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Photos by Sgt. Jon Wiley

Fort Carson troops march past thousands of cheering people on Tejon Street Saturday.

## A heroes' welcome

by Spc. Zach Mott  
Mountaineer staff

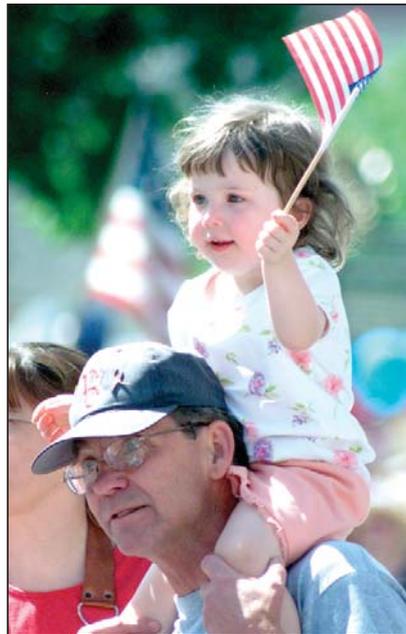
Flags, banners, balloons, boots and smiles littered downtown Colorado Springs Saturday as the community gathered to welcome home those who participated in or supported Operation Iraqi Freedom.

More than 6,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines were among the thousands who marched through the streets of Colorado Springs Saturday in a parade fit for a king — or at least a general.

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Wilson, Fort Carson and 7th Infantry Division commanding general, led the Fort Carson contingent as the sun-soaked spectators cheered with unbridled enthusiasm for their heroes during the Welcome Home Parade through downtown Colorado Springs.

An estimated 80,000 residents — some veterans, but all friends — stood five deep in some sections of Tejon Street waving flags and hollering praises as the

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A young patriot watches Soldiers march by from a comfortable vantage point.

## Army alters stop order

by Karla L. Gonzalez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Active-duty Soldiers nearing the end of their service contract may not be getting out of the Army as soon as they might have expected.

Army officials announced June 1 the latest active Army Stop Loss/Stop Movement Program for active Army units preparing for deployment overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Policies in place for reserve-component Soldiers have not changed.

The changes in the active Army program synchronize the process of units being notified of deployments with the Stop Loss actions, according to Lt. Col. Franklin Childress, public affairs officer with the Army's G-1. The previous process required a separate action to request the initiation of stop loss after the unit received official deployment notification.

The active Army Stop Loss/Stop Movement program will be effective 90 days prior to the Earliest Arrival Date, or EAD, specified in the deployment order, according to Childress. Soldiers will remain affected by Stop Loss/Stop Movement under the program up to 90 days after they redeploy to their home station.

The additional days following redeployment, according to Childress, are to take care of the Soldiers. The time will be used to allow for any medical or dental needs to be taken care of as well as any other out-processing that needs to be completed.

"The focus is on Soldiers taking care of Soldiers," said Childress. Soldiers who have completed all of their out-processing needs can get approval from their command to be released in less than 90 days.

The new program does allow for some separations of Soldiers. The following active-Army Soldiers are normally not subject to Stop Loss:

Soldiers eligible for mandatory retirement;  
Soldiers eligible for disability retirement, separation for physical disability or other physical conditions;

Soldiers pending separation for the convenience of the government such as surviving sons and

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## Countdown to the Army Ball

Saturday is Fort Carson's Army Birthday Ball at the Phil Long Expo Center. For ticket information, call your unit point of contact.

Post Weather hotline:  
526-0096

# Bush proclaims day of mourning to remember President Ronald Reagan

A proclamation to the people of the United States:

It is my sad duty to announce officially the death of Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, on June 5.

We are blessed to live in a nation, and a world, that have been shaped by the will, the leadership and the vision of Ronald Reagan.

With an unshakable faith in the values of our country and the character of our people, Ronald Reagan renewed America's confidence and restored our nation. His optimism, strength and humility epitomized the American spirit. He always told us that for America, the best was yet to come.

Ronald Reagan believed that God takes the side of justice and that America has a special calling to oppose tyranny and defend freedom.

Through his courage and determination, he enhanced America's security and advanced the spread of peace, liberty and democracy to millions of people who had lived in darkness and oppression. As America's president, Ronald Reagan helped change the world.

President Reagan has left us, but he has left us stronger and better. We take comfort in the knowledge that he has left us for a better place, the shining city that awaits him.

Now, therefore, I George W. Bush, president of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United

States, in honor and tribute to the memory of Ronald Reagan, and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and Naval vessels of the United States for a period of 30 days from the day of his death. I also direct that for the same length of time, the representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements for the display of the flag at half-staff over their embassies, legations and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations.

I hereby order that suitable honors be rendered by units of the Armed Forces under orders of the Secretary of Defense.

I do further appoint June 11 as a National Day of Mourning throughout the United States. I call on the American people to assemble on that day in their respective places of worship, there to pay homage to the memory of President Reagan. I invite the people of the world who share our grief to join us in this solemn observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth year.

**George W. Bush**

*President, United States of America*

# Army turns 229 June 14

On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress established our Army. In the 229 years since that day, our Army has proven itself on countless battlefields as liberty's best friend and oppression's worst foe.

Since its birth — over a year before the Declaration of Independence — the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American nation. From winning our new nation's independence in a tough eight-year fight, to preserving the Union through the tortuous struggle of the Civil War, through the global conflicts of the 20th century, our citizens can draw great satisfaction from knowing that whenever the nation was in need, our Army answered the call.

Sixty years ago, in the Army's birth month of June 1944, our brave Soldiers stormed ashore at Normandy to begin the final thrust to liberate Western Europe. While that beachhead was expanding, our Soldiers liberated Rome, made gains against Japanese invaders in New Guinea, struggled against terrain, weather and a tough enemy in Burma, and reinforced the U.S. Marine Corps on Saipan. We celebrate our veterans of 1944 on this 229th Army birthday, as we also celebrate the service of our younger U.S. veterans who fought in Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflicts.

Today's Army is the greatest land fighting force in the history of the world. This spring, we completed the largest troop movement since World War II, while continuing our engagement in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Our Army is serving in more than 120 countries, conducting missions across the spectrum of conflict from humanitarian assistance to combat operations. While at war, we are continuing to change our Army to meet the needs of the current and future strategic environment.

Our Army is strong, and this strength comes from our greatest asset: the American Soldier, whose courage, compassion and determination have for generations been the bedrock upon which our victories have depended. In all that the Army has accomplished, and all that it will be called upon to do, the American Soldier remains the single most important factor in our success.

We are proud of you, our Army family—Soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans and your families, and you are always foremost in our prayers and in our actions. Thank you for your service, for your sacrifices, and for your steadfast devotion to duty. Your courage, dedication, and selfless service to the nation are the hallmarks of the United States Army.

God bless each and every one of you and your families, and God bless America.

**Gen. Peter J. Schoemaker**

*U.S. Army Chief of Staff*

**Les Brownlee**

*Acting Secretary of the Army*

# Family — word of the month

by **Sgt. 1st Clas Alena D. Floyd**  
**Equal Opportunity Advisor**  
**7th Infantry Division**

Family can be defined in many ways; one way is a group of persons living under one roof and usually under one head, or a group of persons of common ancestry or a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation.

For most people, family is a strong unbreakable unit. Family is a place of love, warmth, safety and security. Family may mean several different things to an individual. There are several different types of family units.

Our troops have returned home to reunite and get reacquainted with their families who have supported their efforts in

Iraq. Family is the bond and the backbone that supports and allows our troops to answer the call of duty for extended periods of time without question. Military spouses, children, moms and dads give our troops the courage to take on the challenge of being a Soldier. It is important for everyone to remember and honor immediate families and the family members within the community who support the troops from day to day.

As our troops have returned home, not only are they grateful to return to their traditional families, they realize they have a new family with the brothers and sisters they went into combat with. The bond of camaraderie is as strong as any other family tie and

in some cases it may even be stronger. The long nights on patrol, sharing care packages, the near death experiences and even the grief over the loss of fellow Soldiers strengthens the bonds between our troops.

Most of our Soldiers have returned home to their families, but many did not. Those who paid the ultimate price left families behind for us to care for, to comfort and to cherish.

So, as we are enjoying our loved ones and our Soldiers, let us not forget our fallen comrades and the loved ones they left behind. As we honor our families let us not forget about our departed Soldiers' families and keep them included in our military family.

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# News

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## Soldiers in France for D-Day events

### Army News Service

**NORMANDY**, France — About 3,500 Soldiers and U.S. Army employees are now in Normandy supporting the 60th anniversary of “Operation Overlord.”

Task Force Normandy-60 ranges from medics who are standing by to treat any World War II veterans who may experience health problems to military police and their dogs who are providing security.

Signal Soldiers have established a communications network. Aviators are flying helicopters to transport VIPs. Military journalists are covering the events, as well as escorting the 3,500+ media expected to attend.

The U.S. Army Europe Honor Guard will fire a 21-howitzer salute in honor of the president during Sunday’s ceremony.

A large number of Soldiers, about 700, are from the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade from Giebelstadt, Hanau and Ansbach, Germany. They are responsible for supporting the

Normandy American Cemetery event, the ceremony at Pointe Du Hoc and the one at the U.S. National Cemetery at Utah Beach.

“You feel the values of the Army here,” said Spc. Stebel Buissereth from the 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, part of the 69th ADA Brigade. “You can understand how hard it was for the Soldiers who fought here — and how important it is for us to work hard to honor them.”

Buissereth spent the morning of May 29 placing flags beside the ivory crosses and Stars of David in the cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach. As they are every year in preparation for Memorial Day and the anniversary of the D-Day invasion, the graves of each of the 9,387 servicemembers buried in Normandy American Cemetery were marked with both U.S. and French flags.

The U.S. Army Southern European Task Force from Vicenza, Italy, has about 900 Soldiers in Normandy. They are responsible for the St. Mere-Eglise air-drop event.

The 200th Materiel Management Command from Kaiserslautern, Germany, is operating two Life Support Areas, or LSAs, each supporting about 1,500 Soldiers. One is at Omaha Beach and the other is at Utah Beach. The 200th MMC is augmented by the 21st Theater Support Command, also from Kaiserslautern.

The 565th Engineer Battalion from Hanau, Germany, is responsible for the Joint Visitor Bureau and the unit has about 350 personnel at the site.

Most of the World War II veterans at the JVB and elsewhere in Normandy are very humble, according to the Soldiers who are supporting them.

Though these veterans have been acclaimed as members of the “greatest generation” and credited with saving the world from the horrors of facism, Buissereth said they don’t stop to impress the young troops with stories from history books.

“The vets, when they talk to you, they want to know about you,” he said, adding that the veterans only shared sto-

ries of their exploits after considerable prodding from the active-duty Soldiers.

The Soldiers in Task Force Normandy-60 are commanded by Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki, USAREUR deputy chief of staff for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs. Other units attached to the task force include: 1-214th Aviation Battalion from Mannheim, Germany; the 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital from Miesau, Germany, augmented by the 464th Medical Detachment (Dental), the 71st Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine) and the 64th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service), providing veterinary support to the military working dogs.

The 44th Signal Battalion from Mannheim, Germany, is part of the task force, along with MPs from various locations across Europe.

**Editor’s note:** *Information taken from an article by Hugh C. McBride, USAREUR, and fact sheets provided by Maj. William Thurmond, V Corps Public Affairs.*

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Photo by Spc. Zach Mott

## *Presidential salute ...*

Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery fired a service cannon every half hour Tuesday in memorial to former President Ronald Reagan. Reagan died in his home Saturday of pneumonia; he was 93 years old and served as the 40th President of the United States.

## Stop loss

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parenthood or pregnancy;

Soldiers pending separation because of dependency or hardship;

Soldiers whose quality of service warrants separation;  
Soldiers in violation of the Army's homosexual conduct policy;

Soldiers pending separation who are conscientious objectors, and;

Soldiers who do not meet military personnel security program standards.

The focus of Army deployments is on trained and ready units, not individuals, Army personnel officials said. They explained that losses caused by separation, retirements and reassignments have the potential to adversely impact training, cohesion and stability in deploying units.

Without a Stop Loss/Stop Movement program, an Army divisional-sized unit may require the reassignment of more than 4,000 Soldiers from other units to achieve a complete reset of the division and ensure a deployable strength of 100 percent, officials said. They said this unmanaged turbulence would preclude the delivery to the warfight of units which have an enhanced combat effectiveness based on stability and having trained together for long periods of time.

# Military

## Fort Carson bids farewell to ADC-Support

by Spc. Zach Mott  
Mountaineer Staff

Fort Carson bid farewell to another Soldier Tuesday. Not because of an accident or battlefield casualty, but for a new assignment at the Pentagon.

Col. Michael J. Terry is leaving Fort Carson to take over as the director of plans, operations and readiness for the Deputy Chief of Staff G-4. Terry served as the assistant division commander for support here for 10 months.

"Your performance as the assistant division commander for support, 7th Infantry Division and the Mountain Post Team, has been truly phenomenal and you have left an everlasting impression for many years to come," said Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Orr, the deputy commanding general for the 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson.

Terry was responsible for the logistical concerns of Fort Carson-based units, but also those belonging to the 7th Infantry Division. Those units include enhanced separate light infantry National Guard brigades in Oregon, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

"I personally don't know of an assistant division commander for support in the Army today that manages a larger or more complex service support structure like we have here at Fort Carson," Orr said.

While Orr was fast to offer praise for the work that Terry has accomplished, Terry was just as quick

to give the credit to others.

"From a logistics perspective, I've never seen more dedicated people anywhere. These folks are responsible for everything (Brig.) General Orr stated earlier — not me. These are the true heroes," Terry said.

Although the Army is full of turnover, with units and commands changing hands seemingly every month, Orr said Terry's follow-on assignment as the director of plans, operations and readiness with the DCS G-4 will be an asset for the future of the Army.

"As a proven leader and a first-class logistician, Mike is a first-round draft pick, no doubt about that," Orr said. "He will be instrumental in helping the Army successfully navigate through some challenging times ahead as the Army continues the Global War on Terrorism.

"I can think of nobody I'd rather have helping the Army senior leaders work through the difficult and important logistical issues that lie ahead."

Terry and his wife Cathy along with their three children, Anna, Mikey and James, were valuable assets to the Mountain Post, Orr said.

"I sincerely hope both you and Cathy take great pride in knowing that your combined efforts over the past year have helped all of us to ensure that the Mountain Post Team remains a great place for Soldiers to train and families to grow," he said.

Terry concluded his speech with a fitting quote echoed from every Soldier who has ever changed duty stations. He used a John Wayne quote from the movie "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon."

"We don't say goodbye, we say, 'until our next post.'"



Photo by Spc. Zach Mott  
**Col. Michael J. Terry, the outgoing assistant division commander for support, addresses the crowd at his farewell ceremony Tuesday.**

# Military Briefs

## Misc.

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

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

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

3rd ACR — 526-3417

3rd BCT — 526-4549

43rd ASG — 526-9366

Division Troops — 526-3983.

### Officer Candidate School Board

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

**Warrant officer recruiting** — The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airman to fill its warrant officer ranks.

Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify.

Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or call

(502) 626-0484.

**U.S. Military Academy positions available** — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and non-commissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class interested in an assignment to the USMA. NCOs should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience with 12 to 15 years of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and company tactical NCOs.

Selected officers will normally attend advanced civil schooling for up to two years followed by a three-year tour at West Point.

For application information, go to <http://www.usma.army.mil/adjutantgeneral> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

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

The Army's Special Forces is a strategic, multi-purpose force capable of rapid response to various contingencies around the world. Called "Green Berets," these highly-skilled Soldiers are trained in unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense, direct action, special reconnaissance, combating terrorism, information operations and counter proliferation.

Special Forces candidates must be mature and self-motivated; open and humble; and better conditioned physically and emotionally than the average Soldier. All interested male Soldiers, privates first class to staff sergeants, and second and first lieutenants are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Bill Roepe at 524-1461.

## CIF Hours

**Central Issue Facility hours of operation:**

### Regular business hours

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

### Initial/partial issues

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

### Direct exchange

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

### Partial turn-ins

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

### Full turn-ins

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

Effective immediately: Replacement will be scheduled Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Demobilized units tentatively have Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing. Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect Soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A CIF employee will work one-on-one with a supply sergeant.

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

**Bulk issue and turn-ins** — by appointment only.

Appointments can be made with Kristine Harald at 526-3321. POC for this information is Frank Howard, CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

## Laundry Service

**Post Laundry Service** — The post laundry service provides free laundry service to Soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the post laundry prior to turn in. Allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment. Turn around for service is 72 hours.

No appointment is necessary. The post laundry will not clean personal items like Battle Dress Uniforms, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC jackets and most web equipment.

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

## Briefings

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

**The Army Career and Alumni Center briefing** is required for all depart-

ing servicemembers. The current ACAP policy is to register personnel ETSing one year out and retirees two years out. Briefings are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Call 526-1002 or 526-0640 to schedule a briefing.

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

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

## Hours of operation

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

**Counselor Support Center** — Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Personnel Claims hours:**

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

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

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352.

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



**Boss meeting** — The post BOSS meeting, for BOSS representatives, meets the third Thursday of each month at Xtremes from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call 524-BOSS.

# Dining Schedule

June 11 to 17

## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR CAV House, (building 2461)  
43rd ASG (building 1040)  
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)  
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

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

## Exceptions

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



## Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)  
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)  
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)  
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

## Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 5:30 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)  
5:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.



Two children show their support for the Soldiers of Fort Carson with signs and American flags during the Colorado Springs Welcome Home Parade Saturday. More than 6,000 Soldiers from the Mountain Post marched in the parade with more than 80,000 people lining the streets.

Photo by Spc. Zach Mott

## Parade

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Soldiers marched by.

Cheers bellowed for each of the 100 groups that marched by, but for each of OIF vets, the roar was more boisterous.

"We're just so glad they're home and we're all proud of the job they did in Iraq," said Mary Nichols, a 20-year Colorado Springs resident, as she stood dressed in red, white and blue, waving an American flag vigorously.

The Soldiers felt the swells of patriotism and pride gushing from the crowd as the servicemembers proudly marched through the streets behind their unit guidon — the unwavering symbol of each unit.

The parade route began at the intersection of St. Vrain and Tejon streets and continued south to Vermijo Street where the marchers crossed over to Cascade Avenue and headed north back to St. Vrain Street. The entire route spanned 16 city blocks.

Chief organizers of the parade were O'Donnell and O'Donnell Inc. and Colorado Springs city managers that include the departments of police, fire and parks and recreation.

# DECAM's free-issue program provides valuable products to units, activities

by Susan Galentine-Ketchum

## Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

Units scrounging for antifreeze, motor oil or any other commonly used maintenance products can find the answer to their problem through the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Free-Issue Program.

Overstocking products is an unauthorized, but common practice on installations. Although units may extend the shelf life of certain expired materials through the Hazardous Material Control Center they may still have too much of a particular item on hand for their use. Unfortunately, if not coordinated properly, excess but otherwise usable product turned in to the DECAM Hazardous Waste Storage Facility will be normally disposed of as a hazardous waste at a considerable cost. To offset this problem, the DECAM created a Free-Issue Program a year-and-a-half ago where overstocked products can be turned in and then reissued to other units or activities for free.

"The Hazardous Waste Storage Facility saves unit's disposal costs, as well as purchase costs by reissuing Hazardous and Non-Hazardous materials through the program," explained Francis Calar, DECAM environmental specialist.

The process is simple. Units turn in unwanted materials to the HWSF where a determination is made as to whether the material is reusable or not. A Waste Turn-In Sheet (Fort Carson Form 44-e) is required

with all turned in products. The form is kept until the material is reissued to another unit or used to process the material if another user can't be found within a reasonable amount of time.

A variety of products can be turned in to the HWSF including:

- adhesive
- paint
- oil
- grease
- cleaner, lubricant and preservative
- sealant
- anti-freeze
- windshield washer fluid
- thinner
- solvent
- alcohol
- brake fluid
- miscellaneous materials

"We never know exactly what will turn up at our doorstep, but will make every effort to find a customer if it is a usable material and can be reissued. Not all materials can be reused this way. There are some chemicals, which are regulated as hazardous waste and cannot be reissued," Calar said.

The HWSF staff maintains a list of units requiring products. "Once we acquire the item a unit has requested, we will contact them and make arrangements for pickup or delivery," said Calar.

From January to March 2004 alone, about 13,000

pounds of products were turned in for reissue. Doing so netted Fort Carson a savings of more than \$25,000 in avoided cost for disposal of the products, which is a cost that would normally be passed on to the units. This figure doesn't reflect the additional costs saved by units that would otherwise have to purchase the products as new.

The Free-Issue Program plays a part in military readiness by making more dollars available for training instead of diverting funds for hazardous waste disposal costs and purchases of new maintenance products.

An additional, important benefit of the Free-Issue Program is that it aids Fort Carson in complying with environmental regulations. Fort Carson undergoes routine inspections by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure the installation is in compliance with laws regarding the management and disposal of hazardous waste.

"The program assists us in achieving compliance by having fewer items processed for disposal. Disposal records do not have to be generated and therefore do not have to be inspected by state regulators," Calar said. "It also helps by reducing the total amount of pounds of waste generated, which helps us stay within our authorized generation and disposal limits."

For more information on the Free-Issue Program, call the HWSF at 526-8000.

# Greenback

*Money in the bank ...*

## Secure your financial future now

by 1st Lt. Renny Rodriguez  
4th Finance Battalion

It's no hidden secret that retention is more of a challenge considering the current world situation and ongoing troop deployments.

As a Soldier in today's Army, one has to focus on the mission, family and other various aspects of surviving in today's military community. These challenges are presented to us not only in the battlefield but off as well. Securing a financial future should be in the forefront of every Soldier's mindset. Not only does this enhance future living conditions, but it also strengthens and enables the growth of our military as a whole.

### Investments

There are many investment firms willing to assist a servicemember in securing a financial future. The rule of thumb just like making any other major investment, i.e., a house or vehicle, is to research the investment firm thoroughly and do some comparisons and contrasts with each financial institution. Never settle for the first offer and always educate yourself on proper investing through books and financial journals. The odds are that a significant other will be involved in the decision-making. Include your spouse

in all financial matters; it creates a more unified marriage and reassures the Soldier that in the absence of his/her presence they can rest self-assured that their spouse has all the financial matters under control. If the stock market scares you, consider the Thrift Savings Program the Army has set up for Soldiers and their families.

### Education

In today's military, education should be at the forefront of all military members. Securing your future includes staying competitive and one step ahead of your peers. Most, if not all higher education institutions offer distance learning at costs equating to zero expenses to the Soldier due to the 100 percent tuition assistance benefit. The old saying "knowledge is power," in today's Army can also be viewed as "knowledge is money." Depending on one's military occupational specialty civilian credits for military training offer a jump start close to a two-year college equivalent. Considering the hundreds of unclaimed scholarships yearly, government grants,

TA for military members, GI Bill (more than \$20,000 given for \$1,200 taken), and finally, financial aid at a competitive rate, which by the way everyone qualifies for regardless of their credit history, education equates to practically no cost to the servicemember.

### Programs

If education can assist in elevating your financial status in the military why not go one step further. Every program the military offers is purposely put into place to strengthen the corps. If your family, financial future, and most importantly, giving back to your country plays a major part of your military life, than why not take advantage of the many programs the Army has to offer for career advancement. Opportunities such as direct commissioning upon completion of an undergraduate degree, acceptance to West Point, ROTC, Officer Candidate School, and the Army Warrant Program offer the Soldier additional avenues to approach in their career advancement.



# Community

## West Nile Virus surveillance program begins on Carson

by 2nd Lt. Jason Wright  
Environmental Health

It's official. West Nile season has begun. As other locations prepare for the arrival of mosquitoes, Fort Carson is in the final implementation stage of its West Nile Virus Surveillance Program. Although researchers cannot predict the exposure rate of West Nile Virus, the trends from previous years indicate 2004 should see a rise in the number of infected cases.

Fort Carson, in conjunction with El Paso County, has taken measures to protect Soldiers, their families and the surrounding areas. Prevention and education is the best defense against WNV. In addition, Preventive Medicine and the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management have placed several different types of equipment throughout post to assist in mosquito surveillance and control.

This article provides general information and references that can help prevent and protect you, your family and Fort Carson from WNV infections.

The primary means of transmission to people and animals are through bites from infected mosquitoes. Only certain species of mosquitoes carry the virus and very few mosquitoes actually are infected. In Colorado, West Nile Virus is transmitted by a species called *Culex tarsalis*, which feeds in the early morning and early evening. During the day they rest in shady, secluded areas, and they breed in almost any source of standing water.

Mosquito-borne viruses are maintained in a bird-mosquito-bird cycle. Mosquitoes acquire the virus through feeding on an infected bird with the virus in its blood. The virus is transmitted to a new host via the mosquito's saliva when the insect bites a person or animal. Person-to-person transmission does not occur. These viruses are prevalent from May to September when mosquitoes are most abundant, but the risk to humans occurs primarily from

August through early September.

Most people who are infected with mosquito-borne viruses do not become ill and have no symptoms. For people who do become ill, the time between the mosquito bite and the first symptoms range from five to 15 days.

There are two different types of WNV diseases for humans. The first is viral fever syndrome, which includes fever, headache and fatigue that persist for about two to seven days. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, less than 1 percent of people infected with WNV will experience the second form of disease, encephalitis. Encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, begins with a sudden high fever and a headache, and then may progress to stiff neck, disorientation, tremors and coma. Severe infections can result in permanent brain damage or death. Most deaths occur in people more than 50 years of age.

While there is no specific treatment for WNV, if you believe you may have become infected you should consult your personal health care provider.

In accordance with the Fort Carson WNV Surveillance and Control Plan, effort is being coordinated with all concerned agencies including Fort Carson Veterinary Services, Preventive Medicine, the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, the Fort Carson housing contractor and El Paso County Health Department.

DECAM and GMH Military Housing, LLC, Fort Carson continue to monitor the WNV situation and apply pesticide to areas of standing water, such as storm drains, which are potential mosquito larvae breeding sites.

For more information, visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment WNV Web site at [www.fightthebitecolorado.com](http://www.fightthebitecolorado.com). You may also contact the Fort Carson WNV Action Officer at 526-1686, Environmental Health at 526-2939 or Veterinary Services at 526-3803.

### Mosquito-borne virus prevention and control

To protect yourself from mosquitoes and West Nile Virus:

- Limit outside activity around dawn and dusk when *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes feed. This is particularly important for elderly adults and small children.
- Wear white or light-colored, long-sleeve shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors, although mosquitoes can bite through clothing if insect repellent is not also applied.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors. For young children, only apply repellent that contains 10 percent or less DEET. Avoid spraying or applying DEET to their hands and mouth area.
- Make sure screens on doors and windows are tight fitting, and repair any holes or tears.
- Avoid standing water in stagnant puddles, wetlands and ditches. Standing water provides an ideal breeding site for mosquitoes.
- Change the water in birdbaths, pools and other containers of standing water at least every two to four days.
- Please report dead crows, jays, ravens, magpies and other birds to the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Pest Control Facility at 526-0979 or 526-5141; the Fort Carson Wildlife Office at 576-8074 Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; or the Military Police at 526-2333 during non-duty hours, weekends and holidays.

## PMO: Soldiers must properly transport, register personal weapons on Carson

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

Privately owned weapons are not illegal on the Mountain Post as long as they are properly registered and stored. There is a local regulation that tells a Soldier all he needs to know in order to own and secure his personal weapons, but some Soldiers have not been following the rules.

The rise of weapons being carried illegally in privately owned vehicles on Fort Carson has been on the rise, said Master Sgt. Rodney A. Carson, provost marshal sergeant major, Post Provost Marshal's Office. The military police and civilian security officers have been finding weapons in cars almost daily, said Carson. The weapons being found hidden in Soldiers' cars range from AK-47 bayonets to switch blades, and

pistol to shotguns.

Fort Carson regulation 210-18 states that on-post, every person will transport any permitted weapon or ammunition in the trunk of a vehicle or the covered bed of a truck. If the individual does not have a vehicle with a trunk or covered truck bed, then the weapon will be in open view in the passenger compartment. All ammunition will be in a container, separate from any firearm. Under all circumstances while transporting a privately owned firearm, every person will transport the firearm unloaded.

Privately owned, permitted weapons and ammunition may be transported on Fort Carson only for an authorized purpose. The only authorized purposes are purchase or sale, use at an authorized range, hunting area, fishing area or recreation area, use at an autho-

rized off-post activity, or for repair or maintenance of the weapon, according to Fort Carson regulation 210-18.

The definition of a "permitted weapon" according to Fort Carson regulations is any air gun, arrow, bow, crossbow, firearm, large-knife (A large-knife is a knife with a blade that exceeds three and a half inches in length), paint gun, slingshot and spear gun.

"Prohibited weapons" are defined as any armor piercing ammunition, ballistic knife, blackjacks, dagger, dirk, destructive device, gas gun, incapacitating agent (except when carried for personal protection and when its container's capacity does not exceed four ounces), martial arts items, metallic knuckles, prohib-

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ited firearm, stiletto knife, stun gun or switchblade knife. It also means razors, ice picks, box cutters, screwdrivers or other similar devices and tools when carried concealed, with the specific intent to be used as a weapon to inflict injury or death.

The regulation also states that every person transporting privately owned, permitted weapons or ammunition on Fort Carson will go directly from the authorized place of storage to the authorized range, hunting area, fishing area or authorized off-post activity, and return. Every person purchasing weapons or ammunition on-post shall transport the weapon directly to an authorized storage area.

The regulation states that on-post, no person may store privately-owned weapons in a vehicle and no person may display any weapon, replicas thereof, or war trophies in the window of a vehicle. However, units may display ceremonial swords and sabers, approved by the unit commander, in the unit area.

Soldiers who are authorized to use certain knives in the field by their commanders are also safe from being charged as long as they are going to or coming from the field, said Carson.

"We are not looking to apprehend Soldiers who are doing the right thing," said Carson. "If you have a legitimate

reason for carrying a weapon in your car we are not going to bring you in to be charged."

According to Fort Carson regulation 210-18, all Soldiers assigned or attached to Fort Carson, must register any firearm they own or possess within 60 miles of Fort Carson. All family members living on-post must register any firearm that they own or possess that is located on Fort Carson.

Upon signing-in to their unit, Soldiers have three working days to register any firearm they own or possess that is located within 60 miles of Fort Carson. Soldiers who receive, buy or take possession of a firearm after initially signing-in, have three working days to register that firearm from the time the firearm is received, bought or possessed within 60 miles of Fort Carson.

On-post family members must register their firearms within three working days from the time the firearm is brought onto Fort Carson.

The general rule is that privately owned firearms shall be registered before being transported on Fort Carson. However, there are four exceptions to this rule.

Soldiers and family members initially arriving at Fort Carson may transport their privately owned firearms on Fort Carson, without registration, but only to take these firearms directly to a proper on-post storage area.



Photo Illustration by Justin Pospisil-Marciano

**When Soldiers are transporting personally owned, permitted weapons, they should store them in the truck of their car, in a covered bed of a truck or in plain sight and separate from ammunition.**

Soldiers and family members traveling through Fort Carson may transport unregistered privately-owned firearms on Fort Carson, but only if they are going to be at Fort Carson for three working days or less and only to transport the firearms directly to or from a proper on-post storage area.

When a Soldier or family member, who lives on-post, initially buys or initially takes possession of a firearm, he or she may transport that firearm on Fort Carson, but only to take that firearm directly to a proper on-post

storage area.

Authorized carriers of household goods and authorized carriers for Army and Air Force Exchange Services or Outdoor Recreation may transport on-post any weapon contained in the household goods or ordered by AAFES/Outdoor Recreation.

Soldiers transporting a weapon in violation of the Fort Carson regulations will be apprehended, released to their first sergeant and may be charged in violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, said Carson.

# Community Briefs

## Miscellaneous

**Family Carnival Night** — There will be a Family Carnival Night at the Elkhorn Conference Center June 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The cost is \$8.95 for those 12 and over, \$4 for 12 year-olds and free for those 5 and under.

Admission costs include a family buffet, clowns, pony rides, a bouncy castle, face painting, cookie decorating, magician, balloon art, kids games and more. The event is open to everyone. Call 576-6646 for more information or to sign up.

**OSJA closure** — The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed July 9 for organizational day activities. The SJA duty officer can be contacted in emergencies through the Emergency Operations Center or the Military Police. Call Sterling Largin at 526-5361 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Voting information** — For voting information or voting materials, see your unit's Voting Assistance Officer or contact the Fort Carson Voting

Assistance Officer at 526-8419. You can also find voting information by going to the Federal Voting Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or the Fort Carson Web site at [www.carson.army.mil](http://www.carson.army.mil), click on links.

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

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

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

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

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

**Yard Sale** — The annual Fort Carson Mayors' yard sales are twice a month on the first and third Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.; dates are Saturday and June 19, July 3 and 17, Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 4 and 18, Oct. 2 and 16, Nov. 6 and 20 and Dec. 4 and 18.

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

All residents and sellers must comply with the following guidelines:

- Residents are responsible for conducting their yard sale.
- Individual occupants are responsible for trash control and removal, which must be completed by 5 p.m. the day of the sale or citations will be issued.
- Commercial organizations and individuals will comply with all regulations related to commercial solicitation.
- All sellers are prohibited from offering for sale items such as drugs, guns, food or anything that does not conform to the rules and regulations of Fort Carson or the state of Colorado.

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

**Marriage seminar** — A marriage seminar for military couples will be held at Calvary Worship Center at 505 Castle Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80904 June 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and June 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The seminar, along with childcare is free. Interested participants should plan to attend both days, and must RSVP by June 13 to 632-3311.

For details, call the church at 632-3311, or Spc. Roger Avillar at 579-6613.

## School Information

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

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

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

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

**Army Community Service  
Family Readiness Center  
719-526-4590**

**Mandatory Sponsorship  
Training**

Relocating is one of the major stressors of Army life, affecting retention and mission readiness. Effective sponsors can minimize issues associated with frequent relocation by providing pre-arrival information.

**SIGN UP NOW!**  
Help newcomers get settled in, feel a sense of belonging, welcome and concern.

**Tuesday, July 13, 2P.M.-3P.M.**  
**Family Connection, Bldg. 1354**

All sponsors are required to have mandatory training through ACS prior to being assigned as a sponsor. For details or to register, contact the staff at the Family Connection at (719) 526-1070.

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

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

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

## Claims against the estate

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

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

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

# Prime Travel Benefits help save time, money

## Courtesy TriWest Healthcare Alliance

When certain care is unavailable through your primary care manager or local military treatment facility, your PCM may refer you to a specialist for treatment.

Depending on the type of care you require, and the availability of local specialists, the provider to whom you are referred may be located a considerable distance from your PCM's office. Because travel to and from a distant provider's office can be costly, TRICARE offers a travel benefit for beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

The Prime Travel Benefit allows TRICARE Prime beneficiaries to seek reimbursement for reasonable costs (e.g., mileage, lodging) incurred when traveling to medical specialists more than 100 miles each way from their PCM's office. To be eligible, the beneficiary must have been referred to the specialist and TriWest Healthcare Alliance (the contractor responsible for TRICARE administration in your area) must have provided an authorization for the specialty care.

Prime beneficiaries whose specialty care referrals are approved under any of the following condi-

tions may be eligible for reimbursement under the Prime Travel Benefit:

- No MTF, network or non-network provider in the required specialty is available within 100 miles of the PCM's office location
- No routine appointment with an appropriate specialty provider located within 100 miles of the PCM's office is available within TRICARE's 28-day standard wait-time (in certain cases, beneficiaries may voluntarily waive the wait-time standard to avoid traveling to a distant specialist)
- No appointment with an appropriate specialty provider located within 100 miles of the PCM's office is available within TRICARE's 28-day standard wait-time, and the PCM indicates that an appointment is needed in less than 28 days
- The referral is to a health facility (other than an MTF) that offers the specialty care, and the beneficiary agrees with this referral and with travel farther than 100 miles from the PCM's office
- The referral is to a distant MTF and involves military considerations (graduate medical education, medical readiness or other considerations), and the beneficiary

has agreed with this referral and with travel farther than 100 miles from the PCM's office.

If you are referred to a distant specialty provider, you will receive a letter from TriWest indicating that you may be eligible for travel reimbursement. The letter will instruct you to visit or call a designated point of contact either at the MTF or the Central Region Lead Agent Office to determine your eligibility and to apply for travel reimbursement. Actual determination of your eligibility for reimbursement may only be done by the POC specified in the letter.

If eligible for the Prime Travel Benefit, your reimbursement will be based on travel from your residence to the specialist's office. Save all receipts (such as those for rental cars, commercial travel tickets, lodging or meals) that may be considered part of your reimbursement.

Traveling to distant specialists takes time and money, but TRICARE's Prime Travel Benefit is designed to help ease these burdens and ensure that beneficiaries receive access to quality care in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. Visit [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) for more information.

# FCOSC awards scholarship to 13 students

by Shannon Barkocy

## Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

The Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship committee announced that in addition to the First Command \$1,000 scholarship, they have given away \$11, 500 in scholarships to the following students:

### High school scholarships

Jake Mantanona  
Adam Kretz  
Katelyn Lueck  
Alicia Arntson  
Kristen Harkabus  
Jacqueline Schaefer  
Tyler Resty

### Spouse scholarships

Dana Allison  
Annette Powledge  
Nancy Arnold

### Family member scholarships

Matthew Herring  
Jena Thompson

### First Command High School Scholarship

Hayden Piscal

# MRI services now available on Carson

## Courtesy Evans Army Community Hospital

The Radiology Department at the Evans Army Community Hospital began Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or MRI, services June 7.

The chief of the department, Lt. Col. William H. Marshall, said this addition in service is a culmination of a long-term effort of many individuals to obtain on-site MRI capability.

Evans patients can now use this service as their first line site as the Air Force Academy and other health care facilities in the area become secondary.

The mobile unit is located at the west entrance of the EACH emergency room, and it interfaces directly with the Radiology Department Post Acute Care Services system located a few feet away, within the hospital.

There are large numbers of deployed and returning troops that require expedited radiologic MRI services, and now these services will be provided by their healthcare facility.

MRI examinations will be offered for active-duty personnel and all family members from Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Service is referral based.



Photo courtesy Evans Army Community Hospital

**A trailer outside Evans Army Community Hospital serves as the Radiology Department's Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center. This new service, which began June 7, is the first line stop for patients, saving the Fort Carson community a trip to the Air Force Academy.**

## MRI exams

Evans Army Community Hospital now offers MRI examinations for active-duty person-

nel and all family members from Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Service is referral based.

For more information, call 526-7300.

In the future, as usage increases, services may be expanded to include patients from other areas of eastern Colorado, as well as the possibility of increasing service hours.

For more information, call 526-7300.

# Army seeks to improve sexual assault handling, prevention, awareness training

by Sgt. Jon Wiley  
Mountaineer staff

When it comes to sexual assault, Army Soldiers and commanders need better training on how to prevent it and what to do if it occurs — that's one of the recommendations a task force that investigated sexual assault in the Army made in a report that was released May 27.

Testifying before a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee Friday, Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, said that while current Army programs deal effectively and clearly with the issue of sexual harassment, sexual assault is addressed in official policy only "to a minor extent."

To remedy this problem, the Army is devising a policy on sexual assault that will be included in Army Regulation 600-20. The policy will address many aspects of this complicated issue including how sexual assault is defined, reported, investigated and punished and will establish new requirements for training to promote awareness and prevention of the crime.

Unlike with sexual harassment and domestic violence, Fort Carson currently does not have a good sexual assault prevention-training program for Soldiers, said Jeanne Koss, director of the Family Advocacy Program for Army Community Services, Fort Carson. While all Soldiers are supposed to receive annual briefings on domestic violence and sexual harassment, many get little to no training on sexual assault.

Koss said she would like to see a program estab-

lished here that not only teaches women how to avoid risky behaviors that may lead to sexual assault, but that also educates men about what behaviors are acceptable and which are not, that addresses the problem as "a people issue, not just a women's issue" and that encourages men as well as women to get involved when they know of cases where others are using alcohol or other methods to coerce unwitting victims into sexual situations they are not comfortable with.

Koss's desire for a sexual assault prevention program that takes this approach is consistent with those of young service men who were part of a focus group of a recent Department of Defense task force on sexual assault.

"In many focus group discussions, male participants indicated that awareness training on sexual assault should be directed toward males, especially regarding male behaviors and risky situations that male servicemembers should be aware of (and seek to avoid) that might lead to being accused of sexual assault or becoming victims themselves," reads an excerpt from the DOD Care for Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force Report.

While one may think it is obvious to many men that "no" absolutely and unequivocally means "no" when it comes to sex, and it is criminal to continue to push sexual activity after a woman says it, that's not necessarily the case.

"A lot of times guys will think that a woman doesn't really mean 'no' when she says it — that she really wants the guy to continue. She just doesn't want to be the in-

## What should you do if you are sexually assaulted?

Find a safe environment — anywhere away from the attacker. Ask a trusted friend stay with you for moral support.

Preserve evidence of the attack — don't bathe or brush your teeth. Write down all the details you can recall about the attack.

Get medical attention. Even with no physical injuries, it is important to determine the risks of STDs and pregnancy.

To preserve forensic evidence, ask the hospital to conduct a rape kit exam. The optimal time to have this done is 72 hours after the attack, but evidence can still be gathered days, even weeks, later.

Report the rape to law enforcement authorities. A counselor can provide the information you'll need understand the process.

Know that it's never too late to report the crime.

You can call an Army Community Services' victim advocate at 526-8471.

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tiator or the one who's guilty for it," said Koss.

A solid sexual assault prevention and awareness program could clear up this common misconception and define the parameters of acceptable sexual behavior.

Kimberly Garza, a victims' advocate who works for Fort Carson's ACS FAP, said the message "'no' means 'no,' not maybe in a few minutes if you continue what you're doing or maybe next time" needs to be crystal clear for Soldiers. They need to understand "no means stop now and if you don't stop you will be accused of sexual assault," she said.

Garza also said Soldiers and commanders need to be educated about who is at fault when sexual assault occurs.

Picture this — a 19-year-old female Soldier goes to a male's barracks room after midnight wearing skin-tight clothing and has several drinks and engages in some consensual sexual activity with him before being raped

Is it her fault she was raped?

Even many of those who would answer no might wonder why she would put herself in position to be such an easy target.

It's a valid question. She is engaging in risky behaviors that a more prudent person would avoid, but it's important to remember who makes the decision to rape.

"Even if a woman is engaging in risky behavior, the person who perpetrates the crime decided to do it. The victim should in no way be blamed for the behavior of the perpetrator," Garza said.

To understand this principle better, consider the following analogy.

A man leaves a \$40,000 vehicle unattended in a high-crime area with its doors unlocked and its keys in the ignition. Is he responsible if the car is stolen?

The legal answer is no. While the judgment he showed in this case is questionable, he's not a criminal.

The person who stole his car is.

Law-abiding citizens with sound moral values might think "what an idiot" as they walked past the man's car, but they wouldn't view the situation as an invitation to steal. A car thief would.

Sexual predators are no different. A rapist views a person engaging in risky behavior as a mark and seeks to take criminal advantage of it. A non-rapist doesn't.

By focusing on the behaviors a victim engaged in that may have put her at risk, "we get away from the fact that a perpetrator is a perpetrator because the perpetrator chose to be a rapist," Garza said.

Garza said it's often the victims themselves who forget this truth.

"Women (who are raped) tend to blame themselves. They think, 'well yeah, I got drunk, and I did kind of like that guy,' so they don't report it," she said.

Garza also said it's sometimes the hardest for female victims to tell other women and report sexual assault crimes to female commanders because "women are the hardest on women" and are often the first to wonder what the victim did to put herself at risk. They are afraid of what others will think of them, Garza said

Besides the fear of what others might think of them, the DOD task

force on sexual assault also found that victims who are servicemembers sometimes don't report the crime because they don't know to whom they can report the crime. They think they must report it through their chain-of-command.

While victims on Fort Carson have the option of reporting the crime through their chain-of-command and are encouraged to do so, they can also report it through other avenues.

"If she wants to hold the perpetrator accountable, she needs to make some kind of contact with a law enforcement agency. If she just wants counseling, she

can go to social works services (at Evans Army Community Hospital), she can contact (ACS) or she can go downtown to T.E.S.S.A. (a victim advocacy organization located in Colorado Springs,)" said Garza.

ACS's victim advocates can be reached at 526-8471, and a victim/witness assistant's office in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate General at Fort Carson can be reached at 526-1383. Victims of sexual assault who are servicemembers should be aware that neither of these offices can guarantee total privacy, however. Their chain-of-command will eventually be notified. Victims who want counseling or other kinds of support but who still want a guarantee of total privacy should contact T.E.S.S.A., which is non-military organization. Their main office can be reached at 633-1462; they also have a crisis line which can be reached at 633-3819.

While servicemember victims of sexual assault can seek help outside of the Army, commanders "must create a command climate where victims feel comfortable reporting acts of sexual assault," said Darlene Sullivan, a member of the Army's task force on sexual assault.

In order to properly treat victims and punish perpetrators, commanders need to know when a crime occurs. To help victims through the process of reporting the crimes and being witnesses for criminal prosecution, the new policy on sexual assault under Army Regulation 600-20 will specify that commanders have to assign a victim advocate to support victims of sexual assault. The advocate will provide emotional support to victims and assist them in the step-by-step processes involved.

There are currently two victim advocates at ACS on Fort Carson and one at JAG to provide support to victims of sexual assault.

"In a lot of cases, if a woman knows she has a support system like a victim advocate, it's a lot easier for her to testify because she knows she's not doing this alone," Koss said.

*Editor's note: Some information from an article appearing on Army News Service June 3, 2004, titled "Army Develops policy to address acts of sexual assault" by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs was used for this article.*

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*Kimberly Garza  
victim advocate  
Army Community Services*

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Photo by Sgt. Chris Smith

## Home Front Cares...

A local chapter of the Brotherhood of 74 Motorcycle Riders presents a check for \$3,100 to Home Front Cares June 1 at the Kit Carson statue on Fort Carson. The Brotherhood of 74 Motorcycle Riders raised the money at an event April 10 at the Veterans of Foreign Post 6461 in Fountain with auctions, donations, raffles and collections at the door. More than 300 local residents including many Fort Carson Soldiers who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom attended the event to raise money for Home Front Cares program, which provides support for the Pikes Peak Regions' military families of all services who have been impacted by expenses because of deployment.

# Flirting with disaster *Separating God, country*

Commentary by Chap. (Capt.) Noel Johnson

## 5025th Garrison Support Unit

During Operation Desert Storm, someone from the State Department agreed to refuse to allow Soldiers to bring Bibles to a Muslim country. Mothers everywhere were making fake book covers to disguise a Bible to put in a care package.

The Soldier outcry was so great that the regulation had to be revoked. Sometimes it takes a wake-up call like that to get Soldiers who have not read a Bible in years to become protective of their religious rights.

I took an American flag with me to Germany because I was on the waiting list for housing and I knew I would want to fly it on patriotic holidays. Wiesbaden was undergoing a lot of reconstruction and I ended up living on the economy where we were not allowed to fly the colors. Someone in authority agreed that it would draw unwanted attention to American families and wrote a regulation prohibiting it. I really missed unfurling Old Glory on Independence Day and Flag Day. As I walked through the post neighborhoods where others were

allowed to participate in flying the colors, a sense of loss and involuntary isolation bothered me.

When we were in Iraq, for safety reasons, we were not allowed to put flag bumper stickers anywhere on our vehicles. This year I will be putting out my flag with a sense of pride and gratitude that was hard won.

Since the time I was a child, some disturbing legislation has passed. For one thing, it is now legal to burn an American flag in protest. It is not legal to pray in school. There is debate as to whether our money should be imprinted "In God We Trust." The trend is not toward greater decency. There may come a time when flying the flag will be offensive to someone who influences your legislation. It's not the element who pray in school who are influencing those trends.

We are one nation under God because we invite God to take authority in our land.

Once we cease to call upon the Lord, he will depart from our company. If we wish to enjoy the blessings of the almighty upon our country, we must acknowledge him as the source of our protection.

## Chapel

**Vacation Bible School** — Registration is ongoing for the Fort Carson Summer Vacation Bible School, Lava Lava Island, which will be conducted Monday to June 18, 9 a.m. to noon daily at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Registration may be completed at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel during normal duty hours and on Sunday mornings.

**Youth of the Chapel** — Activities for Protestant and Catholic middle school and high school youth take place each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Protestant high school activities include Bible studies Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

**Native American Services** — The He Skka Akicita Inipi is located on Fort Carson. All native and non-native people, military personnel, family members and Defense Department personnel are welcome. Anyone interested in attending and praying in this manner can contact Michael Dunning at (h) 382-5331, (c) 330-9537, or (e-mail) [micheal.dunning@carson.army.mil](mailto:micheal.dunning@carson.army.mil), or Charles Erwin at (h) 382-8177, (e-mail) [erwin.106@juno.com](mailto:erwin.106@juno.com), or Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929 for information and directions.

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

Chapel Schedule					
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Friday	noon	Prayer	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
Monday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugdug/330-7873
MORMON					
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-3718
NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLOGE					
Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Skka Akicita Inipi) are offered to military dependents and Department of Defense personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. Please call the following for information and directions: Michael Dunning 382-5331 or 330-9537, or Zoe Goodblanket 442-0929.					

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

**Friday** — Psalms 9 & Joshua 12-16

**Saturday** — Psalms 10 & Joshua 17-21

**Sunday** — Psalms 11 & Joshua 22-24

**Monday** — Psalms 12 & Judges 1-3

**Tuesday** — Psalms 13 & Judges 4-6

**Wednesday** — Psalms 14 & Judges 7-9

**Thursday** — Psalms 15 & Judges 10-12

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer.

You are invited to join the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations.

Please pray this week for the following:  
Unit: For the Soldiers and leaders of the 25th Infantry Division (Light), headquartered in Hawaii, forward deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Army: For the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the Ordnance Corps. Pray for them in their mission of supporting combat operations and response to diffuse potentially harm-

ful situations.

State: For the Soldiers and families from the State of New Jersey, Pray also for Gov. James E. McGreevey, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Garden State.

Nation: For the Secretary of Education Rod Paige. Pray for the furtherance of quality education available to all children and youth.

Religious: For all Soldiers and families from The North American Baptist Conference. Pray also for all military chaplains endorsed to serve on behalf of this community of faith. For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer visit the cycle's Web site at [www.usarmychaplain.com](http://www.usarmychaplain.com)

# Kit Carson Community Festival

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff writer

Thunderous ovations greeted members of the Mountain Post Friday in Ironhorse Park as many people who participated in Kit Carson Community Festival activities were awarded the first, second and third place honors given to this year's units.

In the battalion unit category, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, walked away with the top honors with the 68th Combat Support Battalion and 307th Quartermaster teams finishing second and third respectively.

In the separate company category, the Medical Department Activity was the overall winner. The combined team of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison; HHC, 7th Infantry Division; Replacement Detachment and Staff Judge Advocate finished second. The combined units consisting of HHC, 43rd Area Support Group; 4th Forward Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Division and the 502nd Personnel Support Battalion finished third.

For many of the Mountain Post's finest athletes, this was the first time they participated in Kit Carson events. For others, it was the first chance to compete in what had been an annual activity until various situations caused cancellation of the celebration for the last two years.

"This is only the second time I've been able to participate in Kit Carson week and I have been here for four years," said Geoff Burgess, a member of the winning battalion unit court volleyball team said. "I'm glad the post decided to do it this year. It's a great week for the post community to come together and it's also good that all the Soldiers can get out and showcase their talents."

Another Soldier, Cory Anderson said the activity was one of the things he needed after returning from duty in Iraq. "This was the first one for me," Anderson said. "After coming back from Iraq and all the stuff going on over there a week like this with all the camaraderie was good for me. One of the good things about it for me was

getting a chance to meet a lot of people I didn't know before. I had a good time."

Burgess and his teammates overcame long odds to win the volleyball title, battling back from the losers' bracket to claim the title.

"We started out rough, losing our second match to the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery team. That forced us to come out of the loser's bracket. When we got through the losers' bracket we had to play and beat 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry twice to win the championship. The first match went to three games and we were all pretty tired. But we had a lot of support and got a lot of energy from the support of people in our unit and we were able to pull out the two wins we needed. We had a lot of our younger guys really step up and play well. Early we were learning how to play as a team and it started coming together for us the longer we played. This was a good win for the squadron," Burgess said.

Another unit that found itself on the favorable end of the ledger was the Medical Activities Department. The unit was able to win the separate company title utilizing teamwork and camaraderie according to Col. Brian Lein, MEDAC commander.

Teamwork, it's all about teamwork. This is about the people we had out there participating and giving their all in all the events that we were in, not just the ones we won but all we were involved in. What you saw were the whole hospital community, military, retirees, volunteers, civilian workers that came together as part of a team that

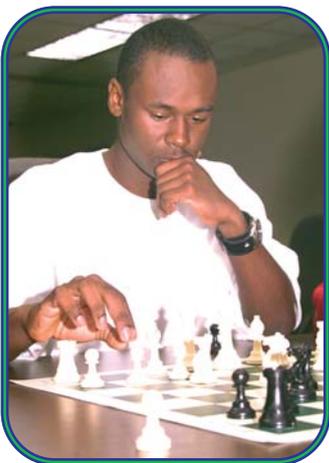


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Pfc. Richard Johnson studies the board before moving his pawn during a chess tournament June 2.

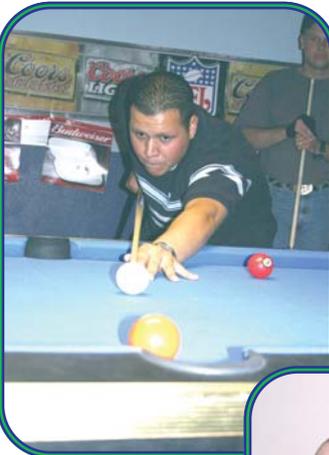


Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretzinger  
Pfc. Manuel Ortuno, air traffic controller, G-3 Air Operations, U.S. Army Garrison, sets up a shot in the winning game of the Kit Carson Community Festival pool competition.



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Capt. Ryan Finley, left, makes his move on Capt. Henry Opolot during their chess match June 2 during Kit Carson Community Festival.

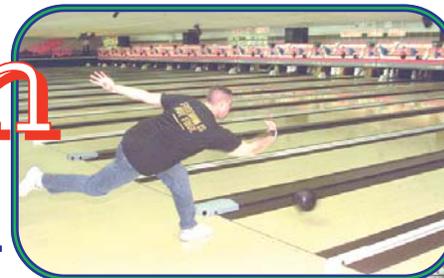


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Michael Kepenach of the 423rd Transportation Co. attempts to bowl a strike June 2 during the Kit Carson Community Festival bowling tournament finals.



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretzinger

Spc. Chris Cheney, medic, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, warms up before an in-line hockey game at Ironhorse Park Friday.

## Festival

helped us be successful," Lein said.

In the battalion category, the winners were: 10-kilometer run, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; Flag football, 3rd Squadron, 29th Field Artillery; Volleyball, 1st Battalion, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; 3-on-3 basketball, 10th Combat Support Hospital; Tug-o-War, 68th Combat Support Battalion; Horseshoes, 68th CSB; Softball, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; Soccer, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and basketball, 2nd Battalion, 3rd ACR.

In the separate unit category the winners were: 10 kilometer run, Medical Department Activity; Flag Football, Headquarters, 43rd Area Support Group; Volleyball, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison and Staff Judge Advocate combined team; Softball, 4th Finance; 3-on-3 basketball, 534 Signal; Soccer, 4th Finance and 4th Personnel Support Services Battalion combined team; Basketball, Headquarters Headquarters Company 43rd Area Support Group; Horseshoes, Medical Department Activity and Tug-o-War was won by the Garrison Fire Department.



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretzinger

Cpl. Damien Payne, light wheel mechanic, Troop B, 9th Cavalry, demonstrates the hydraulics on his 1992 Chevy S-10 pickup truck.



Photo by Pfc. Clint Stein

During a 3-on-3 basketball competition, Sgt. John Sundblom, 478th Personnel Services Battalion, tries to block a shot of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison opponent during the final tourney.



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Readers need to turn in their reading logs by July 23 to earn a certificate and incentive prizes.

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 from June 9 to July 14  
at the Ft. Carson Grant Library (Bldg 1528).

For more information, contact children's librarian Bill Todd at 526-2350.



# DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

FLOWERS, PONDS,  
TREES AND PATHWAYS

Story and photos  
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

Denver Botanic Gardens is the place to see exotic flowers in bloom in the glass conservatory when there's snow on the ground, but summer is its best time.

Summertime outdoor attractions include acres of green grass, plentiful walking paths, trees, pieces of art, sculptured bushes and a few surprises.

Walking through the garden, strollers sometimes catch artists at work or guests gathering for a wedding.

The botanic gardens have more than two dozen themed gardens in the "gardens around the world" collection.

There are Japanese-style gardens, French-style Monet Gardens featuring plants captured in his paintings, alpine gardens, rock gardens and a French Kitchen Garden.

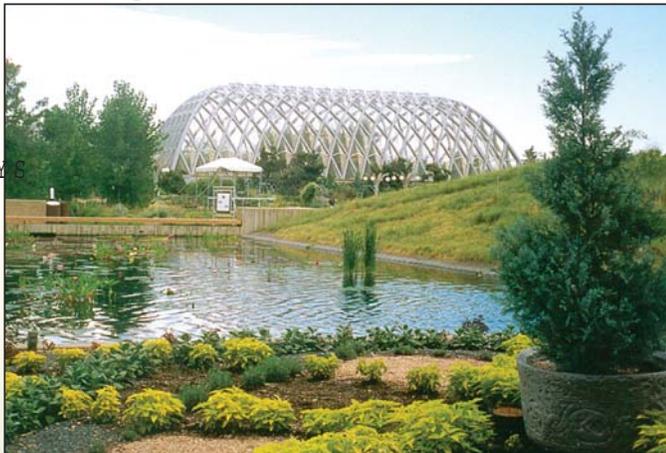
Other gardens are Romantic Gardens, Paradise Revisited and a Spanish Orchard. An Heirloom Garden, Memorial Rose Garden and a Cloud Forrest Garden, a Drop Dead Red Border and a Mile High Border are also featured.

Gardens which appeal to children include a Children's Secret Path with activities and surprises just for children, as well as a Birds and Bees Walk, Flytrap Feast and Sensory Garden.

A large collection of water lilies bloom in the ponds.

Scattered throughout the grounds are sculptures, bushes and benches.

A couple of outdoor cafes are in the



Denver Botanic Gardens' glass conservatory is home to exotic plants and many species of orchids.

gardens and are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for light refreshments.

About 500,000 people visit the 23-acre site annually, to see the 15,000 species of plants, to attend a plant sale, concert or other special event.

Denver Botanic Gardens is ranked among the top such gardens in the United States.

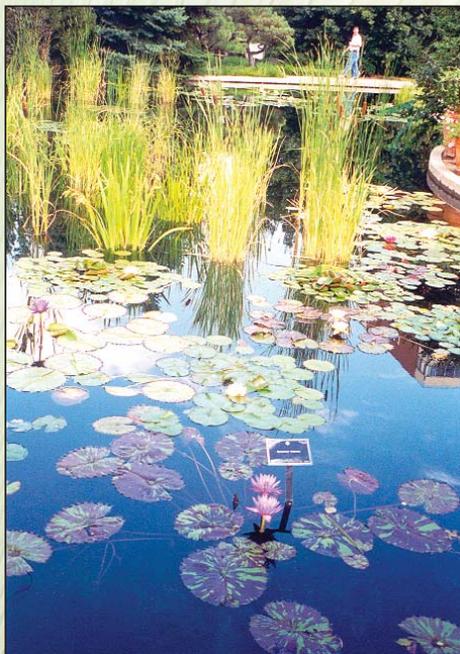
Orchids and tropical flowers bloom year-round in the glass-covered conservatory, along with a huge collection of exotic, rare and endangered plants.

The botanical gardens' tropical forest may have the world's largest collection of palm trees, some of them quite rare. There are many varieties of palm trees, such as coconut, bottle

palm, fan palm and fern palm.

The conservatory also includes varieties of bamboo, mango and banana trees. Tropical flowers bloom throughout. More than 800 varieties of orchids are grown in the climate-controlled conservatory.

Tropical forest pathways are



Several varieties of lilies are in ponds in the Denver Botanic Gardens.

imprinted with patterns of leaves and animal tracks. Fossil leaves are embedded in walls.

Cypress wood was used on decks, platforms and railings.

A section of an artificial "banyan tree" houses the elevator. The man-made banyan tree is a scale model of a 40-foot section of a real banyan tree felled by lightning. The original tree was probably 150 feet high and had been knocked down by lightning.

Visitors take the elevator or stairs to the upper viewing deck.



More than 800 species of orchids are grown in the Denver Botanic Gardens conservatory.

# Happenings



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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## Gardens

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Once at the upper deck, people can view all levels of the tropical forest.

Denver's Botanic Gardens came about as transplanted residents longed for the plants common to where they had lived before or had enjoyed in other locations but which didn't grow well in Colorado climate and conditions. The botanic gardens also served as an oasis in the city.

In the 1950s, the Denver Botanic Gardens served an educational purpose, as plants that could grow and thrive in Colorado were grown in the garden.

People came to visit the gardens for enjoyment and to learn about plants they could grow in the arid Colorado climate.

The gardens also became a cultural meeting place as concerts were performed in the gardens.

Several years later the conservatory was built, allowing a tropical garden to be grown, allowing visitors to enjoy flowers and trees year-round.

A recent two-year long, \$2.6 million renovation updated climate control equipment and made the 12,800 square-foot conservatory more accessible.

Frequent events are held at the botanic gardens, such as a bird house competition, flower and plant sales, special flower shows and concerts.

To learn about the special events, go to [www.botanicgarden.com](http://www.botanicgarden.com), or call (720) 865-3544.

A large gift shop near the front entrance features plant-related books, gifts and decorative items.

A series of concerts is held in the Denver Botanic Gardens each summer. There are also special flower and art shows as well as plant sales.

"Blossoms of Light," held during the holiday season, is a popular event. The gardens and trees are decorated in strings of tiny lights.

Denver Botanic Gardens are open daily



A wedding party poses for pictures in a scenic part of Denver Botanic Gardens.



Guests gather for a wedding in the Romantic Garden area of Denver Botanic Gardens.

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., October through April. From May through September, the gardens are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday

through Tuesday.

Admission is \$8.50 for adults, and \$5 for students ages 4 to 15. Children 4 and younger are admitted free of charge.

Free admission days are scheduled for Aug. 16, Oct. 18 and Nov. 1.

A special sculpture exhibit is at the gardens through Oct. 31. A collection of 80 stone sculptures from the Republic of Zimbabwe compose the "Chapungu" exhibit.

Denver Botanic Gardens, at 1005 York St., is just east of downtown Denver. York intersects East Colfax. Take Interstate 25 north to the Colfax Exit to downtown Denver. Drive



A giant "banyan tree" in the conservatory of Denver Botanic Gardens houses an elevator.



Many exotic plants are grown in the glass-covered conservatory.

### Just the Facts

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

## Get Out!

### Military Appreciation

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

### Fest

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

### Irish dancing competition

**Pikes Peak Feis, an Irish dancing competition**, is in Monument Saturday and Sunday, at Creekside Middle School, 1330 Creekside Dr. Take the Interstate 25 north Baptist Road exit; the school is behind the building materials store. Saturday's competitions begin at 1 p.m., Sunday's events start at 8 a.m. The event is free.

### Melodramas

**"The Thief of Frisco"** is presented by the Cripple Creek Players in the Butte Theater in Cripple Creek, starting June 19 through the summer. Shows are Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m. There are 2 p.m. shows on some days. Call (719)

689-2513 for reservations and matinee times. Ticket prices start at \$6.50.

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

### Theater

**"How the Other Half Loves"** is in the Fine Arts Center Theater, 30 W. Dale St. Performances are today and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$18, Call 634-5581.

**Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn"** is at the CastAways Dinner PlayHouse, 107 Manitou Ave. Dinner and show is \$33, call 685-3700.

### Supercross

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

### North Pole

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

### Colorado State Fair

**The Colorado State Fair runs Aug. 21 to Sept. 5.** In addition to a midway and good food, the fair has concerts. Tickets are on sale at the

State Fair Box Office and Ticketmaster, 520-9090, for Stacie Orrico, Chris Cagle, Chris LeDoux, ZZ Top, Dierks Bentley, Trick Pony, Brad Paisley, REO Speedwagon, Olivia Newton John and Clay Aiken. Tickets are \$13 to \$33.

### Concert

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

### Cripple Creek concerts

**The Gold Rush Palladium in Cripple Creek** has summer concerts: June 20, it's Kingston Trio; July 11, Tower of Power; July 25, Freddy Fender; and Aug. 8, Blake Shelton. All concerts start at 5 p.m. Tickets are available at (719) 689-2946.

### Free concerts

**There's a free concert at the Plaza of the Rockies**, 111 S. Tejon, at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

**Thursdays at noon there's a pipe organ concert and silent movie** at the City Auditorium, at 221 E. Kiowa.

**Bancroft Park in Old Colorado City is the site of concerts** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

### Gem and Mineral show

**The Pikes Peak Gem and Mineral Show** is June 19 to 20 at the Phil Long Expo, 1515 Auto Mall Loop. Entry is \$4 for adults, \$1.50 for ages 12 to 18. Information at 632-9686.



Photo by Nel Lampe

### *Renaissance Festival ...*

The Colorado Renaissance Festival begins Saturday in Larkspur and runs through Aug. 1. The festival is open 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays only, rain or shine. Take exit 173 from Interstate 25 to the village. Entrance is \$15.95 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted free. Parking is free, no outside food in the village.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to June 17. Army Newswatch: stories on the Lewis and Clark bicentennial, Army birthday message and continuing operations in Iraq. Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on the World War II memorial, Rolling Thunder and the USS John C. Stennis. Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: stories on fatigue management, smart bomb accuracy and gate guards. Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

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

Information on West Nile Virus at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Foreign language programming courtesy of SCOLA is on Channel 9, unless there is a training videotape showing. To show a training video, please contact the Training Support Team at 526-5111.

SCOLA programming schedule can be found at <http://www.scola.org>.

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

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

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

# Sports & Leisure

Two in a row

## Lady Mountaineers beat Wild Things



Photos by Walt Johnson

Lady Mountaineer player Emily Hvizdos rounds third and heads for home during the team's game June 2.



Lady Mountaineer outfielder Pam Norris throws the ball to home plate trying to nail an enemy runner trying to score.

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

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

For the second consecutive week the Lady Mountaineers softball team held on to a lead to win a Colorado Springs City League game 16-12 over the S.G.O. Wild Things.

The Lady Mountaineers victory ran its season record in the league to 3-1 and continued the team's slow but certain rise to top-caliber status.

The Lady Mountaineers led for most of the game, a game that seemed to be moving in a "you get one, I'll get one" mode. Neither team could get to more than a three-run lead during the first four innings of the game.

In fact, the Wild Things didn't have a lead on the post team until the end of the fourth inning when it took a

12-11 lead in what turned out to be the fifth and final inning of the game.

Trailing for the first time in the game, the Lady Mountaineers came to the dugout for the start of the fifth inning in a very businesslike manner. There didn't seem to be any panic in the team but a determination to overcome the one-run deficit.

The Lady Mountaineers put together timely clutch hitting with aggressive base running that resulted in the team scoring five runs in the inning to take a 16-12 lead. Knowing that no lead seemed to be safe in this game, the Lady Mountaineers went out with the same businesslike attitude in the bottom of the fifth inning and held the Wild Things scoreless to secure the team's third league victory.

"Our team is coming together as a unit more and more each week. This was a good game for the team because it showed how we can come back as long as we stay competitive," Lady Mountaineers coach Cathy Satow said.



Action got a little hectic around second base as a Wild Things' runner, right, tries to get into second base.

## *Mountaineer Fans of the Week*

*“That’s our team” ...*

Supporters of the 502nd Personnel Service Battalion/4th Finance soccer team jump for joy as their team scored the first goal of the battalion level championship game during Kit Carson Week activities Friday at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.



Photo by Walt Johnson

# Howitzer battery wins close contest

## Drops 534th Signal 17-16 in softball

by **Walt Johnson**  
Mountaineer staff

Howitzer Battery, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment got off to a fast start and then had to hold on to secure a 17-16 victory over the 534th Signal.

The exciting contest was full of momentum swings that kept the game close all the way. Howitzer Battery coach Earl Ullon saw his team jump out to a 5-0 lead after the first half inning and it looked like a rout could be on. The 534th Signal team came up for its half of the inning and proceeded to put five runs of its own on the board to tie the game at five.

In the second inning, Howitzer Battery scored two runs to take a 7-5 lead that it kept after two innings when the 534th didn't score any runs.

Howitzer Battery added four runs to its total in the third inning to take an 11-5 lead. It looked like Howitzer

battery was once again on its way to a blow out victory, but the 534th Signal had an answer to the Battery team's momentum.

The 534th Signal team came up in the bottom of the third inning and scored six runs to tie the game at 11. Howitzer Battery, sensing this game would be a lot closer than it thought during the two big inning uprisings scored five runs in the top of the fourth to take a 16-11 lead. Again, the 534th Signal rallied from its deficit, scoring four runs of its own in the fourth inning to close within 16-15.

After holding the Howitzer team scoreless in the top of the fifth inning, the 534th Signal scored one run to tie the game at 16. Getting close to the time limit for the game, each team knew the next run scored could be the game winner. Howitzer Battery scored one run in the top of the seventh inning to take a 17-16 lead.

The signal team, true to its form in this game, got two runners on base in the bottom of the seventh and threatened to win the game with a timely hit. But Howitzer Battery was able to get the last two outs to secure the victory and run its record to 3-0 on the season.

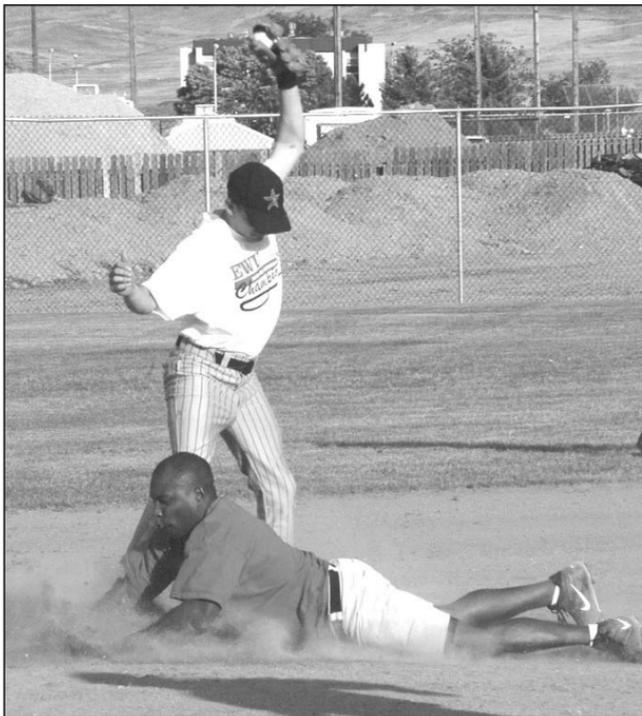


Photo by Walt Johnson

**Howitzer Battery's Willie Mathis slides into second base as 534th Signal shortstop Bryan Zeski takes the late throw.**

On the Bench

# Sky Sox welcome Fort Carson heroes Tuesday

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

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

**Fort Carson night with the Colorado Springs Sky Sox takes place Tuesday night at Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs.**

The game will match the Sky Sox against the Oklahoma Rangers. If you haven't made it out for one of these events, try to get there. It is always a fun time at the stadium during military appreciation night and this year should be extra special as the Sky Sox will go out of its way to honor our returning war heroes. Contact the information, Ticket and Registration Office for ticket information for the game.

Also, all softball games scheduled to be played Tuesday have been postponed in order to allow military members and their families to attend the game at Sky Sox Stadium if they choose. No make up date has been announced for the postponed games.

**The Fort Carson Lady Mountaineers dropped the team's only game in a softball tournament in Fort Collins Saturday.**

Lady Mountaineer coach Cathy Satow said a break either way could have helped the team have a better result. The team played with 10 players in the first game and one player broke her toe and wasn't very effective after that. The heat was also overbearing at times.

**The following information on the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb was submitted by the Pikes Peak International**

**Raceway public relations office.**

The Falken Tire Pikes Peak International Hill Climb today announced that Robby Unser will be back to try for an unprecedented 9th victory during the 82nd running of the "Race to the Clouds." Unser will drive a custom built Subaru WRX Impreza for Mr. Koseki of Japan and sponsors Heuberger Motors, Falcon Tire Company, Mastercraft Tools, Auto Smart and Best Westerns "The Pikes Peak Inn."

"It's been awhile since I've been back to the mountain," said Unser. "There have been a lot of changes that have happened on the hill; there's a lot of asphalt now. The car is going to be quite quick. We have quite a lot of horsepower, in fact, a lot for one of those types of cars. For me it's an extreme honor to drive for Mr. Koseki. He's owned cars and driven cars at Pikes Peak for years. I think it's going to be fun and I'm really looking forward to it.

**I try to keep this column on issues related to Fort Carson sports activities, this week I hope you allow me to share another memory with you.**

Former President Ronald Reagan passed away Saturday afternoon at the age of 93. Will I remember Reagan for being the 40th president of our country, who gave many people reason to be proud to be an American again? Or will I remember him as the actor who eventually became governor of California? No, I will remember Reagan as the man who said (and I paraphrase) "it really doesn't matter if you are the boss or the janitor that sweeps up the office when you are rooting for a sports team, you're on the same team." Rest in peace, Mr. President.

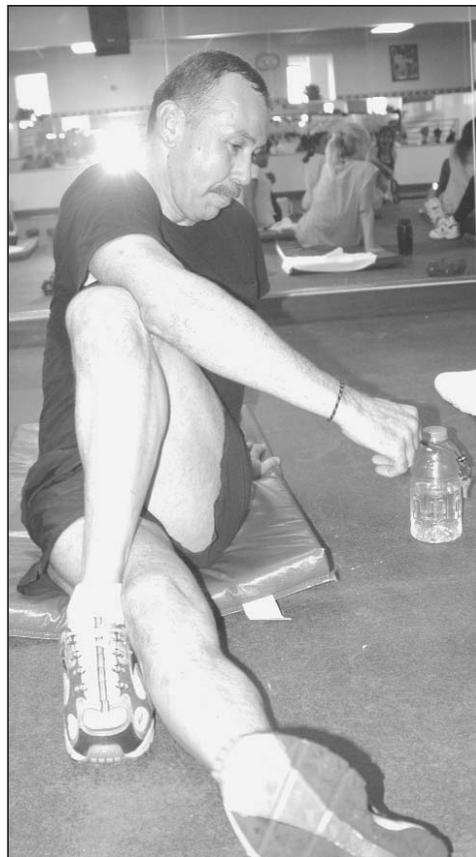


Photo by Walt Johnson

## Forever young ...

**Rick Orphan, retired, stretches out as he takes part in one of Forrest Fitness Center's aerobics programs recently.**

# Mountaineer Sports Spotlight



Photo by Walt Johnson

## *“Happy birthday” ...*

Fort Carson Lady Mountaineers player Connie Welch and her teammates celebrated her latest birthday after the team's victory June 3 at the Skyview Sports Complex in Colorado Springs. There is no truth to the rumor that this was Welch's 45th birthday, according to Lady Mountaineers coach Cathy Satow. "But she is getting close," Satow said with a laugh.

## *Mountaineer* Leisure Feature



Photo by Walt Johnson

### *Karaoke, anyone ...*

Desiree "Diva" Hickson, right, gets a karaoke request from an Xtremes Sports and Entertainment Bar patron June 2. Hickson is the new Wednesday night Karaoke Jockey. Wednesday Karaoke is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. In addition to hearing some of your favorite songs, Hickson also gives out prizes during the fun evening.