-12 school transition, research
- Preparing to move to a new school
- Testing and assessment
- Fitting in — social and emotional support
- Preparing for college, transcripts

Parents of preschool children through 12th grade and professionals working with military families are invited to this workshop. Come learn how to improve the education of all military-connected children.

Place: Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel, 2886 S. Circle Drive (Interstate 25, Exit 138)

Date: Feb. 24

Time: Session I, 9 a.m. to noon or Session II, 6 to 9 p.m.

Please call Hope Metzler at 526-1071 to join this workshop or e-mail hope.metzler@carson.army.mil.

For more information about MCEC, visit www.MilitaryChild.org.

Black History celebration

The African American/Black History Celebration will be held at the Elkhorn Conference Center Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be entertainment, exhibits and free ethnic food sampling. The celebration will also feature Buffalo soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen and the Brown Bombers, as well as W.E.B. DuBois speaking of the Souls of Black Folk. This event is sponsored by the Fort Carson Equal Opportunity Office. For more information, call 526-6146 or 526-3385.

Charitable auction

A Trash to Treasure Charitable Auction, sponsored by the Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Charitable Association and Morale Welfare and Recreation, will be Feb. 28 at the Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center at 6:30 p.m. where everything old is new again and the potential is only limited by your own imagination. You know the saying "someone's trash is another person's treasure." Well, you can test that theory by attending. You never know what you might find.

Also to be auctioned are theme baskets, jewelry, art, pottery and many more tantalizing surprises.

Door prizes have been donated by local businesses.

The following items are among the things to be auctioned: two La-Z-Boy recliners, a pair of diamond and opal earrings, Ethan Allen Framed Prints, sporting equipment, a 27-inch TV, a Waterford vase, and an assortment of coupons for use at DCA facilities. Come enjoy this evening of casual fun and find someone else's trash to bring home as your new treasure. The admission is \$5 for singles and \$8 for couples, and includes pizza as well as hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

All money raised will be put back into our military community. This adult-only event is open to the public. For more information, call 559-7055 or 526-9977.

Taxes

Tax time — Still doing your own taxes? The Grant Library has Colorado and federal tax booklets and forms to hand out and has forms from all 50 states to copy. For information, call 526-2350 or visit the library at 4950 Flint St.

Fort Carson Tax Center — The Fort Carson Tax Center, which offers free tax services, to include elec-

tronic filing, will be open from Monday to April 15, except for federal and training holidays.

Services offered:

- Refunds in 10 to 20 days at no cost
- Answers to tax refund questions
- Federal returns prepared while you wait
- Federal and state forms available for your convenience
- Federal returns filed electronically for the quickest refund

Hours of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Feb. 22, March 8 and April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Be sure to bring all W-2s, Social Security Cards for yourself and all family members.

Have the following if relevant:

- Form 1099 INT or DIV
- Information on child-care, Individual Retirement Account contributions,
- Mortgage interest statement
- Sale of stocks, bonds or mutual funds
- Any other financial info
- Alimony paid or received
- Power of Attorney if filing for spouse, court orders for divorce or child custody

Visit the tax center at building 6264, off Albanese Loop (across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center), or call 524-1012 or 524-1013.

Youth Services

Youth Services registration — Youth Services Central Registration Office changed its hours. The new hours are as follows:

Mondays and Thursdays — walk-ins are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Last walk-in at 4:30 p.m.)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays — appointments only, the office closes at noon on Fridays.

The following is required to register: up-to-date immunization record, health assessment, proof of income, three emergency points of contact and child's Social Security number. The cost of registration is \$15 per child or \$35 per family. For more information, call Faye Wilburn at 526-8220.

Valentines Day

Valentine Dinner and Dance — The Southeast and Armed Services YMCA, which is located at 2190 Jet Wing Drive, next to Sierra High School, will host a Valentine Dinner and Dance Friday. The start time is 6:30 p.m. The menu will consist of chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread and a special dessert. Music will be provided by a local disc jockey. This free event is open to families of military and YMCA members only. Please call 622-9622 to make reservations or for any questions.

Reward

Stolen equipment — Between Sept. 6 and Sept. 16, unknown person(s) by unknown means gained access to the Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment conference room, building 2352.

The person(s) pried away a locked security cable attached to a Toshiba data projector, model number TLP 450, serial number 69691451 and then stole the projector.

The Criminal Investigation Detachment is offering a \$200 reward for any information that leads to the recovery of the projector and successful conviction of the perpetrator(s).

Any information concerning the investigation should be provided to Special Agent Timothy E. Bombard, 48th Military Police Detachment, at 526-3579.

New hours for ID cards

Effective immediately and until further notice, the ID Card/DEERS Section will have extended hours. New duty hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have any questions, e-mail Mary Foster at mary.foster@carson.army.mil.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Attention dads and daughters: Celebration Station is proud to announce the Daddy Daughter Dance, a wonderful way to spend quality time with your daughter, March 7 or 8, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$37 per couple and includes dinner for two, a daddy/daughter picture and dancing. Sign up for either night. For more information, call Dan Huggill at 271-0242.

Endless Love

An Endless Love Valentine's dinner is schedule for Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Inn — Airport at 1645 N. Newport Road (at Powers and Fountain). The cost is a \$10 donation per person. A photographer is available.

Menu: All dinners will have a tossed garden salad, chef's vegetables, rolls with butter, dessert, coffee, decaf coffee and iced tea.

Choices:

1. Whole poached salmon filet in lemon butter caper sauce with rice
2. Prosciutto wrapped 5-oz beef filet with mashed potatoes
3. Chicken breast stuffed with spinach, ground pork sausage, ricotta cheese and garlic, topped with marsala mushroom sauce with mashed potatoes.

For more information or for tickets please contact Jo Kincaid at 382-4847.

Deployment support child-care

Deployment support child-care for children 6-weeks-old to 18 years will be provided 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week for soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors at no cost. No registration and no shot records are required.

Units and supervisors should coordinate through Child Youth Services at 526-6452, 526-4188 or 526-8220

Parents who need after hours "no-notice" care requirement should call the Emergency Operations Center at 526-3400.

Individuals may call, but the need for child-care must be validated by a supervisor. Call CYS Registration Office 526-1101 for more information.



Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
526-4590

CONNECTING WAITING FAMILIES



Spouse deployed or on a hardship tour?
Feeling lonely and overwhelmed?
Fighting the separation blues?+

Join us and share your concerns and ideas,
as well as meet other family members of
deployed/hardship tour soldiers. +

**THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH**

9 TO 10:30 A.M. / 6 TO 8 P.M.

AT THE FAMILY CONNECTION, BLDG. 1354
ON BARKELEY AVE.

PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED. TO
MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL 526-4590.

Chaplain's Corner

When life's too busy rest on a cornerstone

Commentary by

Chap. (Maj.) Christopher A. Faria
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have made a pact. The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, for we have made falsehood our refuge, and we have concealed ourselves with deception."

Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone (for) the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes (in it) will not be disturbed. (Isa 28:15-16, NAS)

You know you're too busy when ... you go to a drive-through funeral home. Back in 1991 Mathew Cornish, a mortician, opened a drive-through viewing window in his funeral home (USA Weekend, July 12, 1991, p.18). Now that's busy. And it is easy to get caught up in being busy, especially in times like these. Stephen Covey wrote, It's incredibly easy to get caught up in an activity trap, in the busyness of life, to work harder and harder at climbing the ladder of success only to discover it's leaning against the

wrong wall." So what do you do? Most of us tend to get busy because we are stacking the deck in our favor — trying to arrange the events of our lives to get what we think we need, to accomplish what we think we should with much of it imposed by our jobs.

What we need is not to get busier. What we need is to come up against a wall. Or, in this case, a huge block.

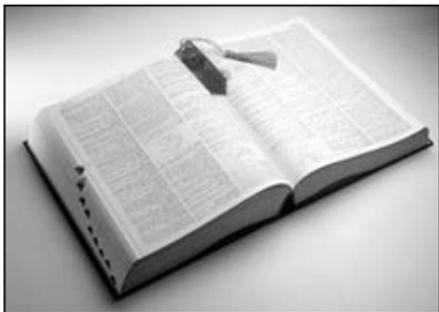
When Isaiah prophesied, part of his audience was busy, busy, busy ... with all the wrong things. They had so orchestrated their lives that God was not even a part of their day. When he warned of a coming invasion from the north for their sin, the nation said they wouldn't even be touched because they had made a bargain with death (Isa.28:15). They thought that this gave them the insurance, that they wouldn't be touched with tragedy until they were old. They were weaving the tapestry of their lives to insure comfort and peace. Much like us they were assuring themselves that they were too busy to die and would pass away at a ripe old age.

Isaiah's response from God was that they needed a rock. Literally, they needed the cornerstone God was laying in Israel. It was the focal point of a building. It was tried; i.e., tested and found to pass the test. In 1 Peter 2:6-8 the apostle applies this to Jesus Christ. He is the cornerstone. And look at the result of faith (Isa. 28:16b) in him — you will not be disturbed. It literally means to be hurried. It isn't so much an issue of us running around but why we are running around. We attempt to provide for ourselves outside of God's provision for us. Thus we get ... mega-busy. In Christ, there is an element that what we are doing in his will is sufficient. We're not trying to play God and hedge our bets by lining up events,

people and things to insure comfort and peace.

Today, as you head in or out of work, pass through a store or drive past a building, think of this verse and spot the cornerstone. And remember — the building isn't being busy being a building — it is resting on the cornerstone.





Chapel

Faith Weaver — Faith Weaver is Sundays at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel and is a traditional Protestant Sunday school for all ages, including adults. The program meets at 9:30 a.m. with a children's church program that meets during the protestant worship service at 11 a.m.

Youth of the Chapel — Activities for Protestant and Catholic Middle School and High School Youth are Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Protestant High School activities include Bible Studies Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sundays, Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

SCUBA is coming — a "Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure" or SCUBA will be our 2003 Vacation Bible School June 16 to 20. Volunteers are need for station leader and crew leader positions. For information, call Dennis Scheck at 526-5626

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Pat Battiato/526-5769
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CCD	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Stahl/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Satterfield
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Deppmeir/526-4416
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Lee/526-4469
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Lee/526-2811
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kincaid/526-8011
LUTHERAN					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Bauer/526-5279
JEWISH					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.	Family University	Family University	Barkeley & Ellis	Information: 526-8013

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child-care is available during on-post worship services.

Daily Bible readings: In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

- Friday — Psalms 71 & Exodus 39-40
- Saturday — Psalm 72 & Leviticus 1-3
- Sunday — Psalms 73 & Leviticus 4-6
- Monday — Psalms 74 & Leviticus 7-9
- Tuesday — Psalms 75 & Leviticus 10-12
- Wednesday — Psalms 76 & Leviticus 13-15
- Thursday — Psalms 77 & Leviticus 16-18

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following:

Unit: For the soldiers, families and leaders of the 29th Infantry Division, Virginia Army National Guard, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Army: For the dedicated officers, noncommissioned officers, soldiers and veterans of the National Guard nationwide, and their service as citizen soldiers.

State: For all soldiers and their families from the state of Virginia. Pray also for Gov. Mark R. Warner and the state legislators and municipal officials of the Old Dominion State.

Nation: For the vice president of the United States, Richard B. Cheney, and for his wife and family.

Religious: For the clergy and congregations of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and for the chaplains endorsed for military ministry by that community of faith.

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



Fort Carson Ski Day

Soldiers hit the slopes

Story and photos by Spc. Jon Christoffersen
Mountaineer staff

More than 40 servicemembers and their families took the opportunity to spend the day on the slopes during the annual Fort Carson Ski Day Friday.

The ski day is an opportunity for soldiers and family members to do something they don't normally have the opportunity to do, according to Scott Edwards, Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation.

"Skiing is an expensive activity," Edwards said. "We (Outdoor Rec.) look for the best prices to offer servicemembers and families when we're planning the ski day."

Edwards said shopping around provides Outdoor Rec. the opportunity to offer a ski package as cheap as possible.

"This activity promotes recreation and the welfare of military personnel," Edwards said. "(This day) is designed to get people out there who normally wouldn't get the chance."

One of the individuals who took advantage of the less-expensive ski trip was Spc. Chris Jensen of 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Jensen used the transportation provided by Outdoor Rec. to get to Ski Cooper for a day on the mountain with his snowboard.

"I don't get the opportunity to come snowboarding too often," Jensen said. "I talked to my (Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers representative) and he told me about this trip, so I leaped at the chance to come up here."

The trip offered servicemembers discounted lift tickets and ski rentals and gave them an opportunity to socialize before and after the day of skiing with a continental breakfast when they arrived at the slopes and a pizza party afterwards, before heading back to the Mountain Post.

"(Outdoor Rec.) provides tons and tons of ski trips each year," Edwards said. "This ski trip is a ski trip to get the family members involved."

Every year the programs section of Outdoor Rec. plans and conducts many activities to improve the welfare and morale of Mountain Post Team members.

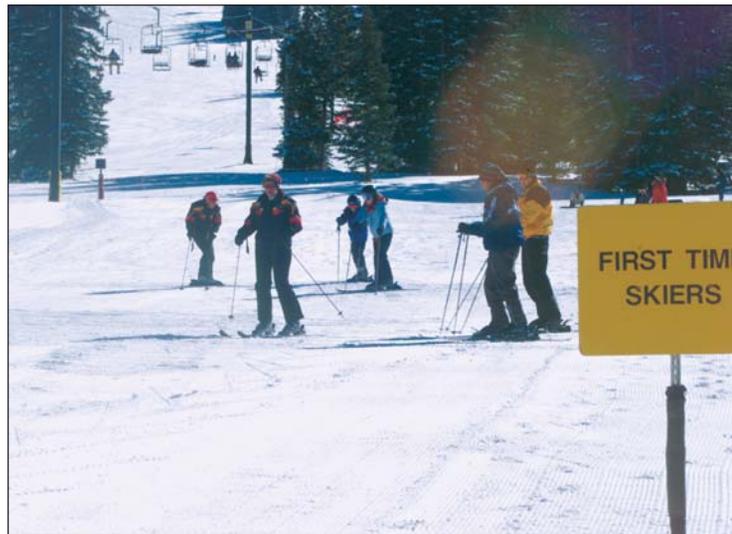
According to Edwards, the annual Fort Carson Ski Day is one of many trips designed to help people on Fort Carson get out and have fun.



Skiers and boarders line up to take their turn on the slopes at Ski Cooper Friday as part of the Fort Carson Ski Day.



Carrie Sutton clears a servicemember skier for the lift.



Ski Cooper's gentle slopes make it an ideal place for beginning skiers to find their snow legs.



Spc. Chris Jensen, 1 Squadron 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment shreds the powder on his snowboard during the Fort Carson Ski Day.



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Not a bad day's work ...

Wrestlers take home silver, bronze medals

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Army World Class Athlete Program wrestlers from Fort Carson earned two silver and three bronze medals Saturday and Sunday at the fifth annual Dave Schultz Memorial International Tournament.

The tournament took place at the U.S. Olympic Center in Colorado Springs and featured top-flight wrestlers from all over the world. Competition was held in women's freestyle, men's freestyle and men's Greco-Roman.

Army WCAP Fort Carson wrestlers Tina Wilson (women's freestyle, 121 lbs.) and Jason Kutz (men's freestyle, 132 lbs.) picked up second-place finishes at the tournament. Both wrestlers lost to Canadian opponents in their championship matches.

Wilson, ranked number two in the world in her weight division, got an early wake up call Saturday when she learned she would have to wrestle the number three ranked wrestler in the first round of the tourney — Sweden's Ida-Theres Karlsson. It turned out to be a bracket scheduling mistake, but officials decided it was too late to make a change.

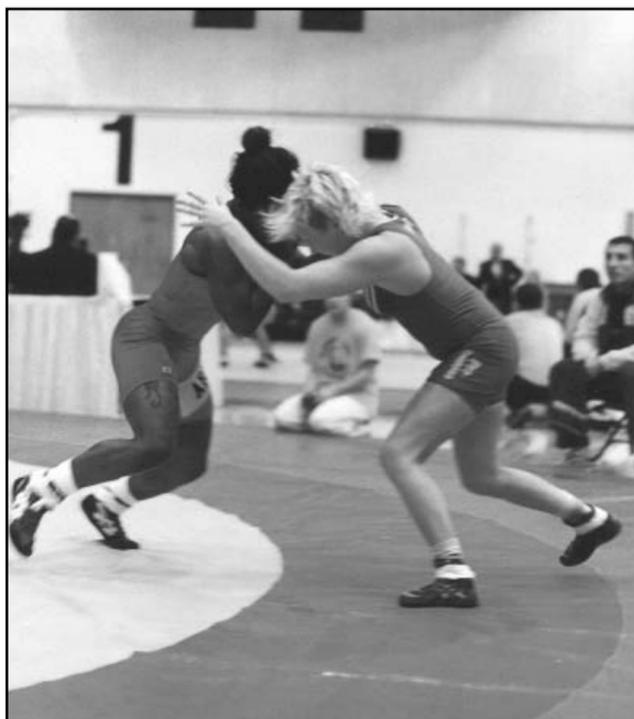
"When I found out, I tried not to get too stressed out over a tough early match like this," said Wilson. "We had never wrestled before, so I wasn't sure what to expect."

In the match, Wilson attacked Karlsson early and often. Wilson maintained her composure throughout the contest and came away with a 5-2 decision over Karlsson.

Following the match, Wilson said she was glad to get the tough early match out of the way. "I can't take my remaining opponents lightly though," said Wilson.

Wilson won her next two matches in much easier fashion and this earned her a spot in the semifinals. Her semifinal contest turned out to be another stern test for Wilson. She went up against another United States wrestler — Marcie Van Dusen. Wilson scored first, never trailed in the contest and held on for a 6-4 decision.

In the championship match, a hungry Canadian by



Army WCAP wrestler Tina Wilson, left, butts heads with Sweden's Ida-Theres Karlsson during a tough first-round match Saturday at the U.S. Olympic Center. Going into the match, Wilson was ranked second in the world and Karlsson third in their weight division. The rankings held true to form as Wilson won a hard-fought 5-2 decision over Karlsson.



Photos by Bill Scharton

Army World Class Athlete Program wrestler Iris Smith, right, executes a textbook takedown against her opponent during a match Saturday at the Dave Schultz Memorial International Tournament. Smith placed third in her weight division at the tournament.

the name of Jen Ryz was ready for Wilson. Ryz displayed good defense, countered every move by Wilson and kept her off the scoreboard. Ryz managed three points on offense and posted the upset over Wilson to earn the gold medal.

Kutz also ran into a determined Canadian in his championship match. The contest was tied 2-2 at the midway point. At this time, Kutz gave up five straight points and was not able to recover. He tallied one more point but lost the title match by the count of 10-3.

Army WCAP Fort Carson wrestlers capturing third place bronze medals were Iris Smith (women's freestyle, 158.5 lbs.), Franklin Lashley (men's freestyle, 211.5 lbs.)

and Keith Sieracki (Greco-Roman, 185 lbs.). Sieracki and his brother Aaron, an Air Force WCAP wrestler, competed in the same weight division in the tournament. Keith lost his semifinal match to Shingo Matsumoto of Japan while Aaron was winning his semifinal contest. Aaron also lost to the same Japanese wrestler in the title match.

The other Army WCAP wrestlers from Fort Carson who competed in the tournament were freestylers Eric Albarracin, Maxwell Shingara, Charles Daniels, Franklin Lashley and Dominic Black and Greco-Roman wrestlers Michael Santos, Anthony Gibbons, Glenn Garrison, Jason Loukides and Paul Devlin.



Canada's Saeed Azarbayjani takes Army WCAP wrestler Jason Kutz for a ride during their 132-pound freestyle championship match Sunday at the U.S. Olympic Center. The twosome battled for the title at the Dave Schultz Memorial International Tournament. Azarbayjani won the gold medal with a 10-3 decision over Kutz.

All in the family ...

Brothers take to the mat for wrestling tourney

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Kathy Sieracki has been watching her sons, Keith and Aaron, wrestle competitively for 21 years.

Keith Sieracki, 31-years-old, wrestles for the Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson. Younger brother Aaron Sieracki, 27-years-old, wrestles for the Air Force WCAP and is stationed at Peterson Air Force Base.

Last weekend, Mrs. Sieracki was in Colorado Springs to watch her sons wrestle in the fifth annual Dave Schultz Memorial International Tournament at the U.S. Olympic Center.

"The boys grew up in Richland Center, Wis.," said Mrs. Sieracki (she still lives there). "Keith was 10 and Aaron was 6 when they started to wrestle. When they began, Aaron wanted to wrestle because he thought the uniform was cool."

Normally, the two brothers do not wrestle in the same weight division. Keith usually wrestles at 163 lbs., one weight division lower than brother Aaron. They wrestle Greco-Roman style.

Due to eye surgery, Keith was not able to make weight at his normal division for the Schultz tournament. So Keith and Aaron entered the same weight division for this tourney.

Both brothers won their three preliminary matches and advanced to the semifinals. Keith's



Photo by Bill Scharton

Army WCAP wrestler Keith Sieracki, right, prepares to pounce on his opponent during his third-round Greco-Roman match Saturday in the Dave Schultz Memorial International Tournament. Sieracki won a bronze medal in his weight division (185 lbs.).

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Brothers

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third round victory was a big 3-0 overtime upset win over a former world champion from Cuba.

The brothers were at opposite ends of their weight division bracket and, therefore, did not face each other in the semifinals. Keith lost a tough 5-4 decision to a Japanese wrestler in the semifinals while Aaron advanced to finals with a 3-0 win over another United States wrestler.

Mrs. Sieracki would have been faced with a mother's dilemma had the two sons both made it to the finals. "I wouldn't know what to do," said Mrs. Sieracki.

If an all-Sieracki final would have taken place, the brothers had it all figured out for mom. "We wouldn't have wrestled each other," said Keith. "We would have declared ourselves co-champs." Not to worry, Mrs. Sieracki, that's what sons are for.



Kathy Sieracki and son Aaron Sieracki watch son/brother Keith Sieracki wrestle Saturday in the Dave Schultz Memorial International Tournament at the U.S. Olympic Center. Keith is a Fort Carson Army WCAP wrestler and Aaron is an Air Force WCAP wrestler. Mrs. Sieracki is from Richland Center, Wis., and was in town for the weekend to watch both sons compete in the tourney.

WCAP cross-country athletes will run for gold Saturday, Sunday

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer staff

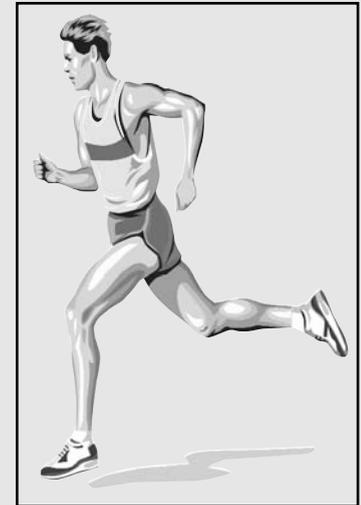
Eight soldiers from the Army World Class Athlete Program detachment assigned to Fort Carson will participate in the 2003 Armed Forces Cross Country Championships Saturday and Sunday in Houston.

The runners are Sara Day, Michelle Kelly, Christopher England, Shawn Found, Scott Goff, Philip Castillo, Sandu Rebenciuc and Ryan Kirkpatrick. Robert Coley, an Army WCAP sports specialist at Fort Carson, will coach the contingent.

The Armed Forces Cross Country Championships will be conducted in conjunction with the 2003 United States Winter National Cross Country Championships. The four-kilometer race for men and the eight-kilometer race for women will take place on Saturday. The 12-kilometer race for men will happen on Sunday.

The top six military runners from the men's 12-kilometer race, the top five military runners from the men's four-kilometer race and the top four military runners from the women's eight-kilometer race will make up the U.S. military team that will compete in the 2003 Conseil International Du Sport Militaire Cross Country Championship Feb. 23 to 28 at Dordogne, France.

Coley has also been named head coach for the United States Military Team that will compete in France. He said the event in France will be the world championships for military teams from all over the world.



Tae kwon do trial camp, intramural basketball tournament coming up

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Eight soldiers from Fort Carson have been selected to participate in the All-Army Tae Kwon Do Trial Camp April 8 to 25 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Individuals picked for the All-Army Team will then compete in the Armed Forces Tae Kwon Do Championship at the same location April 26. All-Army Team members will also get to compete in the U.S. Tae Kwon Do Union National Championships May 21 to 26 in New Orleans, La.

Seven of the camp selectees are from the Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson. They are Petra Kauai, Yelena Pisarenko, David Bartlett, Casey McEuin, Louis Torres Jr., Darrell Rydholm and Jay Utter. The other athlete from Fort Carson is Rigoberto Ocegüera, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Hyun Suk Lee, WCAP tae kwon do coach, and Anthony Bare from the WCAP medical staff, will accompany the athletes to the trial camp.

Intramural basketball tournament

The post-season intramural basketball tournament at Fort Carson will be played Monday to Feb. 22, according to Al Gambala, intramural sports director.

The top 16 teams from regular season play will advance to the post-season tournament.

The Monday to Feb. 22 date is earlier than normal for the post-season tournament at Fort Carson. According to Gambala, one of the main reasons for the dates being pushed up is the recent deployment orders at Fort Carson.

Waller Physical Fitness Center, Garcia Physical Fitness Center and the Post Special Events Center will be used for tournament play.



Photo by Bill Scharton

Three pointer ...

The post season intramural basketball tournament is next week. Sixteen teams will vie for the crown in one of the post's most competitive sports.



Photo by Bill Scharton

Up for two ...

The Carson Middle School 7th Grade girls' basketball team finished the season with a winning record of 5-4. Dniesna Williams, 40, was the team's leading rebounder and point guard Ashley Arney was the top scorer for the season.



Courtesy photo

The ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy are in Colorado Springs, just off the interstate.

Learn about American sport of rodeo, cowboys

by Nel Lampe

Mountaineer staff

This part of the West was involved in the cattle drives when Texas herds were moved north to rail heads in Denver and Kansas. After the Civil War, there was a market for Texas cattle in the East, and the best way to get them there was by rail.

In fact, well-known trail driver Charles Goodnight established his own ranch in Pueblo after one of the cattle drives.

The cowboys who worked on those cattle drives were “uncommon men.” The men were tough, capable and determined. They were skilled horsemen, and sometimes had a tendency to show off. These cowboys sometimes whiled away their free time by competing with each other to see who was best with a lariat or who could ride a difficult bronco.

The American sport of rodeo got its start as a diversion for working cowboys who dared each other to try to ride a certain bull or bronco.

The first rodeo competition which

offered a prize was July 4, 1869, in the small Colorado town of Deer Trail. In early contests, the prize the cowboys competed for was new clothes.

Cowboys from one ranch would challenge another ranch and the competitions soon became popular with nearby citizens who came to watch.

The popularity of “dime store novels” had helped spread the popularity of cowboy lore and romanticized the life of the cowboys.

Rodeos gave cowboys the chance to show off their daredevil skills in front of an audience and gave spectators a chance to see some of the flavor of the Old West.

As more settlers moved west and more cattle were shipped by rail, cattle drives dwindled, as did the number of cowboys.

But the rodeo contests continued to be popular and frontier celebrations were established, such as in Cheyenne, Wyo. Belt buckles were given as prizes

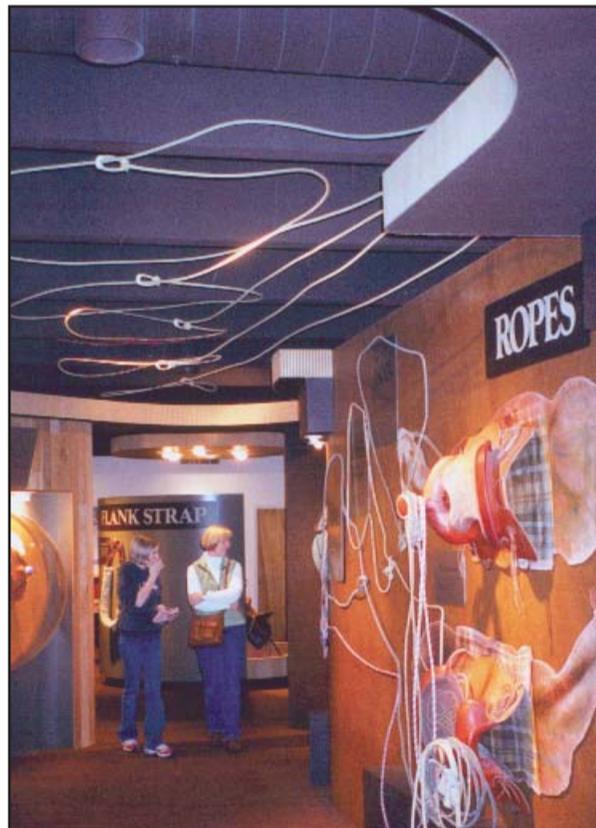


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Visitors view the exhibits in the Museum of the American Cowboy.

to rodeo event winners, and trick riding and roping and other daring events were added to the program.

Cowboys even went on the road, taking rodeo competitions to Chicago and New York, to Europe and Australia.

Rodeoing eventually brought on a new breed of cowboy. No longer were the contests a challenge between friends or neighboring ranches, but a structured competition with standardized rules. Participants might not be working cowboys, but full-time competitors.

But it was hard for a rodeo cowboy in the early part of the 20th century to earn a living just competing in rodeos. Often, the entry fees were higher than the prize money awarded.

In the mid 1940s, cowboys got fed up with the high fees and low purses



Courtesy photo

Belongings of honorees are shown in the Rodeo Hall of Fame.

HERDING THE WEST



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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ProRodeo

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and walked out of the arena.

Today, rodeo cowboys are members of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

A PRCA sanctioned rodeo must have five competitive events: bareback riding, calf roping, bull dogging, team roping and bull riding.

Some cowboys found ways to make being a cowboy lucrative. Real cowboy Gene Autrey earned fame and fortune in western movies and in a singing career. Humorist Will Rogers started out as a trick roper. Movie stars Ben Johnson and Slim Pickens were once rodeo cowboys.

Rodeo is part of the Colorado Springs community. One of the nation's top rodeos, the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, takes place the first full week of every August. Little Britches Rodeo finals are held here every summer.

And, the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy are located here. This facility is just off Interstate 25 in the northern part of Colorado Springs.

Upon arrival at the facility, visitors purchase a ticket, and depending on the next scheduled



Photo by Nel Lampe

Visitors browse through the exhibits in the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.

film showing, may visit the Rodeo Hall of Fame prior time of the showing or visit the hall following the films.

Visitors take a self-guided tour through the 33,000 foot Hall of Fame facility, which was completed in 1979.

Many cowboys, clowns, bullfighters, announcers, animals and behind the scenes people have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Personal belongings of the inductees are in the hall, such as belt buckles, saddles, hats and boots.

Every world champion since 1929 is mentioned in special areas honoring each event. Current world champions displays are featured.

Visitors may exit the hall of fame to the outdoor garden area where a "practice steer" allows youngsters the chance to try their hand at roping.

Visitors stroll about the grounds, looking at the sculptures, then re-enter the Hall of Fame for more browsing or go to the theater to see the film. Be sure to walk through the museum store for a selection of unique western and rodeo souvenirs and gift items. A book department offers a selection of titles pertaining to rodeos, cowboys and cooking, and includes books about William S. Cody or "Buffalo Bill." There are lamps, rugs, hangings and frames.

Clothing selections in the store range from T-shirts and gloves to children's clothing. A selection of belt buckles and videos are available.

Cups, pillows, key chains, toys and horse statuettes are also in the well-stocked gift shop.

Once seated in a theater, a 15-minute film on the history of rodeo is shown. Visitors then exit one theater to another, walking through the Museum of the American Cowboy where exhibits show cowboy hats through the years as well as boots, chaps, spurs and saddles. There's also a rope exhibit. The second film is about modern rodeos.



Photo by Nel Lampe

Anthony Fugett tries to rope a "steer" at the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.



Photo by Nel Lampe

A sculpture of Cowboy Casey Tibbs, "The Champ," is silhouetted against the setting sun.

The ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. It is closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Admission for adults is \$6, it's \$3 for children 5 to 12. Children less than 5 are admitted free.

The ProRodeo Hall of Fame is located at 101 Pro Rodeo Drive. It is reached by taking exit 147 off I-25 north. There's free parking.



Photo by Nel Lampe

A display of cowboy hats through the years are shown in the Museum of the American Cowboy.



Photo by Nel Lampe

A young visitor studies some of the art displayed in the Hall of Fame.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 15 minutes
- **For ages** Families
- **Type** museum, hall of fame
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** free

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Get Out!

Disney on Ice

Disney on Ice brings "Toy Story 2" to the World Arena March 19 through 23. There are several daytime performances. Call the box office at 576-2626 for tickets, starting at \$15.75.

Academy concert series

The Air Force Academy Concert Series for the season includes "Swing," March 29, and Lee Greenwood and Sandi Patty, April 12. Call the theater box office at 333-4497.

Travel films

The Fine Arts Center presents Horizons Travel Film Series, introduced and narrated by the film's maker. Tickets are \$7 at the door. The next film is "In Search of the Albino" March 9 and 10, and "Australia" April 13 and 14. Films are in the theater.

Denver theater

Denver Center Attractions' season tickets for the 2003 musical season are for sale. The season starts with "Saturday Night Fever," Feb. 25 to March 9, followed by "42nd Street," June 24 to July 6. "Oliver" is Aug. 19 to 31, "Urinetown: The Musical," is Sept. 9 to 21, followed by "Oklahoma" Dec. 14 to Jan. 3, 2004. The final production for the season, Jan. 6 to 31, 2004, is Mel Brooks' "The Producers." All shows are in downtown Denver's Buell Theatre. Starting price for the season ticket is \$130. Call (303) 893-4000 or go online, www.denvercenter.org.

Family Day

The Fine Arts Center has free Family Day Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family activities are centered around the exhibits in the museum. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Band of the Rockies concert

The Concert Band of the Air Force Band of the Rockies presents a concert Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. in the theater at Arnold Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets and the Arnold Hall Theater box office. Seats are held until 15 minutes before show time. Parking

is quite limited near Arnold Hall.

Great films

Every second Tuesday through May, the Fine Arts Center presents a series of five of the American Film Institute's 100 greatest films. Before the film's showing, a discussion about the making of the film, filming techniques and interesting details of the film will be discussed. The discussion begins at 7 p.m.; the film is at 7:30 p.m. The next film is "It Happened One Night," March 11. Admission is \$6. Tickets are at the box office, 634-5583. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Theater

"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" is at the Country Dinner Playhouse at 6875 S. Clinton in Denver. The show runs through Feb. 23, and begins with a noon buffet or a 6 p.m. dinner buffet. Both meals are followed by the show; call (303) 799-1410. Prices are \$25.50 or \$37.50.

"Chicago" is today through Feb. 23, Fridays and Saturdays at the Fine Arts Center Theater. Tickets are \$25 and available at the box office, 634-5583 at the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

"Same Time Next Year" is now playing at the "Elite" Castaways Dinner Theater, 103 Manitou Ave. in Manitou Springs. Dinner and show are \$33. Show only tickets are available for \$22. Call 685-3700 or 685-3300 for tickets. There are special rates for groups, senior citizens and children.

"The Lawrence Welk Show," featuring members of the orchestra, is in the Paramount Theatre on the 16th Street Mall in Denver, March 19. Call 520-9090 for tickets, which begin at \$39.50.

Music groups

The Glenn Miller Orchestra makes an appearance at the Pikes Peak Center March 9 at 2 p.m. This orchestra started in 1956 and is directed by trombonist Larry O'Brien. Tickets are \$25. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090, for tickets.

"Cher" is in the Pepsi Center in Denver, March 17. Tickets start at \$34.50 at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

"Bon Jovi and the Goo Goo Dolls" are in Denver's Pepsi Center April 3. Tickets start at \$40, 520-9090.

"Barrage" is in the Paramount Theatre, 1621 Glenarm Place on the 16th Street Mall March 21 and 22. Call 520-9090 for tickets, starting at \$26.50.

Broadway road shows
Pikes Peak Center's Broadway series next

show is Emmy winner "Fosse," Feb. 22, followed by "Saturday Night Fever," March 25 and 26, "The Music Man," April 15 and 16, and "Lord of the Dance," May 28 and 29. All shows are in the Pikes Peak Center. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090 or 520-SHOW.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's music

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is presented by Pueblo's Damon Runyon Repertory theater in the Sango De Cristo Arts Center, 210 N. Santa Fe in Pueblo. Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 and 15; and Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$6; call (719) 564-0579 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Comedy

The Second City touring company brings improv-based sketch comedy to the theater in the Fine Arts Center Feb. 20 at 8 p. m. Tickets are available at the box office, 634-5583. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Buell Children's Museum

"Abracadabra! Weaving the Magic of Who We Are" is at Pueblo's Buell Children's Museum through the end of May. Children can create a house of cards, learn magic tricks and other creative activities. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., at exit 98b off Interstate 25 south, in Pueblo.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

The Banff Mountain Festival of Films brings its award winners from the annual festival to the Fine Arts Center theater Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., at 30 W. Dale St. Tickets at the box office, 634-5583.

New exhibits

The Fine Arts Center has new exhibits: Collected Visions: African American self-taught artists from the Southeastern United States, "Flowering Mountain Earth, and "Transcendent Spirit." The exhibits are included in admission of \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children. However, the Fine Arts Center is free on Saturdays. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Carnivale

The traditional "Carnivale" parade, Mumbo Jumbo Gumbo Cook-off and ball are in Manitou Springs March 1. Participants are wanted for the parade which begins at 1 p.m. Call 685-5089.

Happenings



Photo by Nel Lampe

1840s' soldiers ...

Living history volunteers will portray 1840s' soldiers from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Bent's Old Fort, shown above, located east of La Junta. The enactors will perform drills throughout the day. The living history fee for the fort is \$3 for adults and \$2 for ages 6 to 12.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Feb. 21.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on the 3rd Infantry Division, Lewis and Clark bicentennial and "Sergeant's Time" on Soldier's Radio (repeat). Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on support to Navy SEALs, aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln and the State of the Union address. Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: Special Edition: Interview with the director of the Air National Guard (repeat). Airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Martin Luther King Day and Black History

Month Special: Martin Luther King III presentation at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico (39 minutes): Airs at 6:50 a.m., 9 a.m., 6:50 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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