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Long deployments could count for short-tour equity

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

During last month's town hall meeting, family members and other concerned citizens of the post community raised several questions regarding the current deployment of Carson soldiers to Iraq.

One question was: Will the Army give short tour equity for a deployment to Iraq?

The short answer to this question is yes, if the soldier has been deployed for nine months or longer.

In accordance with Army Regulation 614-30, those who are deployed for a period of nine continuous months or more in support of

Operation Enduring Freedom are eligible for short tour credit. The actions associated with granting short tour credit are worked through local personnel (S/G-1) offices.

Besides short tour equity, the issue of redeployment predictability was also discussed at the meeting.

Currently, family members expecting returning soldiers from Iraq don't know when the returning flights are due to arrive due to frequent delays and or broken communications.

"Fort Carson is working hard to keep information about flight arrivals as accurate as possible," said 1st Lt.

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Photo courtesy Sgt. Jack Morse

On guard ...

A soldier in Company A, 4th Engineer Battalion scans buildings for enemy activity as his vehicle approaches an area in Balad, Iraq. The soldier's unit was conducting raids to capture illegal weapons and enemy fighters.



Photo courtesy Sgt. Tyrone Walker

Wounded ...

2nd Lt. DeAnn Minica, right, a nurse deployed to Iraq from the 10th Combat Support Hospital, injects an Iraqi patient with a shot at Ibn Sina Hospital in Baghdad. Minica is assisted by 2nd Lt. Courtney Tinch, deployed with the 28th CSH from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Winter water limits now in effect at Fort Carson

Courtesy Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

Revised Colorado Springs Utilities watering restrictions went into effect Wednesday. Fort Carson residents are required to follow CSU water restrictions, which are once a week lawn watering through winter.

Under the revised watering schedule, residents living at odd-numbered addresses will be allowed to water every Saturday, residents at even-numbered addresses every Sunday. Commercial and industrial water users can water on Friday.

New sod or seed, which requires water to become established, is still authorized in family housing areas. The

Directorate of Public Works, building 305, room 124, 526-1695, issues irrigation permits. A copy of the turf permit must be readily available on site.

The DPW can approve Alternative Water Management Plans for special circumstances, such as for implementing the Fort Carson Landscape Plan or for heavily used athletic or playing fields. Alternate Water management Plans are available through DPW, building 305, room 124, 526-1695. A copy of the alternate water management plan needs to be available on site for review.

For information about the current water restrictions in place, log on to www.carson.army.mil/Decam/Homepage.html to view the entire Fort Carson Water Restrictions Policy.

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Because of the training holiday Friday, next week's *Mountaineer* will be published Thursday. Deadline for the Oct. 17 issue is close of business Thursday.

Post Weather hotline:
526-0096

Commander's Corner

Honor et fidelatis ...

Hispanics serve nation honorably, loyally

Courtesy of Defense Link

Hispanic-American ethnic groups, made up mostly of Puerto Ricans and others with ancestry from Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba and other Caribbean islands, already had distinguished themselves through combat skills and bravery during World War II.

In July 1950, there were about 20,000 Hispanics in the armed forces. Over the next three years, nearly 148,000 Hispanic-Americans volunteered for or were drafted into military service. Of these, approximately 60,000 Puerto Ricans served in Korea.

During the Korean War, most Hispanic-Americans served in the Army and Marine Corps. However, several thousand served in the Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard in both combat and combat service support branches. Commanders recognized the courage and determination of Hispanic in combat. Nine Hispanics were awarded the Medal of Honor and more than 100 others received Distinguished Service Crosses and Silver Stars for acts of combat bravery.

Honor et Fidelatis, or "Honor and Loyalty," was the motto of the 65th Regimental Combat Team from the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. During the Korean War, this unit, nicknamed "The Borinqueneers" after one of the original Indian tribes inhabiting Puerto Rico, quickly won respect on the battlefield. The 65th deployed to Korea in September 1950, with 6,000 officers and men organized into three infantry battalions, one artillery battalion and a tank company. During October and November 1950, the 65th RCT participated in search-and-destroy missions targeting the remnants of North Korean Army units left in South Korea to harass U.S. and Republic of Korea forces.

In late November and early

December, the unit, now attached to the Army's 3rd Division, fought daily against units of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. During Dec. 9 to 24, the 65th RCT joined the defensive perimeter protecting Hungnam Harbor during X Corps' withdrawal from North Korea.

During nine major campaigns over three years, the 65th RCT was credited with capturing 2,086 enemy soldiers and killing 5,905. The regiment received one Presidential Unit Citation (Army), one Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), one Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), one Navy Unit Commendation, two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations and the Bravery Gold Medal of Greece. Individual members of the unit were awarded four Distinguished Service Crosses and more than 120 Silver Stars.

Nine Hispanic-Americans received the Medal of Honor during the Korean War. Pfc. Eugene A. Obregon, Company G, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was killed Sept. 26, 1950, in Seoul while trying to rescue a wounded Marine who was unable to return to safety. Pfc. Joseph C. Rodriguez, an infantry assistant squad leader in the Army's Company F, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division assaulted several well-fortified enemy positions on a ridge near Munye-ri May 21, 1951. Rodriguez killed 15 Chinese soldiers, enabling his company to take control of the hill.

On the night of May 31, 1951, near Wongtong-ni, Corporal Rodolfo P. Hernandez of the Army's Company G, 187th Airborne RCT protected his platoon from attacking Chinese troops by leaving his foxhole and engaging advancing enemy soldiers with only his rifle and bayonet. Hernandez killed six of the enemy before falling unconscious from grenade, bayonet and bullet wounds.

Pfc. Edward Gomez of Company

E, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines was killed in action while attacking a heavily-fortified North Korean position, in a bloody, combat-scarred area known as the Punchbowl, Sept. 14, 1951. Gomez exposed himself to hostile fire as his squad moved forward and threw himself upon an enemy grenade to protect other members of his unit. His sacrifice inspired Company E to continue the offensive and eventually gain control of Hill 749.

On Sept. 6, 1952, Cpl. Benito Martinez's unit, Company A, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was defending a hill known as the "Sandbag Castle" near Satae-ri when the North Koreans attacked. Martinez remained alone at a forward observation post. He held his position for six hours before running out of ammunition and being killed by the enemy.

Staff Sgt. Ambrosio Guillen of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines defended an outpost near Panmunjom during the final days of the armistice negotiations. When two battalions of Chinese forces attacked Guillen's platoon the evening of July 25, 1953, his leadership inspired his fellow Marines to fight against a much larger enemy force and hold the position. The enemy retreated, but Guillen later died of wounds he had received in hand-to-hand combat during this engagement. Two days later, on July 27, 1953, the armistice was signed at Panmunjom.

Three other Hispanic-Americans awarded the Medal of Honor were Capt. Reginald B. Desiderio, commanding officer of the Army's

Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division; 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez, a platoon commander with Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines; and Pfc. Fernando Garcia, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

Other Hispanic-Americans in the Korea War

Many Hispanic-Americans who fought bravely during Korea went on to continued success in their military careers. Air Force Capt. Manuel J. Fernandez Jr., a fighter ace of the

334th Squadron, 4th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, flew 125 combat missions over Korea. He shot down 14 MiG-15 fighter aircraft on his own and shared one additional shootdown. Fernandez was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross and a Silver Star during his tour of

the Air Force after the Korean War and retired with the rank of colonel.

Richard E. Cavazos received a battlefield commission as an Army second lieutenant in 1951 and retired in 1984 as a four-star general. He was a decorated platoon and company commander in the Korean War and served as a battalion commander in the Vietnam War.

Salvador E. Felices, a Puerto Rican who won a presidential appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., in 1943, transferred to the Air Force when that service was established in 1947. During the Korean War, he served as combat operations officer for the 98th Bomber Wing based in Yokota, Japan, flying 19 combat missions in B-52s over Korea in 1953.

Editor's note: Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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News

New leave program for deployed soldiers

by Beau Whittington
Army News Service

BALTIMORE — The first 192 troops to return to the states under the Operation Iraqi Freedom “Rest and Recuperation” Leave Program arrived at BWI Airport Monday.

While the group was homogenous in their desert camouflage uniforms, their directions were as varied as their personalities. Some were headed home just to share time with family and friends, as they rest from the stresses of the desert mission. One was to his wedding and one looking forward to his son’s birth within the next 48 hours.

Numerous others were heading home to see newborns they’d never seen. One simply wanted to see his Alabama Crimson Tide beat 14th ranked Arkansas.

A handful of family members began to gather an hour before the flight was scheduled to land at 7 a.m.

One of them, 21-month-old Angelina Short, seemed a little confused as she quietly waited in mamma Melissa’s arms. Though she didn’t realize daddy Spc. Jim

Short would be home for a short break from his 4th Infantry Division mission, she soldiered on with a grin anytime a reporter pointed a camera her way. Sister Rachel was a little calmer, as she slept her way through the commotion. The 8-week old couldn’t miss a father she’d never seen.

The media frenzy began as the soldier’s began arriving through customs. First out of the gate was Spc. Adrian Dupree. Cameras and microphones surrounded him — reporters knew his plans.

Waiting in the wings was Mirasha Pompey, Dupree’s high school sweetheart. During Dupree’s leave the 24-year old lovebirds plan to marry.

“It’s about time,” Pompey said. “Ten years is a long wait.”

When the reservist deployed in March he promised Pompey he’d be home as soon as possible to share the vows. He saw the leave as an opportunity to keep his promise. He admitted it would be difficult to return to the desert, but said the break would provide “the vigor and confidence to complete the tour.”

Once the soldiers satisfied the media’s hunger, they headed in different directions. Some for phones, some to rearrange travel, and some just wanted a hot shower.

Spc. Robert Hernandez headed straight for the ticket counter. His goal was to do whatever he could to avoid a six-hour layover in his trip to North Carolina. He said he’s in a hurry to see the 5-month-old he’s never seen.

“I didn’t think I’d get to see them until January,” he beamed about his short-notice trip. He knew there were plans for the new R&R, but, like the rest, he wasn’t sure when it would begin.

“I’d come in from a mission and gone to bed,” he recalled about the last 36 hours. “Then the first sergeant tapped me on the shoulder and said, ‘pack your bags, you’re going home.’ I thought I was sleeping, but I got up to be sure.”

Though their destinations varied and many would have liked more time to prepare, they all showed appreciation for the free trip home.

Under the program, servicemembers

and DoD civilians serving 12-month tours in hostile fire or imminent danger pay areas can qualify for 15 days of chargeable leave and a free flight to either Germany or the United States. Troops become eligible for the respite once they’ve had their boots on the ground for 89 days, but leave must be taken prior to the 11th month of their tour.

“The program enables our servicemembers to get away from the stresses associated with their missions and to focus on family and friends,” said Lt. Col. Lorelei Coplen, Army G-1 spokeswoman for the program. “We see this as an investment in our force’s quality of life that will actually improve readiness.”

One flight a day will carry up to 270 troops from Kuwait City to Baltimore. The flight will stop at Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany, for refueling. Passengers who wish can depart the flight there for their leave.

In the first group using the program, 78 soldiers opted to spend their R&R in Europe.

Tuition info online

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Army Continuing Education System launched the In-State Tuition Web site Sept. 15.

“The site provides information on state policies and laws regarding in-state tuition eligibility requirements for military personnel and their families,” said Mike Tevnan, education specialist at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

The site will also track the initiative’s progress to achieve common policies in all states, Tevnan said.

The Army contacted each state asking them to consider their residency requirements for in-state tuition in light of the Army’s goals for common policies. The desired outcome, Tevnan said, is eligibility for in-state tuition rates under each of the following conditions: in-state tuition for soldiers and family members within the state of legal residence; immediate in-state tuition for soldiers and family members in the state of assignment; and continuity of

in-state tuition once established.

Users of the new Web site will be able to tell whether a particular state meets all three criteria by simply clicking on “Summary by State.” A map will then pop onto the screen, and users can click on the state of interest.

In addition, a news section on the home page discusses any new developments or updates related to in-state tuition, and the references section will provide links to military education Web sites, scholarship Web sites and other important information that may be of further assistance.

Currently, 43 states have policy or legislation that meets two of the three goals, 19 of which meet all three criteria of the model policy, Tevnan said.

Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, South Dakota, Vermont and Virginia still have policies that are unfavorable to the military or no policy at all, he said.

Log onto the Web site at www.armyed-ucation.army.mil/InState/index.HTM.

Deployment

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Leisl Hammod, post G-1 operations and plans officer in charge.

Unfortunately, the accuracy of the information about flight arrivals depends on factors outside of Carson’s control, she explained. Aircraft departing from Iraq with returning soldiers on board do not come directly here. Most commonly, they stop in Germany, Fort Dix, N.J. or Fort Hood, Texas. Along the way, many things can happen which could change the arrival time of the flight. Personnel in Germany, Dix and Hood may or may not report these flight changes to Fort Carson.

Hammod urged family members and others expecting returning soldiers to be patient and said Fort Carson will continue to do everything it can to get up-to-the-minute information about flight arrival times.

Leave program

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“The leave clock begins ticking at midnight the day troops get off their flight and stops when they sign back in for a return flight,” Copen said. “We don’t want to charge leave to anyone who may have to wait for delayed flights.”

Program officials are already

looking at ways to extend the program, Walt Wood, Army G-1 point man for the program, explained.

“We are trying to add more entry ports in the continental U.S. to provide more equity to the soldiers,” he said. “We want to get them closer to home.”

Wood said long-range plans call for as many as three flights a day supporting 650 troops.

Military

Telling soldiers' stories ...

Fort Carson unit helps boost morale

by **Spc. Jon Wiley**
Mountaineer staff

Eight Army journalists from Fort Carson returned to the Mountain Post Sept. 13 after a three-week deployment to Montana, where they provided public affairs support for soldiers battling wildfires in the Lolo National Forest.

The journalists, all members of the 14th Public Affairs Detachment, served as intermediaries between civilian media and soldiers in Task Force Steel Dragon, 1st Cavalry, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas. They also produced a daily newsletter for the soldiers as well as radio and television news stories, which were sent out to various broadcast outlets throughout the country.

"It's kind of a weird job, you know. Ultimately, we're the voice of the command, but we also have to

serve the public of our Army audience in an entertaining way," said Sgt. Scott White, senior broadcaster, 14th PAD.

In addition to telling the Army story to a national audience, the PAD strives to boost the morale of the soldiers fighting the fires by putting out news products in a timely manner, said Staff Sgt. Tami Lambert, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 14th PAD.

Pfc. Gail Menius, 14th PAD broadcaster, said "It was neat to meet military crew advisors and civilian firefighters from all over the country."

Spc. Chris Smith, a 14th PAD print journalist, said while some may consider journalism to be one of the more glamorous jobs in the Army, it still has its challenges. Daily deadlines and relying on task force members to point out safety hazards in the

field as he gathered information could be nerve-racking, he said.

Spc. Matt Millham, a 14th PAD journalist, said the deployment was a good opportunity for the unit to practice their job skills.

"The guys we were out there supporting were all field artillery. Their regular job isn't fighting fires — it's field artillery. But we were out there performing our real-world mission," he said.

The main story the PAD covered was the efforts of the task force soldiers, who put out spot fires and smoldering grass brush and fallen trees. The task force also dug firelines, which are small trenches, to contain the flames.

The fires burned more than 37,000 acres and cost more than \$23 million to extinguish. The dollar amount of the damage done by the fires has not yet been assessed.

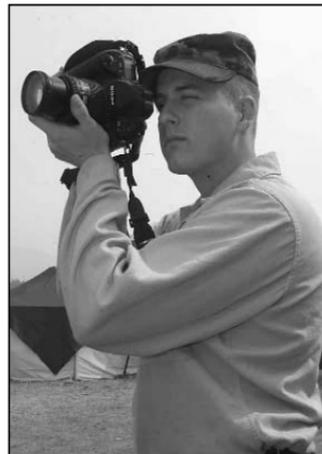


Photo by Spc. Matt Millham
Spc. Chris Smith, a print journalist with the 14th Public Affairs Detachment, uses his camera to tell the Army story.

Military Briefs

Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Initial/partial issues

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

Direct exchange

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

Partial turn-ins

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

Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 524-2006 or 526-2729. Effective immediately: Replacement will be scheduled Mondays, Thursdays and Friday mornings. Demobilized units tentatively have Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing.

Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A CIF employee will work one-on-one with supply sergeant vs. having bus loads of soldiers arrive at CIF to exchange one or two items.

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

Bulk issue and turn-ins — By appointment only.

Appointments can be made with

Connie Thompson at 526-4057 or 524-2006. POC for this information is Mark A. Rudd Sr., CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

Briefings

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

Are you ETSing? If you're within 120 days of end of time in service, you must immediately call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make your appointment for your mandatory Reserve Component Briefing.

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

Laundry Service

Post Laundry Service — The Post Laundry service provides free laundry and dry cleaning service to soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the Post Laundry prior to turn in. Soldiers are reminded to allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment. The turn around for the service is 72 hours. No appointment is necessary. The Post Laundry will not clean personal items like BDUs, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC

jackets and most web equipment.

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

Hours of operation

The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services will change Monday.

Hours are:

eArmyU Testing center, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Army Learning Center and Basic Skills Classes, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Counselor Support Center, Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Claims Division hours — The Claims Division office hours are now Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

Personnel Claims hours:

Mandatory briefing: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Submit DD 1840/1840R

Receive documents for filing:

Submitting completed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Claims: 1 to 4 p.m. Closed on Friday.

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352 to see if it warrants an appointment.

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

Pregnant and postpartum physical training program helps soldiers:

- Stay in shape, minimize weight gain,
- Exercise with other moms-to-be.
- Lose the weight.
- Educational classes on parenting, infant care, nutrition, pregnancy, and more.

• Tailored to all pregnant and postpartum soldiers

Register now at the wellness center 526-3887, building 1526, Family Readiness Center.

Aerobic instructors needed for pregnant, active duty soldiers one day a week from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Volunteers will work with units during PT hours if active duty. For more information, call Capt. Cindy Craddock at 526-4393

Support single soldiers and bowl at discounted price at the bowling center, building 1511, Oct. 10 from midnight to 3 a.m. The cost is \$7.50 per person which includes shoes and unlimited bowling. For more information, call Sgt. Kara Hines 524-2677

CIF Hours

Central Issue Facility hours of operation

Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and



Photos by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

Old dogs, new tricks ...

Handlers from seven area K-9 units conduct a muzzle walk, part of a seminar that took place here Sept. 22 to 26. Conducted before the rest of the day's training, this walk allows the dogs to become comfortable with each other before they are unleashed to intermingle. If a dog misbehaves during this socialization process, it is punished by being removed from the group. Dogs are pack creatures and value being part of a clique. The muzzles are kept on in order to force the dogs to use their body strength during wrestling training. The training was performed by police officers with up to 20 years of K-9 experience and focused on the dogs' fighting and patrolling skills.

Dining Schedule

Week of Oct. 4 to 10

Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)
6:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield dining facility is closed until further notice.
- Strikers Cafe is closed Saturday and Sunday.
- Cheyenne Mtn. Inn is closed Oct. 10.
- Mountaineer Inn is closed until further notice.



Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR Cav. House (building 2461)
43rd ASG (building 1040)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

Breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
3 to 5 p.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)

Looking to the future ...

Carson hosts second sustainability workshop

by **Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management**

Fort Carson is hosting the Second Annual Installation Sustainability Workshop Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. at the Briarhurst Manor in Manitou Springs.

Fort Carson defines the concept of sustainability as "The use of resources to meet the needs of the present mission without compromising the ability of future soldiers to meet their own mission."

For Fort Carson, sustainability equates to whatever it takes to ensure resources are used in a manner that does not jeopardize future missions. That mission includes well-being, as it relates to the core of soldiers' families; society, as it relates to the core of the community that supports the installation; nature; and the economy.

In September of 2002, Fort Carson held its first sustainability workshop for all community stakeholders to determine 25-year sustainability goals for Fort Carson. Those goals are:

1. Sustain all facility and mobility systems with renewable sources and reduce water use.
2. Reduce automobile dependency and provide balanced land use and transportation systems.
3. Improve communication to foster understanding and attain a "Community of One."
4. Enhance partnering to collaboratively develop, integrate and implement regional sustainability.
5. Reduce the total weight of hazardous air pollutant emissions to zero.
6. Further integrate sustainability principles into the Fort Carson Master Plan.
7. Build all applicable facilities at Fort Carson to high-performance standards.
8. Key stakeholder groups are trained, compliant and motivated toward sustainability principles.
9. Ensure that all procurement actions support sustainability.
10. Reduce the total weight of solid and hazardous waste disposed of to zero.
11. Ensure that training ranges are capable of supporting current and future military training.

The purpose of the October 2003 workshop is to update Fort Carson and community stakeholders on the progress of the sustainability goals and begin a new round of special working groups.

Speakers for the workshop include Fort Carson commanders; Lionel Rivera, mayor of Colorado Springs; Marcy Morrison, mayor of Manitou Springs; retired Army Col. Rick Fields, president of Neil Kelly Cabinets; Randy Udall, director of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency in Aspen; and Christopher Juniper of the Catamount Institute.

A continental breakfast, lunch, cash bar and appetizers at the reception are provided. The dress for the workshop is informal, casual.

For more information or reservations by Monday, call Gretchen Ware at 526-4907, e-mail her at gretchen.ware@carson.army.mil, or e-mail kelly.oneill@carson.army.mil.

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by 1st Lt. Theodore Stutz
4th Finance Battalion

Editor's note: In last week's column, only one investment firm was named. This should not be considered an endorsement by the U.S. Army or Fort Carson. Per Army Regulation 360-1, the Public Affairs Office should not have permitted it to appear. It should be noted that there are many investment companies both on- and off-line, which can meet the needs of soldiers, civilian employees and family members. The one mentioned by the author may not be the right firm for you. Readers are encouraged to research all avenues of financial management prior to investing money. Please consult with any of the sources available to you before making any major financial transactions. This includes, but is not limited to, your bank or other financial institution, Army Community Services Financial Management or your unit financial noncommissioned officer.

Soldiers who were unable to take leave because of deployment do not necessarily have to lose their leave.

Through Special Leave Accrual approved soldiers can carry up to 90 days of leave into the next fiscal year. Soldiers apply for this through their chain of command. Your S-1 or PAC should have a sample of the memo needed. If not, look me up in the global and send me an e-mail and I will send you a sample memo.

Members are eligible for special leave accrual if prohibited from taking leave during the latter part of the fiscal year due to assignment or deployment to hostile fire or imminent danger pay areas. They are also eligible if prohibited from taking leave during the latter part of the fiscal year due to deployment to, or in support of, an operational mission at the national level for 60 or more days. Eligible members can accumulate up to 30 additional days in excess of 60 but cannot carry

over more than 90 days into the next fiscal year. Eligibility requirements are listed below:

Automatic special leave accrual

Automatic special leave accrual carry-over applies to assignment or deployment for 120 or more consecutive days and receipt of hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay for four or more consecutive months. Automatic carry-over consists of the leave balance upon entering the area of responsibility plus leave accrued minus leave taken in the area of responsibility. The SLA does not include leave accrued after departing the AOR. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service determines the leave carry-over from system inputs of a permanent-change-of-station arrival and departure. DFAS uses the system start and stop inputs of a hostile fire pay entitlement for a deployment or temporary duty of more

than 120 days.

Example:

A member departs the AOR July 31 with a special leave accrual balance of 80 days. He accrues five days for August and September. If the member does not use the five days, he loses these days because 80 days is the maximum automatic carry over. This also applies to members returning from assignment to a hostile-pay or imminent-danger pay area. If a member has 90 days upon departing the assignment July 31, he must use the five days accrued in August and September because the member cannot carry more than 90 days SLA into the next fiscal year.

Restoration of leave lost

If you are not eligible for the automatic special leave accrual carry-over, members can request restoration of days lost Oct. 1 through their unit com-

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Avoiding TRICARE claims problems

Courtesy TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Even though TriWest Healthcare Alliance has an efficient claims processing system, nothing is perfect, and occasionally TRICARE beneficiaries encounter claims issues and or problems. Here is a list of frequently asked questions and answers that could make the process of making a claim easier for you.

Q: I've never filed my own claim before. Is it hard to do?

A: It is not difficult to file your own TRICARE claim, if you follow instructions on the claim form and provide all necessary information.

Q: How soon after being treated by my doctor should I file my claim?

A: The sooner you file, the sooner your claim can be processed. However, TRICARE rules require that the contractor (in this case, TriWest) must receive claims within one year of the date the service was received or, for inpatient care, within one year of the date of discharge.

Q: What kind of claim form do I need and where do I get one?

A: To file your own claim, you must complete and sign a DD Form 2642, CHAMPUS Claim-Patient's Request for Medical Payment. You can obtain a DD Form 2642 at www.triwest.com or www.tricarecarson.army.mil or by calling (888) TRIWEST (874-9378). Follow instructions and complete the entire claim form. If you have a question, call (888) TRIWEST, toll free. Unsigned forms will be returned to you. Beneficiaries age 18 or older must sign their own claim forms; parents may not sign for them. One spouse may not sign for the other, unless the signing spouse has a power of attorney.

Q: What kind of information goes on the claim form?

A: To pay a claim, TriWest needs the following information on the DD Form 2642 or a provider statement attached to the DD Form 2642, which indicates

- the nature of the service provided
- the reason for seeking this service or for taking the prescription (You may list the symptoms on the DD Form 2642.)
- the name and address of the provider (on provider's letterhead or a "superbill")
- the date of the service (must be included on the provider statement). Be sure to attach copies of any receipts or other forms from the health care provider, clinic, hospital or pharmacy that relate to your claim. Keep a copy for your records.

Q: What is a Non-availability Statement, and when do I need one?

A: A Nonavailability Statement is an official Department of Defense document, issued by the military treatment facility commander which certifies that a specific inpatient medical service is not available to a beneficiary at or through the MTF at the time the beneficiary is seeking the service.

Always get an NAS when required. Many claims are denied for lack of an NAS. If you are a pregnant TRICARE Standard beneficiary living in an MTF catchment area (40-mile radius of the MTF), you must obtain your NAS for maternity care before the end of your first trimester. Note that this requirement will be eliminated for the obstetric NAS effective Dec. 28.

Obtain any required NAS, referrals or authorizations before receiving care from the provider. Always call TriWest before seeking medical care to determine if an authorization, referral or NAS is needed. Most of the time, Prime beneficiaries need referrals for care. Call TriWest before seeking care if you have questions.

Q: What do I do if I have other health insurance in addition to TRICARE?

A: If you have other health insurance, you or your provider must file a claim with the OHI company before sending a claim to TriWest. Your OHI coverage is almost always primary to TRICARE coverage and must be used first for all services received outside of an MTF before TRICARE benefits can be

applied.

Inaccurate OHI information can cause claims problems. By law, you are required to notify the TRICARE contractor responsible for administering your health care benefits that you are also a beneficiary of an OHI program.

You must complete, sign and return an OHI form (available at www.triwest.com or www.tricarecarson.army.mil) or by calling (888-TRIWEST) to TriWest. Notification may not be given over the telephone except for those beneficiaries over age 65 who are eligible for the TRICARE for Life program. However, the signed, completed form may be faxed to TriWest at (602) 564-2502.

Q: What if I'm filing a claim related to personal injury suffered in an accident?

A: If submitting a claim to TriWest with a diagnosis indicating that an accident was involved, you may attach a completed DD Form 2527, Statement of Personal Injury-Possible Third Party Liability, with your claim. Whether the accident happened at home, in your car or somewhere else, TriWest needs to know if there is another party who may be responsible for the claim.

Questions on the DD Form 2527 should be answered in as much detail as possible. Do not leave blank spaces; write "none," "N/A" or "unknown" where appropriate. TriWest will automatically send you a DD Form 2527 if your Standard/Extra claim appears to be accident-related and the DD Form 2527 is not attached to the claim. The claim will not be paid until we receive this information from you. This form is available at www.triwest.com or www.tricare.osd.mil.

Q: How do I get more information about filing claims or about my TRICARE benefits?

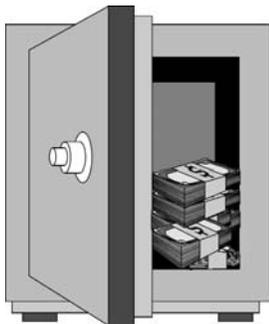
A: Forms and additional information can be found at www.triwest.com or www.tricarecarson.army.mil.

For more information about the claims process, call (888) TRIWEST. You can get more information about the TRICARE program at www.tricare.osd.mil.

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manders. Qualifying criteria is deployment during the latter part of the fiscal year (for example, July through September) for 60 or more days in support of an operational mission at the national level. Commanders submit requests with documentation to their Directorate of Personnel at the major command level in order to restore lost leave after members return from their deployment. Supporting documents include contingency, exercise, mobility orders, temporary duty orders, copy of travel voucher, copy of October leave and earning statement, and statement showing how the members managed their leave during the fiscal year. MACOM Directorate of Personnel is the approval authority. At joint organizations, the senior Air Force officer representative on staff is the approval authority for members serving in joint organizations and assigned to units, headquarters, and supporting staffs.



62.5 days June 30 and accrues 7.5 days (July to September), he had ample time to take leave between July 1 and Sept. 30 to preclude losing 10 days Oct. 1. Note 2 applies if the member was unable to take these 10 days due to military requirements.

Note 2. However, if the member returned June 30 and military requirements prevented the member from taking 10 days of leave before Oct. 1, he can submit a DD Form 149 to the Army for Correction of Military Records, which can approve restoring the lost days if it finds that the service-member was unable to take leave due to military necessities. The DD Form 149 is available at the military personnel office.

Use of SLA

Members have three fiscal years to use SLA. However, finance accounts for the use of SLA by using the last leave earned is the first leave used. Members need to query finance to determine their remaining SLA and days they must use before 1 Oct.

References:

Air Force Instruction 36-3003, DOD Directive 1327.5, Leave and Liberty, Title 10, USC, Chapter 40, Leave, DFAS-DEM 7073.2 (formerly DFAS-DEM 177-373).

How do I transfer my TSP money into a civilian IRA?

In order to make a transfer from a Thrift Savings

Plan account into a civilian IRA, a participant must submit Form TSP-70-T, Transfer Information, or Form TSP-75-T, Transfer of an Age-Based In-Service Withdrawal. If any other form is used, the TSP account balance will not be transferred. Accounts in the TSP are valued once a month as of the last day of the month. Transfers are made once a month, in the early part of the month, by the issuance of a U.S. Treasury check to the transferee plan or IRA. The Employer Identification Number of the TSP is 52-1529691. Part of the amount transferred is attributable to an unpaid portion of an outstanding TSP loan.

If you transfer or roll over a tax-exempt balance (From tax-free earnings that you contribute) into a traditional IRA, it is your responsibility to keep track of the amount of these contributions and report that amount to the IRS on the appropriate form so that the nontaxable amount of any future distribution(s) can be determined. If you ask the TSP to transfer a payment from your account which includes a tax-exempt balance and the IRA does not accept tax-exempt balances, the tax-exempt portion of the intended transfer will be removed from the amount that is being transferred and will be paid directly to you. If you request a transfer of your money, you do not pay taxes (or an early withdrawal tax penalty, if you are under 59 1/2 years old) until you withdraw the money from the IRA. However, if you receive the money directly, the TSP must withhold 20 percent. Your spouse's IRA is not eligible to receive your TSP account. However, a spouse can transfer to his or her IRA amounts received from the TSP upon the death of a participant or pursuant to a qualifying court order.

The open season to begin investing in the TSP is Oct. 15 to Dec. 31.

Community

Say again ...

Some soldiers at risk for serious hearing loss

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
Mountaineer staff

Hearing loss may not seem like something young soldiers need to

worry about, but it can be a serious problem. Everything from training downrange to going to a club can contribute to hearing loss.

“Back in the early ‘70s, there was a study done out of Walter Reed (Army Medical Center), and they were finding that 50 to 60 percent of all soldiers in the combat arms

had some kind of noise-caused hearing loss due to infantry, field artillery, tanks and those kinds of things,” said

Richard H. Purdy, chief of audiology at the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic at Evans Army Community Hospital, who has 22 years of active Army duty and

11 years in civil service. “It was very prevalent then. We have made strides in trying to cut back,” said Purdy.

“Unfortunately, a lot of people don’t think of hearing loss as a medical problem unless you’re that soldier who ends up with significant hearing loss due to noise exposure at a very

young age and is (medically discharged from) the Army, ends up with limited duty, ends up with hearing aids, or ends

up with 24 hours a day, 7 days a week tinnitus. If you talk with someone who has it, they don’t like having it and there’s no cure for it.”

The word tinnitus is of Latin origin and means “to tinkle or ring like a bell.” It is when a person hears sound when there is no external physical sound present. These noises can be experienced as head noise or ear ringing. The sounds can be described as hissing, roaring or chirping.

“It can be a sign that you have caused either temporary or permanent hearing loss,” said Purdy. “You may notice you are having trouble hearing commands; people sound like they’re mumbling. The problem with noise-induced hearing loss is that initially you don’t realize you’re having hearing loss because it can be a gradual process where the inner ear hair cells and the

cochlear are gradually destroyed.

“This is why the Army has a hearing conservation program where we monitor everyone’s hearing,” said Purdy. “Every soldier should have a hearing test when they come in and when they leave the Army. That testing is now done, on this post, at the (Soldier Readiness Processing) site where we can test 10 people at a time.”

The results go into a computer database. The technicians doing the testing are trained to look at the data and see if the results are normal or abnormal. If the hearing loss is abnormal then they should get a second test. If it’s still abnormal, the patient gets referred to the audiology clinic for a proper assessment to see if it’s noise-caused or something else going on.

“Noise-caused hearing loss is considered the number one medical problem in the military.”

Richard H. Purdy
chief of audiology
Evans Army Community
Hospital

Community Events

Miscellaneous

Flu shots — Evans Army Community Hospital will be providing influenza vaccine to our healthcare beneficiaries Oct. 27 to Nov 7. The "Flu Clinic" will be located at building 1007 (TMC 9) on Wetzel Avenue from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It is our goal to vaccinate our high-risk healthcare beneficiaries. This includes people who are 65 years and older or individuals with the following conditions:

- Diabetes
- Heart or lung disease, cirrhosis, cerebrospinal fluid leaks, sickle cell disease, alcoholism, and those without a spleen

- Weakened immune systems
- Pregnancy (second and third trimester only)

Active-duty servicemembers will receive their influenza vaccine from their units.

The Pediatric Clinic will be providing the influenza vaccine to "high-risk" children and adolescent beneficiaries from Oct. 27 during regularly scheduled walk-in hours 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:20 p.m. at the Pediatric Immunization Clinic.

Eligible federal employees can receive their influenza vaccine starting Nov. 12 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through January 2004 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. from the Occupational Health Clinic located in building 2059 on McGrath Avenue.

In an effort to keep you informed, Evans Army Community Hospital has established an Influenza telephone hotline that can be accessed at 526-6422. It is recommended you call this information hotline for updates and availability of influenza vaccine.

Halloween trick or treating — Halloween trick or treating in the housing areas on Fort Carson will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. To ensure the safety of our children, the Military Police will provide added support in your community during these times. However, it is imperative for parents to ensure their children wear light-colored clothing or reflective gear and lighting equipment to ensure maximum visibility to motorists.

2003 Army Battle of Bands finals — The 2003 Battle of Bands finals will be held at Fort Carson. The Department of the Army-level finals consists of bands

nominated from Army installations around the world to compete against each other for prizes, monetary awards to the representing military installation and opportunities to perform in other venues of the U.S. Army Entertainment Division.

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

For more information, please call 526-4494.

ACAP job openings — Army Career and Alumni Program currently has the following job listings for interested personnel. For more information about the jobs, call 526-1002.

What: Turret Mechanics in Saudi Arabia; Who: E-5 and above

What: Fire control specialist in Saudi Arabia; Who: E-5 and above

What: IT LAN administrator in Colorado Springs; Who: MSCE, no degree required, TS/SCI Security Clearance

What: C4I Systems Architect (three openings) in Omaha, Neb.; Who: Secret security clearance

What: Pharmaceutical sales in Salt Lake City;

Who: Junior military officers

Annual leave donations — Joe Martinez, Directorate of Community Activities and Alan Wright, an employee in the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, need annual leave donations to help cover absences because of illnesses and the exhaustion of available paid leave, call Robin Spencer at 526-0427.

Civilian employees willing to donate annual leave under the "Voluntary Leave Transfer Program" should call Patrick McCusker at 526-1696 or Kathy Green at 526-1729.

The Fort Carson ID Card Section will be closed Oct. 10 and 13. Section will resume normal hours on Oct. 14.

For more information, call Mrs. Foster at 524-3704.

Claims against the estate

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

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Melissa Valles, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Chad Burger at 526-3267 or 473-0789.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Pfc. Jesse Alan Givens, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his

Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
526-4590



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Oct 21-23

Call ACS now to pre-register
(Deadline is 20 Oct), 526-4590.

ARMY-WIDE SPOUSE FOCUS GROUP ASSESSMENT
Sponsored by Dept. of Army



This is your chance to speak out and voice your concerns directly to the Dept. of Army. Tell them why you think recruitment is so low or how you think it can be improved. What about programs here at Fort Carson, are they meeting you or your family's needs? We will require the following:

- 108 Army Spouses (E1-E4)
- 20 Army Spouses (E5-E9)
- 20 Army Spouses (Junior Level Officers)

Focus groups will be held throughout the week on and off post for your convenience (ASYMCA & Fountain Community/Education Center); only a 1 day two-hour session is required of you. FREE Childcare is available with registration.

Only 2hrs of your time can make a difference!

SPEAK OUT

estate should contact 1st Lt. Daniel E. Lawrence at 524-3529 or 761-4054.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Capt. Brian R. Faunce, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Geoffrey C. Dietrick, summary court officer, 238-5674 or 526-4485.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Frederick Miller, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. David Rittenhouse, 559-8522.



Photos by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Memorial service ...

Above: Retired 1st Sgt. Ernie Mazurkiewicz plays Taps at a memorial service for Capt. Brian R. Faunce, commander, Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Sept. 24 at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Faunce, a Bronze Star Medal recipient, died from noncombat-related injuries Sept. 18 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Hearing loss

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"If the hearing loss ... appears to be noise-induced or noise-caused, we try to re-educate the servicemember, we definitely recheck the fit of their hearing protection and that's when we find a lot of guys don't have the right size," said Purdy.

"Depending on the significance of the hearing loss, they could actually end up getting a permanent profile, and that could limit what they are able to do in the military, but those are very extreme cases.

This should not give those looking for ways out of duty or deployment any ideas. "We have tests that are objective and we have a couple of different ways to check true hearing levels," said Purdy. "We have ways to catch malingerers."

Some environments that could contribute to hearing loss are not always as obvious as rifle fire or grenade explosions.

"A lot of people will be very careful at work protecting themselves during live fire, grenades, tanks, but they'll go down to the clubs and sit there and blast their brains out with noise," said Purdy.

Environments that can contribute to hearing loss are dance clubs or football games. Hearing loss can come about by listening to portable compact disc players or car stereos at loud volume for long periods of time.

The key thing to preventing hearing loss is using fitted hearing protection, said Purdy. The Army's hearing conservation program, by regulation, states everyone will be provided with hearing protective devices that are medically fit, which means people who are fitting the hearing protective devices should be trained to do so.

"The problem we have is that when soldiers go

through (Basic Combat Training) or some of the units they go to, they just hand them one size," said Purdy. "With one type of earplug, there are three different sizes. With another type, there are five different sizes. Not everybody can wear the same size earplug. We know that about 70 percent of our military population can use the same size, but that other 30 percent cannot. Also, one ear may be different in size than the other ear."

The Army has recently come out with a combat earplug that can be used two ways. When used one way it blocks out all noise put in the ear. If turned around the other way, the earplug only closes when it detects a very loud noise. There is no word on the distribution of these new earplugs, said Purdy.

"In the hearing conservation program, if it's a continuous noise, 85 decibels is when hearing protection has to be utilized," said Purdy. "If it's an impulse noise, say one round of an M-16, it's 140 decibels.

"Some of the noise our soldiers are exposed to may require double hearing protection," said Purdy. "The intensity of that noise is so great, that in order for them to have proper protection they have to wear an earplug and maybe an earmuff. Some of the noises that soldiers are exposed to is so intense they have to wear the double protection and the amount of time exposed to that noise is to be limited.

"Of course, you put a soldier in combat and that's a different story," said Purdy. "I have talked to, and met, soldiers who will wear earplugs in combat, but it depends on the situation.

"The whole point of the hearing conservation program is to prevent noise-caused hearing loss in the peacetime training environment," said Purdy. "If they go into combat with significant hearing loss that could impair their ability to function. If a squad leader can't hear right, it could put that soldier's life,

Hearing loss Q&A

Q: Do hearing protectors make it hard to hear instructions or warning signals?

A: No. Actually, with the distracting noise cut down it's easier to hear speech and warning signals. This is similar to wearing sunglasses, which cuts down excess glare thereby improving vision

Q: If hearing protectors cut down the noise from my machine, how will I know the machine is running okay?

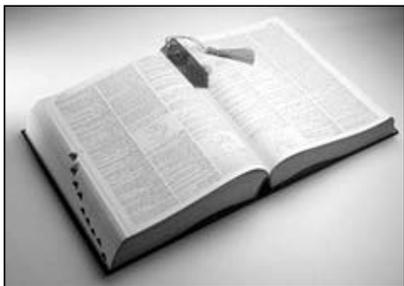
A: You can adjust to the change of a familiar sound and then be guided by a different characteristic of the new sound.

Q: Do people in noisy surroundings just get used to the racket?

A: No. If after continued exposure to high level noise you stop hearing, it's because you have become hard-of-hearing. Hearing protectors can stop further damage to your hearing.

as well as the lives of the troops under them, in danger."

By regulation, soldiers are supposed to get an annual briefing about hearing loss prevention. "What we try to do when soldiers come through the SRP site is try to educate them right there," said Purdy. "We often get asked to do a unit briefing, which we are happy to do as long as we get a little notice."



Chapel

New Protestant worship schedule —

Beginning Oct. 19, there will be a new Protestant worship service at 11 a.m. on Sundays at the Veterans' Chapel. Call Chap. Martinez at 524-1741 for more information.

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

During game time, individual and team competition takes place through circle games exclusive to AWANA. During Handbook time, children work one on one with a trained leader to complete assignments that emphasize memorization and understanding of key Bible verses. Council time is when everyone gathers for an engaging Bible-based lesson.

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

We are also looking for adult volunteers to serve in this exciting ministry. If you have a heart for reaching children with the gospel of Jesus, we would love to have you on our team. Call Stacy Chapman at 382-3970 for more information.

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

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/524-1166
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
LITURGICAL					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
JEWISH					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Bldg. 1161	Ms. Costantino-Mead
MORMON					
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Jones/526-4416
NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE					
For ceremonial information and directions, call Michael Dunning at 382-5331.					

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

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

Friday — Psalms 115 & Jeremiah 38-40

Saturday — Psalms 116 & Jeremiah 41-43

Sunday — Psalms 117 & Jeremiah 44-47

Monday — Psalms 118 & Jeremiah 48-50

Tuesday — Psalms 119:1-8 & Jeremiah 51-53

Wednesday — Psalms 119:9-16 & Lamentations 1-2

Thursday — Psalms 119:17-24 & Lamentations 3-5

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 all staff, personnel and leaders of the U.S. Forces Command and all soldiers, leaders, and families of forces deployed in the United States in homeland defense.

Army: For all noncommissioned officers serving as platoon sergeants. Pray God guides them to selflessly care for their soldiers and to train their platoons to be effective units in both peace and war.

State: For all soldiers and families from the state of Michigan. Pray for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Wolverine State.

Nation: For all entrepreneurs and small business owners, that God would bless them in their efforts to build businesses to meet the needs of our people and to strengthen our economy and nation.

Religious: For the soldiers and families of the Presbyterian Church, United States of America. Pray also for the military chaplains endorsed to serve our Army by this community of faith. For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle's Web site at www.usarmychaplain.com.

Chaplain's Corner

Holy convocation ...

Yom Kippur: day of atonement

Chap. (Lt. Col.) John Powledge
First Mobilization Brigade Chaplain

Last week we learned about Yom Teruah, (Day of Trumpets), also known as Rosh Hashanah. We learned that Yom Teruah was the beginning of a period known as the Days of Awe, or High Holy Days. This week we will learn about the culminating day of that period of time, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

Leviticus 23:26-28 reads:

"And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God."

The Day of Atonement was, and is, a very solemn time. In the days before the last temple was destroyed in Jerusalem, it was the one time of the year that the high priest and only the high priest could go into the holy of holies to make atonement for the people. He had to go in with the prescribed sacrifice, a bull, two goats and a ram and handle the blood of that sacrifice in the prescribed way. It is said he had a heavy cord tied around one ankle so that if God was displeased with the high priest and struck him dead he could be

pulled out by his servants who could not enter the holy of holies.

One of the goats mentioned above, after the sins of the nation were pronounced upon it, was driven into the wilderness. This goat became known as the scapegoat and this is where that word is derived from. That goat symbolically bore the sins of the people away from Jerusalem.

The practice today is that from sundown on the day before until sundown on the Day of Atonement the supplicant fasts. This is part of what is meant by "you shall afflict your souls ..." It is indeed a time of soul-searching to repent for wrong behaviors and become better people. And once again, as with Yom Teruah and the Tashlich ceremony it is a wonderful reminder of our dependence on God.

Though I'm not Jewish, I have kept the Biblical holidays and feast days for many years now. One of the great losses in our modern technological world is family traditions. Keeping the Biblical holiday schedule has been a wonderful way for me to create Powledge family traditions based entirely on the Bible. And what a great way it is to instruct our children in the ways of God that they could be inoculated from the debauchery of the world at large. People often tell me, "but Christians don't keep these holidays." My answer is that Jesus was Jewish and kept all these holy days so why shouldn't I as one of his people do the same?



Briefs

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel fall religious education classes — Registration is currently underway for Protestant and Catholic religious education classes at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

Classes for Protestant Sunday School began Sept. 7. For Protestant information, call Dennis Scheck at 526-5626,

Catholic Classes are in progress. For Catholic information, call Pat Treacy at 526-2458.

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

May all of us in the United States of America draw closer to God. As we do draw near to him who made us once again may we as a nation be blessed.



Dancers from the group "Ballet Folklorico de la Raza," performed traditional Mexican dances at the Fort Carson celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 25 at the Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center. Photos by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

Hispanic Heritage

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer staff

Good food and dance provided a glimpse of Hispanic culture Sept. 25 at the Elkhorn Conference Center. It was Fort Carson's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Heritage Month was established through a presidential proclamation in 1988, as Hispanics make up almost 10 percent of the population of the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Every year, starting Sept. 15, Mexico's Independence Day, Hispanics nationwide celebrate their Latin American roots in this monthly ethnic observance.

Fort Carson's celebration consisted of folkloric dancing and a variety of Latin American food. Master Sgt. Samuel M. Ramos, noncommissioned officer in charge, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson equal opportunity office, gave the opening remarks.

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, commanding general, Fort Carson and 7th Infantry Division, also spoke, expressing an appreciation for the celebration. "This event is a great opportunity to celebrate as one with our Hispanic brothers and sisters," he said.

A group of folkloric dancers followed the remarks and started off the events with several dance performances. A Colorado Springs group, "Ballet Folklorico

de la Raza," performed several traditional Mexican dances. Following that group, three dancers performed Panamanian folkloric dances. They are the wife, daughter and son of a Fort Carson servicemember.

This year's Miss USA also made an appearance. Being of Hispanic descent, such celebrations are dear to her, she said.

Finally, "The Ortega Brothers," a guitar duo from Pueblo, serenaded the crowd with Puerto Rican and Mexican songs. As they played, the dance group "Grupo Mexico Lindo," performed.

In between performances, gifts, including gift certificates to local Hispanic restaurants, were raffled off. To become eligible for the raffle, attendees labeled all the Latin American flags on a sheet e-mailed throughout Carson.

Local restaurants donated the food, and Hispanic vendors and organizations set up booths during the event.

Fort Carson has celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month since its proclamation. This year's event was organized by 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson and coordinated by Sgt. 1st Class Timothy J. Clausen, noncommissioned officer in charge, 43rd Area Support Group equal opportunity office.

The event was free of charge and, in one way or another, represented all Latin American nations.



These dancers performed in traditional mariachi clothing.



During an old Mexican love song, members of the dance group "Grupo Mexico Lindo," danced a traditional couple's dance.



Dancing the first performance of the event, these dancers wore handmade native Mexican-style dresses.



The Ortega Brothers, a guitar duo from Pueblo, serenades the crowd with "En mi Viejo San Juan," (In my Old San Juan), a song that depicts the nostalgia of an old man who has left Puerto Rico. He sings of the beauty of San Juan, the island's capitol.



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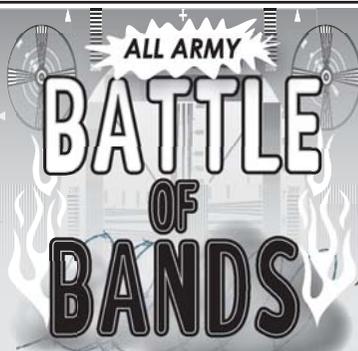
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Sports & Leisure

What a catch

Derby attracts youths angling for prizes

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Hundreds of Huck Finn, Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher look-alikes with fishing poles were spotted at Fort Carson's Womack Reservoir last Saturday morning.

The young anglers were taking part in a fishing derby presented by the Armed Forces Foundation, the Directorate of Community Activities recreation division and the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management.

Beautiful fall weather greeted the youngsters as the fishing lines first entered the water at 9:30 a.m. The derby participants then had two hours to compete for prizes in 5 age-group categories (6-and-under, 7-and 8-year-olds, nine-and 10-year-olds, 11-and 12-year-olds and 13-and 14-year-olds) for most fish caught and biggest fish caught.

When the starting gun went off at 9:30 a.m., the brother/sister duo of Andreus (3-years-old) and Lexus (5-years-old) Westman were ready to fish thanks to the help of father Andy Westman and grandfather Bob Westman.

"I'm going to catch a fishy," Andreus proclaimed right before "gramps" threw his line into the water. Sure enough, shortly thereafter, Andreus and "gramps" had their first fish of the day on the line.

Sister Lexus and dad were catching fish at a faster clip than brother Andreus and "gramps." By the time the derby ended at 11:30 a.m., Lexus had reeled in nine trout.

A few feet away, Carlos and Arlene Sepulveda were helping their 3-year-old daughter Viannca with her

derby efforts. And it's a good thing dad was there to help because, otherwise, Viannca's hook would have been bare.

Both Arlene and daughter Viannca refused to touch the bait (especially the worms) and this meant dad had bait duty. "We don't touch the worms," said Arlene. "They're yucky," said Viannca.

Thanks to dad's help, Viannca had some luck right away. Her second catch of the day was a 15-inch rainbow trout. When they got it to the bank, Viannca said, "That's a big one daddy!" A short time later, Viannca landed a 2-inch perch on the same hook. This time she reacted by telling mom and dad, "It's so cute."

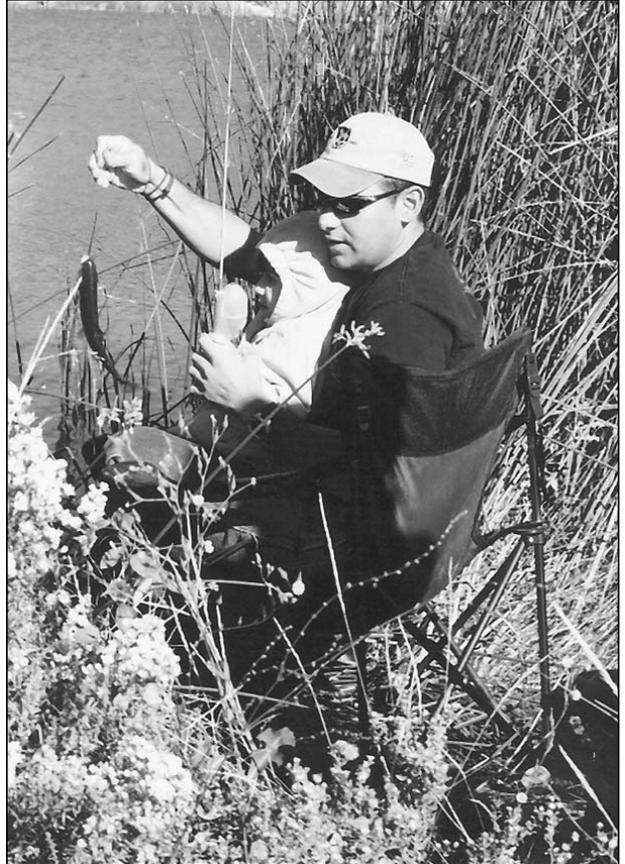
The 15-inch catch eventually won a prize for Viannca. It was the biggest fish in the 6-and-under age group and Viannca earned a prize for the effort.

At another spot on the lake, Ricky Lee and his 9-year-old daughter Samantha watched their bobber and line with anticipation. "They're catching them left and right all around us, but we haven't caught anything yet," said Lee.

As the morning rolled on, the two-some tried several types of bait, but they just couldn't get a fish to stay on the hook. "We haven't had any luck," said Lee. "We had a few bites early, but they wouldn't take the hook. I guess that's the name of the game sometimes." They said it was disappointing, but they also said they enjoyed the quality time together.

Fort Carson Wildlife Officer Chris Zimmerman was going around the lake all the morning long while offering to help the youngsters any way he could. "It is

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Photos by Bill Scharton

Three-year-old Viannca Sepulveda watches her father Carlos Sepulveda remove a hook from the mouth of a fish she just caught during the Fort Carson fishing derby Saturday at the post Womack Reservoir.



Carlos Sepulveda and his 3-year-old daughter Viannca check out the fish they just caught at the fishing derby Saturday at Womack Reservoir. Viannca won a prize for catching the biggest fish in the 6-and-under age group.



Nicki Voights and her six-year-old daughter Kaycee spend some quality time together while waiting for the fish to bite during the fishing derby last Saturday at Womack Reservoir.

Eagles' football teams win at Ellicott

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

The Carson Middle School Eagles' football teams ventured east Sept. 24, and both squads came back home with victories over their division counterparts from Ellicott Middle School.

In the seventh-grade contest, the Eagles' big play, all-purpose back Devyn Harris was a one-man wrecking crew against the Ellicott Thunderhawks. Harris ran for four touchdowns and passed for another score as the Eagles crushed the Thunderhawks by the score of 40-8.

The victory kept the Eagles unbeaten in division play with a 2-0-1 record and advanced the team's overall mark to 3-2-1. It was the fourth game in a row without a loss for the seventh-graders.

Ellicott scored on its first drive of the game and made the two-point conversion for an early 8-0 lead over Carson. The Eagles' defense did not allow the Thunderhawks to even come close to scoring during the rest of the contest.

After the Ellicott score, Carson took possession of the ball and countered with a touchdown of its own. On a fourth and six play at the Ellicott 42-yard line, Harris ran through a big hole up the middle, veered to the right and scampered into the end zone. The conversion attempt was no good and Ellicott led 8-6 after one quarter of play.

Harris bolted for another touchdown, this time a 50-yarder, on Carson's next possession. The conversion again failed, but the Eagles had a 12-8 lead they would never relinquish.

After another defensive stop, Carson looked to

add another tally before intermission. This time, the high-stepping Harris hummed past hood-winked Ellicott defenders on a 45-yard scoring jaunt.

The conversion attempt was again no good, but the Eagles had a comfortable 18-8 lead at the break. Carson would get possession of the ball to start the second half. So at halftime, Carson coach John Bishop went over a reverse play with the Eagles' players that was put into the Eagles' offensive arsenal the day before this game.

On the first offensive play from scrimmage in the second half, the Eagles ran the reverse and it worked to perfection. Eagles' quarterback Anthony Pritchard handed the ball to Harris heading around left end. The Ellicott defense keyed on Harris while he handed the ball to receiver Kaaila Washington on a reverse back around the right end.

Washington scooted around the right end and had only one Ellicott defender to beat to daylight. She put a move on the Thunderhawks' defender and it was clear sailing down the sidelines for a 60-yard Eagles' touchdown.

Following the game, Washington said she was not sure the play would work as well as it did. "I thought I would probably get tackled on the play," said Washington. "After I got by that one player, I knew I was gone. It was fun."

Washington's TD trick play and a successful



Photo by Bill Scharton

Carson Middle School Eagles' eighth-grade running back Jason Schatz gets hit by an Ellicott defender right after delivering a halfback option pass during the Eagles 8-0 win Sept. 24 at Ellicott.

E. Joseph wins national PAL boxing title

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Edward Joseph was the only Army World Class Athlete Program boxer to earn a national title last weekend at the 2003 National Police Athletic League Boxing Championships in Toledo, Ohio.

Army was the defending team champion of this event but dropped to third place in this year's competition. Clubs from Cincinnati and Washington D.C. finished ahead of Army in the team competition.

Joseph captured the 152-pound weight class championship with a close 7-5 decision over Maxwell Taylor from Edgewood, Md. In the quarter-

finals of this weight class, Joseph decisioned Army teammate Rondale Mason by the close score of 9-6. "This bout was a war," said Army WCAP head boxing coach Basheer Abdullah.

Joseph earned a spot in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team Trials by winning the national PAL championship. His brother Clarence Joseph and DeAndrey Abron, both Army WCAP boxing team members, already earned spots in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team Trials by winning national Golden Gloves championships in June of this year.

The only other Army boxer to make it to the semifinals in the national PAL tournament was 201-pounder Charles Leverette. He lost an 8-3 decision

to Aaron Williams in this contest. Williams went on to win the title in this weight class.

According to Abdullah, the All-Army Boxing Trial Camp and Armed Forces Boxing Championships will take place earlier than normal this year due to the fact that 2004 is an Olympic year. Army WCAP boxers and other Army boxers from around the world will report to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Nov. 6 to begin the trial camp.

The Armed Forces Boxing Championships will be in December at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The winner in each of the 11 weight classes at the Armed Forces Boxing Championships will earn a spot in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team Trials.

Fishing

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great to see all of these little smiling faces this morning," said Zimmerman. "As long as the kids have fun, that is all that matters."

According to Zimmerman and DCA assistant recreation chief Becky Rudder, it had been at least four years since the last fishing derby at Fort Carson. Due to the success of this one, it will not be that long before the next one takes place.

"We will try to do two fishing derbies next year," said Zimmerman. "We will try to have them in May and early September next year. In addition, we will have more activities for the kids at the derbies next year."

Fishing derby winners

6 years and younger

Most fish: Shawn

Smith

Biggest fish: Viannca

Sepulveda

7- and 8-year-olds

Most fish: Tom Haynes

Biggest fish: Nathan

Brewer

9- and 10-year-olds

Most fish: Latish

Cleveland

Biggest fish: Laquetia
Cleveland

11- and 12-year-olds

Most fish: Terrance

Hutchins

Biggest fish: Makenna

Lawrence

13- and 14-year-olds

Most fish: Corey

Kaufman

Biggest fish: Jacob

Paladino (overall winner)



Photo by Bill Scharton

Three-year-old Viannca Sepulveda won the prize for biggest fish in the six-and-under age group.

Eagles

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conversion jumped Carson's lead to 26-8. Later on in the third quarter, Harris would return a punt 50 yards for another Carson touchdown. The Eagles led 32-8 after three periods.

The Eagles put another touchdown on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter when Harris completed a 50-yard half-back option pass to wide receiver Jerald McCollum for a score. This made the final score 40-8 in favor of the Eagles.

"The defense played a heck of a game," Bishop told the Carson players following the game. "We have two games left and we need to keep this type of effort and momentum going for the rest of the season.

In the eighth-grade game, the Eagles finally got back on the scoreboard and back in the win column following a drought in both areas. Eight points was enough for the Eagles to pull out a hard-fought 8-0 victory over division foe Ellicott. The win pushed Carson's division record to 2-1 and leveled the overall mark at 3-3.

The Eagles and Thunderhawks were in a defensive struggle and battled to a scoreless tie at halftime. The clock ran out at halftime with Carson driving to the Ellicott 26-yard line.

There was no scoring in the third quarter, but the Eagles had the ball at

the Ellicott five-yard line at the start of the fourth period. On the first play of the fourth quarter, Eagles quarterback Hayden Dean threw a scoring strike to wide receiver Jerry Ventura. Ventura was hit hard in the chest and the kidney during the reception but held on to the pigskin.

The touchdown ended an 11-quarter scoreless drought for the Eagles. "It felt good to finally score a touchdown," said Dean.

Ellicott returned the ensuing kickoff to the Carson 40-yard line. Big plays from Dean and Ventura on the Carson defensive side of the ball helped the Eagles regain possession at the 35-yard line.

On third down, however, Carson fumbled the ball at its own 40-yard line and this turnover would give Ellicott one more shot at tying the game with 2:10 left on the clock.

The Carson defense stuffed two straight Ellicott running plays for no gain but the Thunderhawks threw for a first down to the Eagles' 28-yard line on the next play with 42 ticks left on the clock.

The Eagles' C.J. Lacer dropped an Ellicott runner for a four-yard loss on the next play. With the game clock down to 25 seconds, the Thunderhawks put the ball in the air and the pass was picked off by the Eagles' Darius Hill to preserve the win.

"We did not play our best, but any



Photo by Bill Scharton

Anthony Pritchard, the Carson Middle School Eagles' seventh-grade quarterback, gets sacked by a couple of Ellicott defenders during the Sept. 24 game at Ellicott. The Eagles crushed Ellicott by the score of 40-8 and remained unbeaten in their last four games.

win is a good win," a relieved Eagles' coach Justin Arnell told the team following the game. "I'm never mad about a win, but it was a little sloppy out there today."

Both Eagles' teams traveled to Woodland Park for a nondivision game Wednesday. The Eagles' teams will play division foe Florence/Penrose Wednesday.

The games will be played at the Mountain Post Sports Complex. The seventh-grade contest kicks off at 4:30 p.m. and will be followed immediately by the eighth-grade game. This will be the final game of the season for the seventh-grade Eagles while the eighth-grade Eagles will play a post-season playoff game Oct. 13 (site and opponent to be determined).

Lady Mountaineers title bid falls short

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer staff

The Lady Mountaineers competitive slowpitch softball team got a chance to play for a fall league championship Monday night, but the team's title bid came up short.

At stake was the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation women's fall Silver League crown, and the Lady Mountaineers took to the field Monday evening needing two victories to secure the title.

In the first game of the night, the Lady Mountaineers positioned themselves for the title shot by defeating MC2. The Lady Mountaineers put this game away in the bottom of the third inning when the squad scored seven runs to build an 8-2 cushion over MC2.

Three straight Lady Mountaineers' batters walked to begin the bottom of the third frame. At this point, it became

a comedy of errors for the MC2 team. Five errors by MC2 allowed the Lady Mountaineers to score one run after another during this at bat. Kim Routon and Pam Norris delivered RBI singles for the Lady Mountaineers in between MC2 miscues.

The Lady Mountaineers added three more runs to their score in the bottom of the fourth inning and led 11-3 after four frames. In this at bat, Dawn McCarty, Maylen Gaspar and Rebeccs Sides drove in runs for the Lady Mountaineers.

The game came to a halt in the bottom of the fifth inning with the Lady Mountaineers at bat.

The Lady Mountaineers had the lead and they were the home team. Therefore, the game ended when the one-hour time limit was reached. The final score had the Lady Mountaineers on top 12-6.

While the Lady Mountaineers were

winning their first game of the night, the Yo Baby! team was also winning its first contest of the evening. The two teams were slated to play each other in the nightcap. The first game victories gave both teams a 6-1 record heading into this final league contest of the season. The winner would be the league champion. The two teams played each other earlier in the season and the Lady Mountaineers came out on top 17-7.

The first three innings of play in the title tilt turned into a defensive struggle. The Lady Mountaineers tallied a run in the bottom of the first frame and one more run in the third inning to take a slim 2-0 lead after three innings of play. Gaspar drove in both runs for the Lady Mountaineers.

Two walks, a single and a bases-clearing triple led to a five run top of the fourth inning for Yo Baby!. This gave Yo Baby! a 5-2 lead going into the bottom

of the fourth frame.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Lady Mountaineers bounced back with four runs of their own and regained the lead by the count of 6-5. Kelly Berreman had a run producing single and Twana Denton knocked in two runs for the Lady Mountaineers.

The top of the fifth inning was disastrous for the Lady Mountaineers. Yo Baby! put the game away by scoring eight runs in this at bat. A combination of hits and walks by Yo Baby! batters along with a couple of costly errors by Lady Mountaineers' fielders produced the big inning for the Yo Baby! squad.

The Lady Mountaineers were shut out in their final two at bats while Yo Baby! added one more run to earn the 14-6 win and the fall league championship. The Lady Mountaineers second place finish matched their runner-up position in their summer league play.

Buffalo Bill: a life filled with adventure, excitement

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Story and photos
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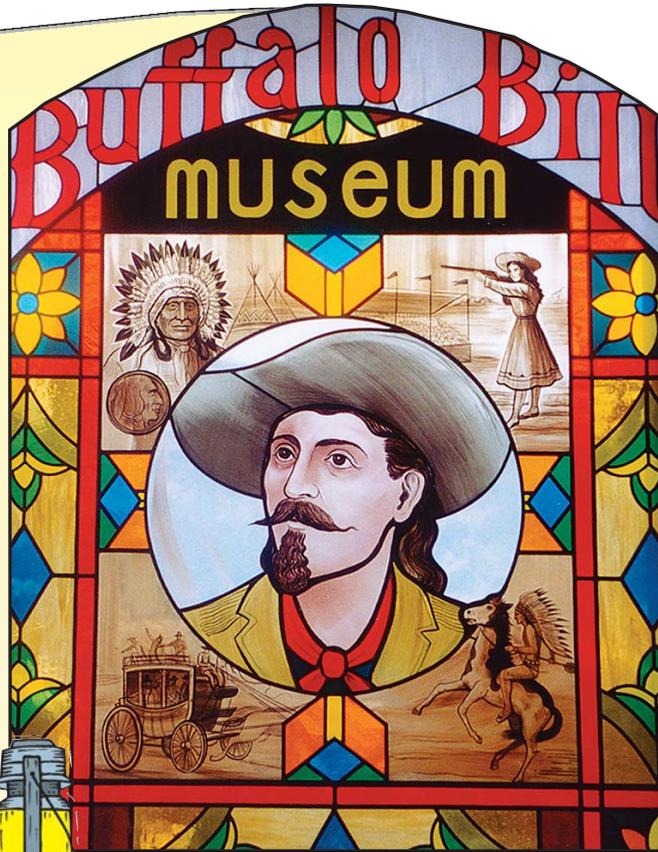
Buffalo Bill," whose real name was William F. Cody, was the best-known American in the world in the late 1800s. And in the days before radio and television, that was a tall order.

Cody led a life filled with adventure, sounding as though it might be fictional: he was a cowboy, Pony Express rider, hunter, bullwhacker, soldier, trapper, Army scout, Indian fighter, actor, writer, gold seeker and showman.

Born in Iowa in 1846, his family later moved to Kansas. Cody took his first job as a cowboy when he was 10 years old. His father had died, and as the oldest child, he needed work to provide for his mother and siblings. Cody said he had a natural knack for riding and shooting straight.

He went to Colorado during the 1859 gold rush and unsuccessfully searched for gold. While in Colorado, he responded to an advertisement for "skilled, experienced riders willing to risk death daily." He was hired as a rider for the Pony Express at \$125 a month. He was 14 years old. Cody rode the longest Pony Express ride on record — more than 321 miles in less than 22 hours, using 20 horses.

Cody joined the Seventh Kansas Volunteer Cavalry when he was still a teenager. After the Civil War, Cody worked for the Kansas Pacific Railroad as a buffalo hunter. He earned \$500 a month killing buffalo, which provided fresh meat for railroad workers. Cody was credited with bringing 4,284 buffalo into the railroad camp during the year he worked for the Kansas Pacific Railroad. Cody said he earned the nickname of "Buffalo Bill" while



A stained glass window in the Buffalo Bill Museum replicates a poster used to publicize the Wild West Show.

working for the railroad. He later defended that title in a buffalo hunting contest with Billy Comstock, a scout from Fort Wallace, Kan. By the end of the day, Cody was declared the champion buffalo hunter of the plains. Cody later was a scout for the U.S. Army. While with the 3rd Cavalry in 1872, Cody was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery and skill. The Army later took back Medals of Honor which had been awarded to civilians. However, Cody's medal was reinstated in 1989 and his name is listed on the medal of honor board in the 3rd Cavalry Museum at Fort Carson.

Buffalo Bill came into fame when a series of stories in a New York newspaper featured him as a hero. Books written about the Old West, called "dime novels," also featured Buffalo Bill as a central character.

Cody also wrote several books about his life and adventures.

Buffalo Bill was handsome, tall and striking. He wore fringed clothing, a gaiter and a large brimmed white hat. He usually rode a white horse.

In 1872, Buffalo Bill took an acting job, appearing in a play with



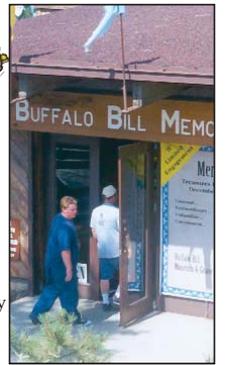
"MemoraBILLia: Artifacts from Buffalo Bill's Attic" are on display in the museum.

his old friend, Wild Bill Hickock. For the next few years, Buffalo Bill staged a variety of plays, sometimes acting with Wild Bill Hickock and Texas Jack. Buffalo Bill conceived the idea of a Wild West Show, produced as an outdoor spectacle with hundreds of people and animals. He designed the show to not only entertain an audience, but to educate people about the real West. Cody's extravaganza included re-creations of real-life Western events, such as the



Visitors learn about the life of Buffalo Bill in the museum on Lookout Mountain near Golden.

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The building known as Pahaska Tepee is the original site of the Buffalo Bill Museum. It now serves as the gift shop.



Buffalo Bill's grave is by the museum on Lookout Mountain near Golden. His scout service with the 3rd Cavalry and Medal of Honor are mentioned on the foot stone.

Museum

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Pony Express, Indian attacks and robberies of the Deadwood stagecoach. His shows also included cowboy skills such as riding, roping and trick shooting.

The show opened with great success in Omaha, Neb. For the next 30 years, Cody would take his "Wild West Show" around the United States and Europe.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show featured Annie Oakley, perhaps the world's greatest shooter. Iron Tail, the model for the popular buffalo nickel coin, was in the Wild West Show, as was Chief Sitting Bull. The Wild West Show was the main attraction of the Chicago World's Fair. His show was attended by 6 million people.

Cody took his show to England in 1887. It took three trains to transport the equipment and animals used in the Wild West Show after it

arrived by ship. Buffalo Bill was invited to help celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The western show was the hit of the Jubilee. Several members of the royal family attended the show, including the queen. It was the first public event Queen Victoria had attended in 26 years. He returned in 1891 and again in 1902.

Buffalo Bill and his Wild West Show toured Europe for three and a half years, opening in Paris in 1889.

For years, Buffalo Bill continued touring with his show, even though he was in financial straits. For financial reasons, Buffalo Bill merged his show with "Pawnee Bill" Lillie's traveling show.

Cody lost money in investments he'd made. Meanwhile, attendance at his performances began to dwindle. But Cody couldn't quit because he needed the money. After the show's assets were seized, Cody worked with a circus, finally giving up show business at age 70.

He died a few months later, while visiting his sister in Denver. His sister said Buffalo Bill wanted to be buried on Lookout Mountain near Golden.

Many people questioned that Buffalo Bill would choose to be buried in Colorado. Citizens of Cody, Wyo., thought he surely wanted to be buried in the town he which bears his name.

After his death, his body lay in state in the Colorado Capitol Building, after a special resolution of the legislature allowed it. When he was buried on Lookout Mountain, some 25,000 people attended.

Because there was concern that someone might try to take Cody's body from Lookout Mountain, Colorado's governor sent the National Guard to protect the grave. Later, several feet of concrete were poured over the grave to further protect it from poachers.

Johnny Baker, who began working with Buffalo Bill as a youngster, was like a son to Buffalo Bill. He inherited many of Buffalo Bill's belongings and had accumulated his own collection of memorabilia and artifacts during his 30 years on the road with the Wild West Show. Cody's widow and some of the performer donated memorabilia to Baker. Baker proposed to the city of Denver that he start a museum near the grave site as a tribute to his friend. The museum was opened in 1921. It was one of Colorado's most popular destinations.

A new museum building was built later and the the original building, Pahaska Tepee, is now an extensive gift shop. Several large rooms are filled with Western-style souvenirs and memorabilia, including a large selection of reproduction posters from the Wild West Show, costumes, T-shirts, cups, figurines, hats, lamps, rugs, desk sets and toys.

A snack bar has a selection of snack and sandwich items, including a buffalo burger, cold sandwiches, onion rings and fries, hotdogs, hamburgers and buffalo chili. Homemade fudge and soft drinks are also available.

Visitors to the museum are rewarded with a rich collection of posters, costumes, historic items and memorabilia from Buffalo Bill's life

and the Wild West Show. One of Annie Oakley's costumes from 1900 is displayed as are exhibits about the Pony Express, frontier life and events in Buffalo Bill's colorful life.

A Kid Cowboy Corral exhibit gives children the opportunity to dress like a cowboy, climb on a "horse" and try their hand at throwing a lasso.

A special exhibit, "MemoraBILLia: Artifacts from Buffalo Bill's Attic" is in the museum through October. This exhibit includes interesting and unusual artifacts such as a lock of his hair, a special hand-made lamp, and dozens of other items not usually seen by the public. This exhibit is included in admission price. More than a quarter-million people visit the museum each year, including many foreign visitors.

After visiting the museum, take the path to the nearby graveside, marked with an iron picket fence.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. The museum is closed on Monday during the winter and is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

In summer, the museum is open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The museum and grave are located at 987 1/2 Lookout Mountain Road in Golden.

From Fort Carson, go north on Interstate 25 to I-70 west. Take exit 256 and follow signs about four miles to "Buffalo Bill Grave." It's about a 30-minute drive from Denver. There's free parking at the museum.



Many artifacts from Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show are displayed in the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum at Golden.



Young visitors enjoy dressing in western clothing in the Kid Cowboy Corral in Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum.

Just the Facts

- Travel time about 90 minutes
- For ages all
- Type museum
- Fun factor ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- Wallet damage \$

\$ = Less than \$20

\$\$ = \$21 to \$40

(Based on a family of four)

Get Out!

Theatreworks

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

Oktoberfest

Enjoy German-style food and oompah music today and Saturday at the Oktoberfest at Penrose Equestrian Center, 1045 W. Rio Grande just off Eighth Street. Admission is \$5; hours are 4:30 p.m. to midnight. There are activities for children.

Academy football

The next home game at the Air Force Academy is with University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Oct. 11. To obtain tickets, call 472-1895.

Corn maze

The corn maze at JoyRides Family Fun Center is open. The two-acre corn maze is open until dusk Thursdays through Sundays. Maze admission is \$5.

Turkey Creek Fall Fest

Turkey Creek Ranch's "Fall Fest," is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per car load. This family event includes bands, magicians, clowns, pony rides and more. Children get a free pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. There'll be food and craft vendors. From 1 to 3:30 p.m., there's a rodeo in the arena; adults tickets are \$7 and children 4 to 12 are admitted for \$1.

Frontier Daze

Cripple Creek celebrates "Frontier Daze" and a chuck wagon cookoff Saturday and Sunday. Entertainment includes free Western movies, band concerts, music, gunfight reenactments and more. Call (877) 858-GOLD for information. Cripple Creek is on Highway 67, off Highway 24 west.

Denver concerts

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

Simon and Garfunkle are together again and per-

forming Oct. 30 at the Pepsi Center; call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Harvest Festival

Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site offers free admission Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 1880s-era farm will feature harvest activities, pony and horse-drawn wagon rides, concerts and tours of the historic buildings. Some activities have small charge. Rock Ledge Ranch is at the Garden of the Gods entrance off 30th Street.

Pueblo Symphony

The Pueblo Symphony opens its new season Saturday with a programing featuring "The Platters, The Third Generation." The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Hoag Recital Hall on the campus of Colorado State University, Pueblo. Songs featured in the concert include "Only You," "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." Tickets are \$20 and \$25. For information, call (719) 545-7957.

Fine Arts Repertory Theater

The Repertory Theater opens its 15th season with "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," today and runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., through Oct. 19. Upcoming performances include "It's a Wonderful Life," Dec. 5 to 21; "Sweet Charity," Feb. 6 to 22, and "Hot Mikado," May 7 to 23. Call the box office, 634-5581. The theater is at 30 W. Dale St.

Children's theater

Aladdin and the Magic Lamp is the children's Playhouse presentation Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Arts Center Theater in Pueblo. Tickets are at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center box office, (719) 295-7222 and are \$6 reserved. The theater is at 210 N. Santa Fe. Ave. in Pueblo.

Damon Runyon Repertory

The Damon Runyon Repertory Theater in Pueblo has set its new season. The season begins with the Broadway musical hit "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." Performances are at 7 p.m. as dinner theater today, Saturday, Sunday and Oct. 9, 10 and 11. Matinee performance are at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets start at \$6. Performances are in the new Runyon Theater, 611 N. Main St. in Pueblo.

Craft Show

The Creative Crafters' Showcase holds its annual show Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Lewis Palmer

High School in Monument. Admission is \$3. Take Interstate 25 to Exit 158.

Bent's Fort

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

Exhibit in Money Museum

The works of famed 19th century sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, sometimes referred to as the American Michelangelo, is jointly presented by the Money Museum, 818 N. Cascade Ave., and the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St. The exhibit is in place until Oct. 26 at the Money Museum and the Fine Arts Center. The Money Museum is free and open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. Some pieces are in the Fine Arts Museum, which is free on Saturdays. Other days, the admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 16.

Slavic Fest

A Slavic Fest is Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Oct. 12 from noon until 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Orthodox Church near Calhan. The fest features traditional foods, dancers and music, and baked goods, pierogi, halupki and kolbasi. Take Highway 24 east to Calhan. Go through Calhan and take Yoder north to the church at 19485 N. Calhan Highway.

Buell Children's Museum

Called "Handprints Around the World," hands-on activities help children learn about customs, language and clothing of seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania. Admission to the Buell Children's Museum at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Admission includes entry to the Arts Center and White Galleries. Take Interstate 25 south to Pueblo, Exit 98B.

Railroad show

A model train show is in the Masonic Center, 1150 Panorama Dr. Oct. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 and children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. Sponsored by the Slim Rail Model Railroad Club, this is the 20th annual show and swap meet. Panorama Drive is west of Interstate 25 and Fillmore Street.



Photo by Nel Lampe

Harvest Fest ...

Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site holds a Harvest Fest Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Staff members in period costume engage in 1880s-style harvest activities. There'll be pony and horse-drawn wagon rides, apple cider pressing, concerts and other activities. Admission is free, but some activities have small fees.

Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Oct. 9.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on operations in Iraq, Combat Equipment Group Europe and truck rodeo. Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on the USNS Sirius, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt and the commissioning of the USS Mustin (repeat). Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Combat Controller School and The Nightingales (repeat). Airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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