Carson deploys 10th CSH for 1 year

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Fort Carson bid farewell to the 10th Combat Support Hospital Oct. 12 in a ceremony rich in military tradition and with the sunny backdrop of a crystal clear Rocky Mountain view.

The perfect weather made for a bittersweet day though, as family members were days away from saying goodbye to their Soldiers for a year.

The 10th CSH deployed to Iraq’s Green Zone this week, and while the unit only came together as a whole a month and a half ago, “these mountain medics are trained, ready and focused,” said Col. Dennis D. Doyle, 10th CSH commander.

About six weeks before its deployment, the 10th CSH became the body of about 260 Soldiers it is now. Fort Carson only had about 60 10th CSH Soldiers.

For this deployment, 200 Soldiers were brought in from active Army units all over the world — from Fort Jackson, S.C., to Landstuhl, Germany — to form a complete CSH to run the field hospital at the Green Zone, said Sgt. LaGarrey Hanahsmith, the 10th CSH rear detachment noncommissioned officer in charge of personnel.

Bringing Soldiers from units all over the world prevents leaving major gaps in military installation hospitals and troop medical clinics, said Hanahsmith.

While the new and complete 10th CSH only trained together for a month before deploying, the 200 new Soldiers came fully trained and prepared from their former duty stations, said Sgt. Daniel Meaux, a 10th CSH Soldier who worked at Evans Army Community Hospital before deploying with the CSH this week.

Putting the 10th CSH together happened so fast that Hanahsmith is still administratively processing the 200 new Soldiers.

But, he guaranteed, by no means is the speed at which things happened indicative of rushed, inefficient training.

In fact, Hanahsmith could tell the difference in readiness between the first time the 10th CSH deployed to Iraq and now.

“This time, they’re more prepared for the type of war we’re fighting — not against an Army but a number of insurgents,” he said.

The unit was trained to perform at a higher level than it did during its previous deployment to Iraq, Meaux said.

This level of preparedness serves as comfort for Meaux’s wife Eunah, who’s seven weeks pregnant. And, with a 2-year-old son to raise, she’ll take all the comfort she can get.

“I am nervous,” Eunah admitted, referring to the fact that this is her husband’s first deployment.

Quelling her nervousness, though, is the fact that her husband deployed with longtime friend of the family Staff Sgt. John Borcheck.

Borcheck, also one of the original Fort Carson 10th CSH Soldiers, and Meaux have had the same assignments for the last eight years and their wives are best friends, something both families agree will make the deployment much easier.

“Having my best friend there will definitely motivate me, and I know there’s someone who’ll be there for my wife when she needs it,” said Meaux.

The deployment has not changed Meaux’s mind about making the Army a lifelong career. “They’ll have to kick me out screaming,” he said.

This commitment is probably what Doyle was referring to in his farewell ceremony speech when he said, “While the colors of the 10th CSH may fade with the desert sun, their level of commitment will not.”

Col. Dennis D. Doyle, commander of the 10th CSH, cases the unit’s colors during a farewell ceremony at Manhart Field.
It's that time of year again...

Give serious thought to CFC

Commentary by Sgt. Chris Smith
Mountaineer staff

If you've been in the military for more than a year, you probably know about the Combined Federal Campaign and may have even donated to it. Those of you who don't know should take a look into the importance your generosity can have.

Every year you make the decision of whether or not you should. Let's take a serious look into why we should give a hoot and donate.

I guarantee that nearly everyone has either been personally helped or has a close friend or family member that has been helped by a charity.

I have two family members who are diabetic; so, I make sure I donate to the American Diabetes Association. My donations not only help my sister and father but others who are afflicted with the disease as well.

About two years ago I was involved in a pretty nasty car wreck. I wasn't supposed to make it through the night, and my family was having trouble affording the last-second, same-day plane tickets to come and see me. The Home Front Cares program helped my family by reimbursing my parents for their last-minute travel.

I could go on and on about how I and those I care about have been helped by a large number of the charities available for donation through the CFC. However, I won't; I simply ask everyone to take a personal look at these charities and see if they have a tie to one of them. Granted, there may be a few people who have no tie to any of the charities listed, but, for the most part, people can see some sort of tie.

If you can't find a charity you've been touched by, you can still look to helping others with their dilemmas. Let me share one heart warming story about a charity to show you that your dollars can help whether you personally see the benefits or not.

Five-year-old Evan, a child with a life-threatening disease, had only one dream in life — to become a Top Gun pilot like his heroes Tom Cruise (Maverick) and Anthony Edwards (Goose) in the movie "Top Gun." With the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Evan got the chance to attend the Naval Strike and Warfare Center at Naval Air Station Fallon in Nevada to experience a Top Gun graduation ceremony. The admiral also presented Evan with an Honorary Top Gun certificate of graduation.

While the donor does not personally see the results, just knowing they had such a positive effect on another person's life should be enough. The stories concerning the effects donations have on the lives of others are countless. Those who need to see results of their donations can often go to the charities' Web site for heart warming success stories.

Please, don't look at CFC as just another mandatory briefing you must sit through and make a decision about. Look at CFC as a way to help others through their dilemmas, as a way to help a family member and, possibly, as a way to help yourself.

This year, educate yourself about the charities available for donation through the CFC. They all are nonprofit and are required to have no more than 25 percent of their expenses used on fund-raising and administrative costs.

The donation process is a cinch as it is set to be automatically debited from your paycheck. There are rewards for donating as well that range from pens to trophies.

So again, please take a look at the charities and people your donation will benefit. More information can be found by calling the numbers listed for the charities in the agency-listing brochure, by scouring the Internet for their Web sites and by visiting www.peakcfc.com.
Army changes PLDC to Warrior Leader Course

by Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has announced that its Primary Leadership Development Course was renamed the Warrior Leader Course, and officials said the new name reflects changes made to the PLDC curriculum over the past year.

The course has been redesigned to better prepare Soldiers for asymmetrical warfare and now includes lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Brig. Gen. James M. Milano, the Army’s director of Training under G3.

“The new WLC will not only prepare Soldiers for traditional challenges, but irregular challenges as well,” Milano said after reviewing all the changes made to the curriculum this past year.

WLC now emphasizes the skills and knowledge small-unit leaders need to excel in a contemporary operational environment, Milano said.

Academy helps revamp course

“We are a nation at war. We have taken the lessons learned from our deployments and incorporated them into our revised leadership course,” said Col. David Abramowitz, commandant of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, which played a major role in redesigning the PLDC curriculum.

“These changes add rigor and relevance to the course and improve leadership skills and confidence in our junior leaders,” Abramowitz said. “The course is revolutionary and warrants a name change.”

Warrior Leader Course is the right name for the new course, Abramowitz said, because it “espouses the tenets of the Warrior Ethos.”

PLDC used an instructor-centered, exposure, and feedback system. Instruction consisted of lecture, classroom-based practical exercises and a cognitive skills test. A short Field Training Exercise was the practical exercise used to evaluate combat leader skills.

The FTX, though, lacked standardization throughout the Army, said retired Sgt. Maj. Ron Schexnayder of the G3 Leader Development Division. He said a different approach was needed to produce a competent, innovative, adaptive and agile combat leader.

Changes stem back to ATLDP

The noncommissioned officer phase of the Army Training and Leader Development Panel, known as ATLDP, was not about “fixing” the NCO Corps; rather, it was an introspection to determine how the Army could make a professional NCO Corps even better, Schexnayder said. He said since ATLD, the Army has been in the process of transforming the NCO Education System in an effort to design a system that would not dilute the warfighting focus of NCOES.

NCOES must remain focused on NCO core areas of leading, training, maintaining standards, caring for Soldiers, technical competencies and tactical warrior skills, Schexnayder said, while integrating greater conceptual and interpersonal skills. Changes in the modular Army and operational environment now require decentralized leadership skills, Schexnayder said.

Modular force needs versatile NCOs

The modular force structure and contemporary operational environment relies heavily on small-unit tactics.

The demands of today’s battlefield require leaders who can think independently, Schexnayder said. The Warrior Leader Course is designed to provide the Army with NCOs who can visualize, describe, and execute squad-level operations in varied operational environments.

“The WLC places the responsibility of training individual Soldier skills back on the junior leader,” said Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Dale of the Sergeants Major Academy. “This course prepares him or her to assume that role.”
More Soldiers now eligible for eArmyU

by Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Changes in re-enlistment criteria effective Oct. 1 broaden eligibility for Soldiers to participate in the eArmyU laptop enrollment option, officials said, and extend the program’s no-laptop option to all officers.

Under the new requirements, the majority of active-component Soldiers in the rank of private first class and higher may be eligible to sign up for online college courses and receive a laptop computer to use in the program, officials said. Laptop enrollees will be required to successfully complete at least 12 semester hours of coursework in three years.

“Soldiers have greater access and flexibility with the eArmyU program than they do with the traditional programs, where they’ve got to go and sit in the classroom every Monday and Wednesday evening, or at lunchtime, or over the weekend, at a very structured kind of pace,” said Dian Stoskopf, director of the Army Continuing Education System.

The number of Soldiers approved for the laptop enrollment will be constrained based on program funding, officials said.

The eArmyU “no laptop” enrollment, now called “eCourse enrollment,” will also be extended to all officers beginning this month, officials said.

“We realize that officers are very busy with their military careers and often don’t have the time to attend traditional classes on a routine basis,” said Stoskopf.

With eCourse enrollment, Soldiers use their personal computers to participate in the program on a course-by-course basis and receive all the same benefits as laptop enrollees as part of tuition. eArmyU tuition includes textbooks, an Internet Service Provider, 24/7 technology support, a “boot camp” tutorial, and online academic tutoring and mentoring.

Officers and commissioned warrant officers incur a two-year active-duty service obligation beginning upon the ending date of the last class for which tuition assistance was received.

The Army launched eArmyU in 2001 to offer eligible Soldiers the opportunity to work toward a college degree or certificate online. The program began with selected installations and was expanded Armywide this year. To date, more than 60,000 Soldiers have taken courses from 29 regionally-accredited colleges and universities.

“eArmyU develops educated, technology-savvy Soldiers who can succeed in the network-centric missions and battlespaces of the 21st century,” Stoskopf said.

“It integrates educational opportunity with troop readiness, strengthening the Army’s commitment to an agile, versatile and adaptive force. And it serves as a retention tool by empowering a new population of Soldiers to reach their educational goals.”

All active-component Soldiers who want to participate are required to have approval from an Army Continuing Education System counselor as well as their commander. They must follow the documentation and timeline procedures for processing of the eArmyU Participation Agreement which must be returned within 30 days of issuance.

There is no Service Remaining Requirement with the eCourse option. However, Soldiers must have sufficient time in service remaining to complete the eArmyU course in which they are enrolling.

Soldiers may re-enlist or extend to meet the three-year service remaining requirement, officials said. They said enlisted careerists not currently in an indefinite status must re-enlist and become indefinite.

For more information visit the eArmyU Web page at www.eArmyU.com.
A trio of Green Berets — two active and one retired — each received the Silver Star during a ceremony Oct. 14.

Master Sgt. Robert Collins, Sgt. 1st Class Danny Hall and retired 1st Sgt. Cornelius Clark were recognized with the military’s third highest valor award for their gallantry under enemy fire: Collins and Hall for their actions in Iraq this year, and Clark for his heroism in Vietnam in 1965.

Col. Kenneth Tovo, commander of the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), said during the ceremony that while any Silver Star presentation is significant, this ceremony was extraordinary.

“Awarded for heroism, the presentation of the Silver Star is always a special event. But today is particularly noteworthy ... (because) our ceremony brings together Special Forces heroes past and present.”

Two medals but one team

Collins and Hall, both of 2nd Battalion, 10th SFG, were deployed to Iraq earlier this year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In April, during offensive operations in the country’s Jazeera region, both men’s aggressive actions in battle led to the defeat of attacking enemy forces and the survival of their Special Forces detachment, according to their Silver Star citations.

While searching for an anti-Iraqi forces training camp and weapons cache, Collins and Hall’s joint coalition element was engaged by a platoon-sized enemy force with mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, machine guns and grenades.

After Collins personally directed close air support from F-16 aircraft armed with 500-pound bombs, Hall led a dismounted charge into small arms fire and RPG volleys.

Collins then led his element to engage the enemy, personally eliminating at least three enemy fighters. In addition to his combat role, Hall — a Special Forces medical sergeant — managed to set up a casualty collection point and a helicopter landing zone to medevac out...
The local board will be at the Elkhorn Conference Center Nov. 21-22 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. This board is required for all applicants.

Those interested should pick up application forms from the 502nd Personnel Services Battalion, bldg 1118, room 208, as soon as possible. The original application packet plus two copies must be turned in at the same location by Nov. 14.

For more information contact Staff Sgt. Donna Pankey-Garcia or Kathy Mihm at 526-6481/2295.

Flu shot information — A hotline has been established to disseminate flu shot information. Call 526-6422 for up-to-date information on the availability of flu shots.

Morale calls — Following a recent configuration change, morale calls will no longer be allowed by calling 526-5811 or (800) 283-5029. Morale calls must be placed using a DSN-accessible phone. The number to place a morale call is DSN 883-6299. For more information call 526-4352.

Warrant officer candidates — The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, sailors and warrant officer candidates. Positions are open in 41 active-duty warrant officer specialties. Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information or to get all the forms and documents required, visit www.army.warrant.mil.

Mail courier service — Due to manpower realignment, the adjutant general’s mail courier service will perform couriers run. Effective Oct. 1, all units and organizations must provide their own mail couriers. Call 526-3029.

Laundry Service

Laundry service provides free laundry service to Soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by CIF should be cleaned at the post laundry prior to return. Allow enough time. 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 uniform, 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, coversalls, combat vehicle crewman’s jackets and most web equipment.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m.-12:30 and 1:30-3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. For information call 526-8806/8804.

CIF Hours

CIF hours of operation: Regular business hours Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Initial issues — Mondays through Fridays from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Partial issues — Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-3 p.m.

Cash sales/report of survey — Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

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

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

Full turn-ins — Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-3 p.m.

Unit issues and turn ins — Call 526-6477/5512 for more information.

Briefings

Special Forces briefings — Special Forces briefings will be conducted weekly in building 1217, room 304. Briefings are Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and noon.

The Army’s Special Forces is a strategic, multi-purpose force capable of responding 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 Kristopher Ball at 524-1461.

The Army Career and Alumni Program center briefing — The Army Career and Alumni Program center briefing is required for all departing service members. Current ACAP policy requires personnel ending time in service to register one year out and retirees two years out. All users of ACAP must know their Army Knowledge Online user name and password. If you do not know your AKO user name or password call (877) 254-8737.

ACAP briefings are held Monday through Thursday from 7:30-10 a.m. Attendees must report to ACAP by 7:15 a.m., bldg 1118, room 133, located across from the Welcome Center. Call 526-1002/9640 to schedule a briefing.

Are you at end of time in service? — Soldiers within 120 days of time in service should call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make an appointment for a mandatory briefing. Briefings are held Tuesdays in bldg 1042, room 310. The briefing begins at 7:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. Soldiers must attend in military uniform, no PTs.

The Commanding General’s Newcomers’ Brief — The briefing is the third Wednesday of each month, 1-3 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

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

Hours of operation

Education center hours of operation — The Mountain Post Training and Education Center’s hours are as follows:

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

 suitability Learning Center and Basic Skills Classes — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon, closed training holidays.

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Program and Advanced Personnel Testing — Monday through Friday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:15-4:15 p.m, closed training holidays.

Basic Skills Education Program/ Functional Academic Skills Training — Monday through Thursday, 1-4 p.m., closed training holidays.

eArmyU Testing — Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. -2.30 p.m, closed training holidays.

Military Occupational Speciality Library — Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., closed training holidays.

Claims Division hours — The Claims Division office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m, closed Friday and federal and training holidays. To make a personnel claim, Soldiers must attend a mandatory briefing which is given Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Soldiers must submit a Department of Defense Form 1840/1840R. Submit completed claims Tuesdays and Thursdays.

JCAHO accreditation survey — The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Evans Army Community Hospital Nov. 4-18. The purpose of the survey is to evaluate the organization’s compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will help determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone with pertinent or valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with Joint Commission’s field representatives at the time of the survey.

Requests for an interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. Requests should be sent to: Division of Accreditation Operations, Office of Quality Monitoring, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60183. Fax (630) 523-5836 or e-mail to: compliant@jcaho.org.

The Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins.
wounded troops.

Collins and Hall most conspicuously risked their lives when while pinned down by enemy fire, both men ran into a hail of bullets to recover a critically wounded U.S. Soldier.

They carried the Soldier to safety, began medical care and saved his life.

Collins acknowledged the personal significance of his Silver Star, but said he feels that the award symbolizes the heroism of his team during its battle with anti-Iraqi forces.

“It’s important, but it’s representative of the efforts of the team, not just my individual effort,” Collins said.

He also stressed that in addition to the pride he has in his SF teammates, he was just as proud of the other U.S. and Iraqi forces that fought with them that day in Iraq.

“They fought well and fought hard,” he added.

Tovo said that Collins and Hall’s uncommon valor on the battlefield came as no surprise to him after he learned the details of the battle.

“They epitomize the ideal of bravery that we expect of today’s SF Soldier,” Tovo said.

Long overdue recognition

At the end of his 1965 combat tour in Vietnam while with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Clark had been awarded an Army valor on the battlefield came as no surprise to him after he learned the details of the battle.

The members of Clark’s former SF team, all of whom had received Silver Stars for their own actions during the siege, only recently discovered that Clark had received a lesser award and contacted U.S. Rep. Joe Hefley, whose district includes Fort Carson.

With Hefley’s assistance, as well as the help of William Hybl and William Willoughby, civilian aides to the Secretary of the Army for Colorado and Ohio, respectively, they were able to successfully upgrade Clark’s award to the Silver Star.

“Speaking for members of Detachment A 217, 5th Special Forces Group, this is the completion of a quest to recognize a team member whose actions contributed significantly to the success of the defense of Camp Plei Me 40 years ago,” Willoughby said at the ceremony.

A Green Beret himself, Willoughby joined Clark in Vietnam shortly after the successful efforts to defend the camp.

Willoughby was on the Special Forces team that replaced Clark’s.

Different times, same mission

Tovo said he believes that the standards for a Special Forces Soldier are as high as they have ever been, whether it was 40 years ago in the fight against the spread of communism, or even 53 years ago, when the 10th SFG was created as the Army’s original Special Forces unit.

He summarized the importance of the three awardees by contrasting the combat situations they found themselves in: Collins and Hall in Iraq’s deserts, and Clark in the jungles of Vietnam.

However, his point was not to draw out their differences, but their similarities.

“These three instances of bravery are separated by four decades, earned in action against very different enemies, and under extremely dissimilar circumstances,” Tovo said.

“(But) the commonalities are much more striking than the differences.

“Selfless service … disregarding personal safety to protect one’s comrades. Risking one’s life to attack and defeat our nation’s enemies. These are the hallmarks of all their actions, and they define the very essence of valor.”

“These characteristics of heroism are timeless and universal,” Tovo continued.

“A Spartan hoplite, a Roman centurion, an American Continental and a D-Day paratrooper would all recognize, and respect, the action of the men that we decorate today.

“These qualities run like a common thread through the lives of every hero throughout history. The men who were awarded (the Silver Star) today epitomize the ideals of the Soldier, and of the warrior.

“It is upon the deeds of men like these that the safety of our nation has, and will always depend.”
Lt. Col. Terrence Crowe.

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Freedom, said that Villalobos was a perfect example
for all Soldiers serving the nation.

“When the authors wrote about the Soldier’s
Code and the Warrior Ethos, they were writing about
Sergeant First Class Villalobos,” Rodriguez said to
an audience of both American and Iraqi Soldiers in
attendance. “He stands as an example of what a
brave Soldier can do. And it’s because of NCOs like
Villalobos; we can make a difference, win the fight
against the terrorists and help the people of Iraq.”

Visibly humbled after being pinned with the
medal, Villalobos, who has been in 3rd ACR for four
gears, gave a short speech accepting the honor.

“I’m not a man of many words, but of many
actions,” said the 14-year Army indirect fire infantry-
man from Santa Maria, Calif. “I’m truly honored and
I consider myself privileged to serve in this unit and
regiment.”

During a squadron operation in Tal Afar that
consisted of several raids and a movement to contact
by multiple units, Villalobos was tasked to follow and
assist an Iraqi Army platoon and two members of the
1st Brigade Military Transition Team — one being
Lt. Col. Terrence Crowe.

The first member of the team was injured
during a raid on the platoon’s first target, leaving
Villalobos and Crowe to lead the Iraqi soldiers.

The squadron came under heavy attack from
hand grenades, an improvised explosive device,
rocket propelled grenades and machine-gun fire as the
engagement began with the enemy.

Villalobos was given the order to move a squad
of his Iraqi Army platoon to a position along a known
deadly alleyway owned by the insurgents.

“I remember very clearly to this day the sound
and sheer volume of the gunfire from his position in the
fight,” said Capt. Jesse Sellars, commander, Fox
Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3rd ACR, who was fighting
about 200 meters away.

“Both Villalobos and Crowe maneuvered
down the dangerous alleyway where five insurgents
initiated a small arms ambush.

Crowe and two IA soldiers came under a hail
of gunfire; with Crowe getting hit numerous times
in the lower abdomen and falling 10 feet in front
of Villalobos.

At this point, according to Villalobos, his
training and instinct as a Soldier kicked in despite
taking a barrage of fire and witnessing all but two
of the IA soldiers retreating to safety.

“For this moment, I’m still amazed that I did not
break contact with the enemy,” Villalobos said. “If
I had a split second to think, I probably would have
broken contact.

“Both Villalobos and Crowe maneuvered
and broke contact.”

Indeed, he did fight.

After reporting the downed officer, Villalobos
returned fire with his M4 carbine. He attempted to
gain fire superiority with the remaining two IA
soldiers, but without a translator, they would only
return fire when Villalobos fired his weapon.

Unable to get fire cover, Villalobos was initially
unable to move into the kill zone to retrieve Crowe.

After emptying his first magazine, he called
armor support and threw a well-placed grenade
on the enemy fighting position, killing at least one
insurgent.

Living the two other tenets of the Warrior Ethos,
(refuse to accept defeat, never quit) Villalobos then
moved into the kill sack and evacuated Crowe to an
arriving Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

“The body of Lieutenant Colonel Crowe could
have been captured by the enemy had it not been for
Sergeant First Class Villalobos’ actions,” Sellars
said, who wrote the submission for the Silver Star.

“This means a lot to me for this phenomenal NCO
to be recognized for his actions on that day and
service to our country!”

After the ceremony, Col. H.R. McMaster, 3rd
ACR commander and 71st colonel of the regiment,
gave Villalobos a tight hug, several pats on the back
and thanked him for his service to the regiment.

“This courageous Soldier is an inspiration to
every trooper in the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen,”
McMaster said.

“He epitomizes the real strength of this regiment
and our Army — Soldiers who are willing to take
risks and make sacrifices for their fellow Soldiers
and to accomplish our vital mission.”

McMaster added, “Serving alongside troopers
like Sergeant First Class Gary Villalobos is an
honor and one of the intangible rewards of service
in our Army.”

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Army to fully fund family readiness groups

Story and Photo by Tim Hipp
Army News Service
WASHINGTON — About $43 billion has been earmarked this fiscal year for Army family programs, fully funding family readiness groups for the first time, said the Army’s top personnel officer.

“We’ve been pushing this for years and it’s gotten better and better every year,” said Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, deputy chief of staff, Army G1, one of numerous speakers during a three-day family forum Oct. 3-5.

Hagenbeck said the Army is counting on families’ feedback to help ensure the money is properly allocated.

“Support families in Transformation”

Hagenbeck and other military leaders speaking at the family forum, part of the Association of United States Army’s annual meeting, stressed the importance of supporting Soldiers and their families during the Army’s transformation.

“Too often we focus exclusively on those of us wearing uniforms, but I will tell you that all of you in this room recognize full well that it’s much, much more than that,” Hagenbeck said.

“We need, in many instances, to do a better job than we do today in recognizing all the families, spouses and supporting agencies that reside inside our Army and all their components.”

New Web sites support families

Col. Dennis Dingle, director of the Army’s human resources policy directorate, oversees programs dealing with alcohol and drug abuse, rest and recuperation leave, sexual assault, mentorship, programs dealing with alcohol and drug abuse, rest and recuperation leave, sexual assault, mentorship, redeployment and retirement, among others.

He introduced Web sites that included:

www.army.mil/wellbeing,
www.sexualassault.army.mil and
www.mentorship.army.mil, among others.

“There’s so much to click on your wrist may grow tired,” said Dingle, who stressed military families’ needs to serve, live, connect and grow.

“There are some great initiatives out there in the field that we’re going to take advantage of in the coming fiscal year. We’re going to take some more trips out to see what those programs and services are and get the feedback on those programs so that we know how to make them better.”

Only 10 percent seeking R& R reimbursement

Dingle said that about 40,000 Soldiers have used the Rest & Recuperation Leave Program, instituted in 2003, but only about 4,000 have sought reimbursement for air fares they purchased out-of-pocket.

“We want those (other) Soldiers to come in,” he said. “We owe them the reimbursement.”

Virtual family readiness groups online

Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, outlined how the multi-component family support network and virtual family readiness groups provide support and information to assist Soldiers and families before, during and after deployments.

Macdonald said surveys indicate that 87 percent of enlisted families have a computer in their home and 93 percent of officers’ homes are computer-equipped, thus explaining the Army’s creation of more and more Web sites to spread the wealth of its programs.

“You can’t expect the industrial age of leaving personal lives at the fence,” he said.

“We did that for awhile and we had baby carriers on the bleachers during (physical training) ... We’ve gotten smarter than that.

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1st SATCON retires colors, redesignates as 53rd Signal Bn

Story and photo by
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SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

Soldiers who perform a critical 24/7 mission to maintain on-orbit command, control and communications of the Defense Satellite Communications System constellation in support of tactical and strategic missions will continue that mission under a new designation at Peterson Air Force Base. The 1st Satellite Control Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command, changed its colors and guidons Oct. 13, being redesignated as the 53rd Signal Battalion (SATCON).

“I would like to congratulate you on this special day in your unit’s history,” said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey C. Horne, deputy commanding general for operations SMDC/ARSTRAT.

“Today, the Army formally recognizes this unit’s operational warfighting mission.

“Soldiers in this battalion make vital communications happen for our civilian leaders and joint warfighters. They are doing it just as the Soldiers who came before them did. In 1995, this unit became the first battalion in the history of the Army with an operational mission directly tied to the control of space systems and capabilities.”

After a brief history regarding the significance of the event, the battalion commander and command sergeant major, in formation with the commanders and first sergeants from each company, cased the colors of the 1st Satellite Control Battalion, ending an era. But while one era ended, another was resurrected. The new colors were marched into place and upon command the canvas covers were removed, and the flags unfurled, allowing the colors of the 53rd Signal Battalion to see the light of day for the first time since its inactivation in 1971.

Four members of the 53rd Signal Battalion from the Vietnam era, Richard Boykins, Roger Buterbaugh, Terry Garfield and Jerry Cleveland, were present for the ceremony.

Boykins served with the 53rd in October 1965, at Fort Hood, Texas, when his unit was mobilized to go to Vietnam. Boykins ended up in Long Binh where he worked as a photographic laboratory specialist from May 1966 to June 1967.

Buterbaugh served with the 53rd in Vietnam from December 1967 to December 1968, working as a personnel clerk keeping track of personnel records.

Garfield served with the 53rd in Vietnam from February 1968 to February 1969, working on Hill 837, as a radio telegraph operator and re-transmission specialist.

From mid 1967 to early 1969, Cleveland served with the battalion as a still photographer and motion picture photographer.

Cleveland commented on how the reactivation ceremony affected him.

“I was just amazed, I thought that the 53rd Signal Battalion was something that just went away and would never come back. It brought back a flood of memories. I’m glad I came here today.”

Battalion Command Sgt. Maj., Reginald Williams, right facing, assists battalion commander Lt. Col. Hae Sue Park in casing the colors of the 1st Satellite Control Battalion while company commanders and first sergeants cased the company guidons.

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Family Readiness Groups, Military One Source and the Web site: www.MyArmyLifeToo.com. Among other programs provided by CFSC.

Everything discussed in the forum is designed to simplify life for Army families, he said. “We want to make every Soldier and every family feel that they can do anything that they want to do,” said Brig. Gen. Russell L. Frutiger, U.S. Army Europe’s deputy assistant chief of staff, G1, adding that the Army views deployment as a family affair.

“It’s just a totally new way of doing business.”

Editor’s note: For Carson family members seeking information about their Soldier’s family readiness group should contact the unit. If no return contact is made, contact Army Community Service at 526-0443.
New bankruptcy laws knock out many Chapter 7 filers

By Karen Linne
Mountaineer editor

New bankruptcy laws that went into effect Monday mean Soldiers and their families, as well as many others, may not be able to completely erase their debts as they had in years past.

The new law, which marks the biggest change to bankruptcy law since 1978, prohibits some people from filing bankruptcy altogether, according to Findlaw.com, an Internet site dedicated to providing legal resources to the public, businesses and legal professionals.

The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, signed into law by President George W. Bush in April, requires individuals wishing to file bankruptcy to pass a “means” test.

Those whose incomes are above the state median ($40,044 for singles and $54,187 for couples in Colorado) and can pay as little as $100 per month to creditors, will be required to file Chapter 13 and come up with a repayment plan.

Who files for bankruptcy?
The majority of bankruptcy filers are not wealthy citizens trying to cheat the system, as many may believe. According to a 1999 study by federal bankruptcy judges, the average person filing for bankruptcy earns a mere $22,000 a year.

In addition, a recent Harvard University study by Professor Elizabeth Warren revealed that sudden uninsured medical expenses trigger half of all bankruptcies.

In another study by Consumers Union, an independent, nonprofit testing and information organization serving consumers, single moms trying to make ends meet made up a large portion of previous bankruptcy filings.

The changes the new law brings will be most devastating to those out of work, ill or injured who are in debt over their head, according to Warren.

Debtors forced into Chapter 13 because Chapter 7 is no longer available to them will also find the new law makes Chapter 13 filing more difficult.

Under Chapter 13, debtors must come up with a repayment plan and that plan must be based on allowed expenses rather than actual ones. Therefore, for certain expenses such as housing, if the actual cost of housing is higher than the allowed amount, the debtor will only be able to “keep” enough income for the allowed amount.

For those living in an area where the cost of living is high, they may be unable to follow through with their repayment plan.

The new law also requires most people to get credit counseling from an approved, nonprofit agency before filing for bankruptcy.

Those filing must also complete a course on personal financial management before following through with Chapter 7 or Chapter 13.

And, if you haven’t filed your income taxes recently, forget about heading to bankruptcy court.

Under the new law, a provision stipulates you must have the most recent IRS document for Chapter 7 and the most recent four for Chapter 13 filing.

Most people filing for bankruptcy know that one of the protections afforded by the courts is an “automatic stay,” which is an immediate halt to nearly all collection actions and lawsuits, according to Nolo.com, the nation’s leading provider of do-it-yourself legal solutions for consumers and small businesses.

The new law places limits on the automatic stay.

The automatic stay no longer stops or postpones:

• evictions
• actions to withhold, suspend or restrict driver’s license
• actions to withhold, suspend or restrict a professional or occupational license

• lawsuits to establish paternity, child custody or child support
• divorce proceedings
• lawsuits related to domestic violence

And, for those seeking an attorney’s assistance may find it harder to find one and quite a bit more expensive than ever before.

Why? An increase in paperwork and new punitive laws that require lawyers to investigate debtor’s claims make the debtor’s attorney financially responsible for court costs and creditor’s attorney fees if the debtor’s claims turn out to be false.

Many attorneys are expected to forfeit their bankruptcy practices rather than “go out on a limb” with their clients.

Changes to Chapter 13 law will also require debtors wishing to keep their car to pay the full loan amount on car loans, rather than just the current value of the car, as was done in earlier Chapter 13 plans.

The new law applies to car loans less than two and a half years old as of the date of filing.

Additional rules apply to other property purchased within one year of filing.

So, for anyone thinking they can go out and buy new cars and property before filing, think again.

Who benefits from the new law?
The credit industry claimed that law reforms were needed due to the increasing number of personal bankruptcies. About 1.6 million claims were filed in 2004, up from 900,000 in 1995, according to Nolo.com.

Interesting to note, though, is that the credit industry’s profits nearly tripled for the same period.

Not surprising to Patricia Randle, Fort Carson’s Financial Readiness Program manager, noting that credit card companies frequently solicit individuals who have bad credit or are high credit risks.

“It’s the extras (that get people into trouble), it really is,” said Randle.

“There was a time, I believe, when Soldiers weren’t making enough money.

“Now, most people with average-size families can make it.”

The Army paycheck, Randle explained, was not designed to cover a private with four children (for example) or those with high medical bills who are just coming into the service.

“But for the average family, it’s the brand new car, the HDTV and those types of things that push them into trouble (with money).”

What can Soldiers do if they find themselves in trouble financially?

Many may not want to file for bankruptcy because of its effect on future borrowing.

“The first thing Soldiers and family members should do is to seek help,” Randle said.

“We offer budget counseling and debt management courses here at ACS (Army Community Service).”

Budget counseling may help those who are overspending to realize the error of their ways.

Debt management counselors will help the service member develop a plan and even talk to creditors about decreasing the interest rate or deferring payments.

Randle also said that first-term Soldiers receive eight hours of finance training upon improving.

Those wishing “refresh” training or who may have missed any initial training, should call ACS at 526-4590.

Training is free and confidential.
Community

Make-A-Difference Day — Fort Carson hosts Make-A-Difference Day Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Iron Horse Park. Volunteers must register between 8-9 a.m. Volunteers will contribute their time to several projects at the park. For more information call 526-4590/1082.

Community Sustainability Conference — Fort Carson will host its fourth annual Community Sustainability Conference, “Progress through Partnership,” Nov. 9 at the Sheraton Hotel, located off Circle Drive and Interstate 25 in Colorado Springs. The event lasts from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information or to register for the event call 526-9777.

Smith Craft Center’s woodworking — Smith Craft Center hosts an October Sunday series of wood-turning demonstrations on the lathe. The demos will focus on wood-turned holiday projects and will be held every other week in November with a cost of $5 per demo. Materials used in the demos are available for purchase at the Craft Resale Shop.

A woodworking safety card is required to participate. Safety classes are held Saturdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and cost is $5 per demo. Photographs of Smith Craft Center is located in bldg 2426, Wetzel Avenue. For more information call 526-0900.

Pumpkin contest — Smith Craft Center hosts a jack-o’-lantern/decorated pumpkin contest through Saturday. Categories include children 6 and younger, 7-10, 11-14, active duty and “all others.” Special categories include “Should have been a pie,” best of show, scariest and funniest. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Smith Craft Center and appear in the Oct. 28 edition of the Mountainion. Winners will receive awards and gifts at the annual Halloween, Welfare and Recreation Bucks that can be used at any MWR facility. For more information call 526-0900.

Xtremes events — Xtremes holds “Crazy Tuesday” Tuesday from 5-8 p.m.; free video games will be available for children. Xtremes will hold a pool tournament every Tuesday in October. Tournament participants must be 18 years old and there is a $5 entry fee. For more information call Barb Stubbs at 756-7540.

Carson Carers — Carson Carers, an orientation for newly-arrived spouses, will be held Nov. 3 and 17 and Dec. 1 and 15 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Family Connection, bldg 1354. Carson Carers includes a tour of the post, welcome gift for new arrivals and various guest speakers. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Free child-care is also available by calling 524-0151.

Parents should bring children’s shot records. To reserve a spot at the next Carson Carers call 526-1070.

Domestic Violence Awareness — October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To contact a Fort Carson Victim Advocate call 526-4590 or the 24-hour pager at 577-3171.

Breast Cancer Awareness — October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Staff at Evans Army Community Hospital will host an information fair on the hospital’s first floor Oct. 28 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information call Maj. Shannon Jones at 526-7939.

Civilian employees town hall meeting — A town hall meeting to discuss the new personnel system — National Security Personnel System — will be held at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Special Events Center, bldg 185. A sign language interpreter will be on hand for the 9 a.m. session.

Restoration Advisory Board — Fort Carson hosts meetings about environmental restoration projects on post at quarterly Restoration Advisory Board meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 10 at the Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center, bldg 7300. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 526-8001.

Motion for Moms — Motion for Moms, a low-impact exercise class for pregnant and post-partum moms, will begin Saturday at Garcia Gym. This is the first postpartum fitness challenge for Mountain Post members. The program runs through Jan. 15. Rules of the challenge are teams must include three to five members, civilian or active duty; must exercise at least five days per week; three of them at Garcia Gym, for a minimum of 30 minutes; teams must register with Motion for Moms at Garcia Gym by calling 526-3944 or stopping by bldg 1856, located on Porter Street. For more information call 526-6132.

New fitness center hours — Beginning Monday, post fitness centers’ hours will change. Hours of operation include:

- Forrest Physical Fitness Center, bldg 1843 — Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Garcia Physical Fitness Center, bldg 1856 — Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Waller Physical Fitness Center, bldg 2357 — Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and holidays 3-10 p.m.
- McKibben Physical Fitness Center, bldg 1160 — Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and holidays 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Free software training — Fort Carson’s Army Community Service offers free family member and retiree software training. Daytime classes are held at ACS, evening courses are held at the Education Center, bldg 1117. Upcoming classes include:

- Oct. 31-Nov. 3 — keyboarding, 7:30-11:30 a.m., room 246, ACS; Word, 12:30-4:30 p.m., room 243, ACS
- Nov. 14-17 — PC basics, 7:30-11:30 a.m., room 246, ACS; Powerpoint, 12:30-4:30 p.m., room 243, ACS

For more information or to register call 526-0452.

AFAP delegates sought — Delegates are needed for the upcoming Army Family Action Plan conference, Nov. 2-3 at the Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs. An AFAP delegate represents the Army by identifying issues affecting the quality of life for Soldiers, family members, retirees, Department of the Army civilians and National Guardmen. For more information or to sign up call Army Community Service at 526-4590.

Yard sales — The annual Fort Carson Mayor’s Yard Sales are held twice a month, April through December, on the first and third Saturday of the month, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Single Soldiers and military families (active or retired) who reside off post also have the opportunity to participate. On-post residents can set up in front of their homes, while single Soldiers and off-post residents can pay up in the Beacon School parking lot.

The Army Community Service Mayoral Program Coordinator and the Housing Liaison office organize and coordinate the yard sale with the help of military police to reinforce the guidelines for the yard sale.

All sellers must comply with all guidelines. Schedule for yard sales is: Saturday, Nov. 5 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 17.

For additional information contact your village mayor/deputy mayor or the mayoral program coordinator at 526-1082/1049.

Self-help divorce class — Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office offers assistance to those seeking a self-help divorce in Colorado. A divorce briefing is given Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. The briefing covers basic divorce issues and military divorce issues. For more information call 526-5572/5573.

Veteran’s Day breakfast — Briargate YMCA hosts a free Veteran’s Day breakfast, Nov. 11 from 7-8:30 a.m. All active and Reserve Soldiers and retirees are invited. Cost is $5 per person. Call 495-5192.

Pikes Peak Council, BSA — Through a portion of their popcorn sales, the Pikes Peak Council, Boy Scouts of America, will help rebuild scouting in a Gulf Coast Council that was decimated by Hurricane Katrina. For more information call 634-1584 or visit the Web site at www.pikespeakbsa.org.

Wagon Wheel Council, GSA — The Girl Scouts-Wagon Wheel Council will host a “Believe in Girls” breakfast fund-raiser/fund-raiser Nov. 3 at the Sheraton Hotel, 2886 South Circle, Colorado Springs, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Cost is free but reservations must be made by Wednesday. Call 597-8603, extension 27, to reserve your space.

Special education law workshop — The Pikes Peak Area Special Education Directors and the Regional Professional Development Council present a special education law workshop Thursday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Tesla Center, 2560 International Center, Colorado Springs. The workshop will provide current information about recent revisions to federal law that governs the special education of children. The workshop is for parents, community members and educatores. The event is free and reservations must be made by Monday by calling Kathy Williams at 488-4702.

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“How beautiful you are, my darling, how beautiful you are! Your eyes are like doves.”

“How handsome you are, my beloved, and so pleasant!”

“Like a lily among the thorns, so is my darling among the maidens.”

This is the conversation between Solomon and the woman he loves in the Song of Solomon in the Bible. What a great couple they are! Let me ask you a couple of questions.

Is your husband equally handsome and pleasant? Do you think of your wife as your beautiful darling?

Don’t be surprised or disappointed if your marriage doesn’t rival the incredible love story you find in the Song of Solomon.

The conversation above tells mostly of the first delightful years of romance. Those are wonderful times — times when you think of your spouse as a rare find, like a single lily in a field of thorns. Later, the feelings of romantic love may begin to fade.

For some, the real excitement in marriage becomes as unusual as that “lily among the thorns.” For others, the thrill disappears altogether.

What is going on in marriage? Why is there no real excitement? Is there any hope?

Can we bring back the sizzle that we had in the beginning of the marriage? Yes, we can!

To bring back the sizzle and spark to your marriage, here are the four things you should do.

First, you should begin by confessing your stupidity. Yes, stupidity! Marriage isn’t what you think it is. Real love isn’t all flowers, violins and romance. Those things are important, but they are not the basic necessities of marriage.

More than anything else, marriage is commitment. Did you hear that? Marriage is commitment. Romance is just the frosting on the cake.

At one time or the other, we have all behaved as though marriage equals romance.

Even in hard times, we try to make commitment fall in line behind forced feelings of love, when the feelings should be following a willful commitment. Whether you know it or not, some fallen ways are at work in your marriage. Fix your will to a real marital commitment.

Second, you should have a simple belief that God can bring love back into your marriage. He alone can revive real, genuine, spontaneous love. He is not a pitiful, helpless God when it comes to your personal relationships. He can surely put love back into your marriage.

Third, you should begin to demonstrate love. You can act lovingly even though feelings of passion are absent. Don’t try to flatter, just perform honest acts of love.

Imagine what it would be like if the feelings of love all came back overnight. You awake one day and all the positive emotions are there.

You can imagine it, but don’t wait for the emotions to return.

Act in love now, willfully, because of your commitment. One by one, the good emotions will follow.

Fourth, you should forgive and ask to be forgiven. Real forgiveness eliminates the hardened attitudes and stubbornness that thrive in a hurting marriage.

Forgive your mate, ask your mate to forgive you, and remember that God has forgiven you.

If you apply these four things in your marriage, yes, you can bring back the real excitement, sizzle and spark to your marriage.

A pastor once said, “Marriage may be made in heaven, but the maintenance must be done on earth.” Would you like to show your affectionate love toward your spouse just like Solomon and his lover? Are you ready? Let’s go practice it!
Daily Bible readings: 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.

**Today** — Psalms 119:113-120, Ezekiel 34-36

**Saturday** — Psalms 119:121-128, Ezekiel 37-39

**Sunday** — Psalms 119:129-136, Ezekiel 40-42

**Monday** — Psalms 119:137-144, Ezekiel 43-45

**Tuesday** — Psalms 119:145-152, Ezekiel 46-48

**Wednesday** — Psalms 119:153-160, Daniel 1:3

**Thursday** — Psalms 119:161-168, Daniel 4:6

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

You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Pray this week for the following:

- **Unit**: For the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the Air Defense Artillery branch, whose regimental home is Fort Bliss, Texas.
- **State**: For all Soldiers and families from the state of Minnesota. Pray also for Gov. Tim Pawlenty, the state legislature and municipal officials of the Land of 10,000 Lakes.
- **Nation**: Pray for all theologians in American churches, seminaries and divinity schools. Pray that as they mine the Scriptures and reflect on God's relationship with man, that God would inspire and enlighten them to proclaim His enduring truth.
- **Religious**: Celebrate Protestant heritage on Reformation Day (Oct. 31) and all the faithful who have preceded us on All Saints Day (Nov. 1). For more information about the Army Cycle of Prayer visit the cycle’s Web site at: www.armychaplain.org

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NSPS revamps civilian personnel system

by Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

The events of Sept. 11 forever changed the defense posture of the nation and the Department of Defense. The current federal personnel system, governed by antiquated law, is a rigid seniority-based system out of step with the changing defense posture, according to the Civilian Personnel Online Web site.

It is imperative that the DoD develop a flexible personnel system to hire, assign, promote and compensate the civilian workforce.

In one of many efforts to meet new challenges, the Secretary of Defense proposed legislative changes for a more responsive personnel system to enable the DoD to support its mission. The National Security Personnel System was enacted by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004.

The National Security Personnel System is a new, flexible civilian personnel system that will enable organizations within the Department of Defense to better meet the national security demands of the 21st century. According to Francis J. Harvey, secretary of defense, NSPS is the "overhaul of our civilian personnel system." Although Harvey said implementing the NSPS will require a "significant effort," the dividends, he said, are tremendous.

The NSPS includes a new labor relations system, a new appeals process, and an enhanced human resources system covering staffing, workforce shaping, recruitment, compensation and performance management.

The NSPS allows flexible hiring procedures, streamlined position classification, pay banding and pay-for-performance in place of current systems.

Civilian employees can look forward to a better understanding of how their position aligns with the Department of the Army’s mission, a pay system that will take into account market considerations, a simpler recruitment and classification system, and a fair, consistent and objective performance system with clear expectations.

Some things that will stay the same under NSPS include merit system safeguards such as protection from discrimination and selection based on merit. Veteran’s preference will also be preserved under the new system.

Employee benefits such as leave accrual, insurance and retirement remain the same, as do retirement calculations.

The NSPS is scheduled for implementation throughout the Department of the Army over the next four years. Implementation will occur in a phased/spiral approach.

To prepare for NSPS, employees should check periodically with Army and DoD NSPS Web sites at http://cepl.army.mil/library/general/nsps and www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps and attend town hall meetings such as the one offered at Fort Carson Nov. 2 at the Special Events Center, bldg 1829, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A sign-language interpreter will be available for the 9 a.m. session.

Future training for NSPS will be available online or on site, and NSPS updates will be issued by the Department of the Army and individual commands.

Survey wants to know how you get news

by Public Affairs Office

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“It concerns me, as a military spouse that has been here since February 2005, that I have not been contacted by my FRG.”

This is a concern that Army Community Service has had for some time, especially with high volume of deployments in the recent years. Your concern has been forwarded to them and they will be in touch with your family readiness group. Others who are trying to get with their FRG should first contact their spouse’s unit, then contact ACS at 526-4590.

“Stop sending out global e-mails, as a general rule I usually delete 90 percent of them without even opening them up.”

Comments like this keep popping up, however, over half of the respondents so far state that this is the primary source for their information about Fort Carson. Comments and suggestions have also included not being able to read PowerPoint slides, attachments not being delivered and consolidation included not being able to read PowerPoint slides.

The initial request for survey respondents was via a global e-mail to Fort Carson recipients, however, the PAO wants to hear from everyone that can be done by placing 1 ad. The Markets at Mesa Ridge Parkway

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During the winter in Colorado people tend to turn up the heat in their homes, layer themselves in clothes and drink hot cocoa to help keep “Jack Frost” from nipping at their nose.

But what precautions do people take to help keep their vehicles protected from the freezing temperatures?

For many people, scraping ice and snow off the windshield is about the extent of winter vehicle maintenance they perform — but not taking care of one’s vehicle can be costly.

Dante Alano, a training instructor at Fort Carson’s Auto Craft Center, said there are many things a person should do to their vehicle to not only help keep the vehicle safe from the cold, but the driver and passengers, too.

Alano said when checking one’s vehicle, start from the ground up. When road conditions become slick due to ice or snow, the condition of the tires becomes the No. 1 safety priority on vehicles. Alano said a quick way people can check the condition of their tires is by placing a penny in the treads. If the top of Lincoln’s head is above the edge of the tire, then it’s time for a new tire.

Or, if people are going to be residing in Colorado for a while, it may be a good investment to buy snow tires for the winter. Alano said snow tires cost about

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the same as regular tires, but are designed specifically for the snowy conditions.

Snow chains for the tires are another option to use when road conditions become slick. There are different size chains for different size tires, so T.J. Trujillo, a training instructor at the Auto Craft Center, said people should make sure they buy the right ones and put them on to make sure. “It’s a good idea to practice putting the chains on before they are needed so people are familiar with how to do it when the time comes.”

Another important aspect of the vehicle when preparing it for cold weather conditions is coolant. Coolant is antifreeze liquid that goes into the radiator of the vehicle to help keep the engine cool while running, but not so cold it freezes.

Alano said a good mixture of coolant in the radiator is about 50 percent coolant to 50 percent water. “With this mixture, the temperature can get to 30 below zero and (the radiator) still not freeze.”

Although tires and coolant may be the more obvious troubleshooting areas for vehicles in cold weather, Trujillo said the battery is usually the most problematic. “Most of the time when a car doesn’t start in cold weather, it’s because of the battery.”

Trujillo said battery terminals and connections can get a build up of corrosion, causing a bad connection. He said there are several ways to clean the corrosion, but be careful not to get any battery acid on your skin or clothes because it could burn. Alano recommends people mix baking soda and water to a paste-like substance and clean the terminals and connections with that.

“It’s like when people take an antacid for heartburn. It gets rid of the acid; same thing on a battery,” said Alano.

If the battery is clean but the vehicle still doesn’t start, both Alano and Trujillo said it’s always a good idea to keep a set of jumper cables in the vehicle. “They can be a life saver in cold weather,” said Trujillo. “Nobody wants to be stranded in their car during the winter here.”

If people do become stranded in the cold because their vehicle doesn’t start or they slid off the road and can’t get out, Trujillo said they should have a winter safety pack in the vehicle. Having the bare essentials like a flashlight, a blanket or an extra coat, water, snack foods, matches and a candle can be crucial, he said.

“A lit candle in an empty coffee can help keep a person warm in a car for hours,” said Trujillo. But Trujillo also said if a person has resorted to that measure, to make sure the windows are slightly cracked to allow oxygen in so as not to suffocate.

Trujillo said he has heard of people suffocating in their vehicles when snowed in because they left the windows up and the exhaust pipe was buried in snow causing the carbon monoxide to back up and enter the vehicle.

That’s why people should also make sure there is no snow built up on the exhaust pipe before starting the vehicle in the morning, said Trujillo. He said people will start their car and turn the heater on to get the vehicle warm before they drive it and could get carbon monoxide poisoning that way.

Aside from things like matches and food, another safety item to have in the vehicle that Trujillo said a lot of people don’t think about is a shovel. A shovel can be used to help dig away snow if a person becomes stuck. But Trujillo isn’t the only person who recommends a shovel as a safety item to have during the winter time. The Colorado Department of Transportation also prescribes to the idea of a shovel as well as a safety kit in a vehicle during the winter.

According to the CDOT Web site, if motorists become stranded in the snow and are unable to dig their way out, they should stay in the shelter of their vehicle until help arrives, especially during a snow storm. The CDOT maintenance crews will be looking for stranded motorists while clearing the roads and highways. If weather and road conditions are too bad, the CDOT advises people to stay at home unless they absolutely have to get out to avoid the chances of being stranded. But, if people do have to get out in the harsh weather conditions, their vehicle should be in top-notch condition.

To help make sure your vehicle is up to par for this winter, the Auto Craft Center offers free classes to help people familiarize themselves with their vehicle. Trujillo said he and the other instructors will point out the areas that people should check when preparing their vehicle for the cold weather ahead.

For more information or a schedule of classes being offered call the auto technical staff customer service at 526-2147.
This year foil the flu; get immunized

by Evans Army Community Hospital

The influenza season inspires a touch of dread in most everyone. However, there is a weapon — the flu immunization — to help foil the flu.

The flu immunization can help you escape the fever, coughing, chills and aches caused by the flu. The flu is very infectious and can be passed easily from person to person, usually through direct contact with an infected person. Moreover, people infected with the flu are contagious usually two days before their own symptoms of fever, cough and aches begin.

The flu can be debilitating even for healthy people, and is particularly serious for the elderly or patients with chronic medical conditions.

Since the flu can be spread rapidly and easily from one person to another, getting the flu immunization has an added benefit: if you don’t get the flu, you can’t give it to anyone else.

Millions of people suffer annually with the flu, which can be a dangerous disease. Each year, the flu and its complications hospitalized between 250,000 and 500,000 Americans and kills almost 20,000. Because of these serious consequences, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends flu immunization. According to the CDC, the best time to get the flu vaccine is between October and mid-November. However, after mid-November, people may still benefit from influenza vaccination, even after flu cases begin to occur in the community.

A flu shot every year is urged for: adults and children over 6 months with chronic lung or heart diseases, including children with asthma; those over 64; those who have been treated in the past year for conditions such as renal dysfunction, chronic metabolic disease; those who are immunosuppressed; those working in settings with high-risk populations; and women who will be in the second- or third-trimester of pregnancy during the flu season.

Immunization is necessary every year for two main reasons. The types of flu viruses are different every year, and the immunization effect lasts only about six months. Few people have any side effects or reactions to the vaccination.

The Fort Carson Medical Department Activity Command Flu Clinic will take place Nov. 7-9 at Grant Library’s conference room, located across from Army Community Service, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

The majority of the flu immunizations will be provided at this time. A make-up clinic has been scheduled for Nov. 21-23 at the same location. Beneficiaries who are not on active duty can obtain the flu vaccine at that time. There is a required 15-20 minute wait after receiving the flu vaccine.

Active-duty personnel will receive the flu vaccine by mobile flu teams or at the Soldier Readiness Preparation site. Occupational Health will give flu vaccinations to MEDDAC active-duty personnel and federal civilian employees on the surface (basement) floor of Evans Army Community Hospital. Occupational Health will give flu shots from Oct. 31-Nov. 4. A make-up clinic will also be provided on Nov. 21-23 for this group.

More detailed information about the flu is available at the CDC site at: www.cdc.gov/npd vaccine/flu.htm or www.cdc.gov/ncidod/ diseases/flu/fluwap.htm and by contacting the Fort Carson Flu Hotline at 526-6422.
Get out your winter exercise gear and your trail shoes for the second annual Veteran’s Day V olksmarch Nov. 12. Beginning at 8 a.m. at the Special Events Center, Fort Carson’s Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host the event. Families, children and pets are welcome. The SEC will be transformed into a European-style “Festhalle,” complete with authentic German v olksmarching food and entertainment.

This year, MWR, in conjunction with the Falcon Wanderers of Colorado Springs, will offer events of varying distances — five kilometers (about three miles), 10 K (about six miles) and 21 K (about 13 miles). All events will be held within the confines of Fort Carson’s fitness trails and sidewalks. The five kilometer trail is both stroller and wheelchair friendly.

The 10 and 21 K trails will accommodate fitness strollers. All trail distances are noncompetitive — participants may complete the events at their own pace, but must be completed by 3 p.m. Those interested in the 21 K trail must begin by 10 a.m. All other participants may start up until noon.

The event is open to Soldiers, family members and civilians. Registration takes place the morning of Nov. 12 at the SEC or can be accomplished in advance by mailing in a form from the event brochure. Brochures may be found at on-post fitness centers, the Wellness Center, or through the Falcon Wanderers. There is no cost to participate unless you are seeking official International Federation of Popular Sports credit for the walk ($3) or are interested in one of the individual prizes being offered.

This year the first 100 interested walkers can purchase a pedometer (step/calorie counter) for $7. Free Mountain Post logo pins from the 2004 event will be given away. In addition, major subordinate commands (brigade-sized) or postwide civilian agencies can earn MWR Bucks for having the most walkers. The top three groups will earn MWR Bucks which can be used at any MWR activity at Fort Carson.

What is V olksmarching?

Volksmarching was organized as a sport in Europe in 1968 when the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) was created. “Volksmarch” is German for “people walking.” Most of the early volksmarching/wanderings clubs were in Germany. Today, there are clubs and sanctioned walks located all over the world. The IVV sponsors organized walking, bicycling and swimming events. It is a sport, a sightseeing trip and an exercise program all in one. The events are noncompetitive, participants travel at their own pace, thus making this an excellent recreational activity for the entire family. After getting a startcard, look for the “start” sign to the trail. On the trail you will see IVV tapes on trees and poles, as well as chalk on the ground, to guide you through the walk.

Along the trail there will be checkpoints to provide water or first aid, if needed. Walkers participating for IVV credit must show their startcard and get it stamped at each checkpoint. If you are new to Volksporting, it is suggested you pace yourself over the route. Back at the SEC, turn in your startcard and grab a bratwurst and enjoy the music.

For more information on the Falcon Wanderers, a local Volksmarching club and their events, e-mail johnsheilamc@aol.com or call 559-7953.

Computer security poster contest set by Directorate of Information Management

In support of the sixth annual Information Security Week, Nov. 14-18, and the Fort Carson IT Expo and Security Awareness Day, Nov. 10, Fort Carson personnel and family members are encouraged to submit a poster for the computer security poster competition.

A $100 award will be presented for the winning poster. The poster must be at least 8.5-by-11 inches in size and submitted by Nov. 7 to the Fort Carson Information Assurance Office in bldg. 1550, room 2040.

The poster can also be e-mailed to: InformationAssurance@carson.army.mil.

For more details contact the Fort Carson Information Assurance Office at 524-6541.

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Re-enlistment is up, but not all numbers are good

Story and illustration by Sgt. Matt Milham

14th Public Affairs Detachment

While shrugging the lion’s share of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan is taking a toll on some Army units, the Army exceeded its fiscal 2005 retention goals, according to a Department of Defense press release Oct. 11.

The Army needed to retain more than 64,000 Soldiers to build to desired manning levels, but the service did not release the total number of Soldiers who re-enlisted.

Numbers are available for Fort Carson and its units, however, and they are, by and large, good.

For fiscal 2005, Fort Carson exceeded its goal of re-enlisting 2,437 Soldiers by 216 — almost 9 percent. When broken down further, the numbers reveal which Soldiers are staying in and which are leaving the Army.

The Army divides re-enlisting Soldiers into three main categories: those on their initial term, those who are mid-career and career Soldiers. Initial term Soldiers are those on their first military contract. Mid-career are those who are on at least their second enlistment but who have fewer than 10 years in service. Careerists are those who have more than 10 years in service.

In fiscal 2005, Fort Carson retained 111 percent of its goal for initial term Soldiers and 134 percent of its goal for careerists. It missed its goal for mid-career Soldiers by a little more than 3 percent.

But what’s most important is that the overall goal was met, said Sgt. Maj. George W. Stapleton Jr., Fort Carson’s retention sergeant major. “Success is end strength,” he said. “It’s great when you can hit those category numbers, but it’s the aggregate that matters.”

Though the aggregate numbers present an upbeat assessment of Fort Carson’s re-enlistment picture, they mask retention worries in some units and critical shortages in some military occupational skills.

The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment fell short of its re-enlistment goals for initial term and mid-career Soldiers for fiscal 2005. It made 86 percent of its initial term goal of 339 Soldiers and 73 percent of its mid-career goal of 327. The regiment exceeded its careerist re-enlistment goal of 171 Soldiers by 14.

The 3rd ACR’s re-enlistment woes have nothing to do with dissatisfaction with the Army, the mission or the leadership, said Maj. W. Rollin Booth, the regiment’s commander. “The problems stem from the unexpected announcement that the regiment is moving to Fort Hood, Texas,” he said.

That announcement “threw a wrench in Soldiers’ decision making,” said Stapleton. “Families weren’t expecting that.”

For the most part, it’s Soldiers like those in the 3rd ACR who are easiest to keep in the Army. “If I had to pick the easiest to retain (military occupational specialty), I’d have to say it’s the combat arms Soldier,” said Stapleton.

The reason for this, he said, is simple: “Combat arms Soldiers always knew they were training for combat.” Now that they are at combat, those Soldiers are doing what they wanted to do.

While in combat support and combat service support roles didn’t necessarily sign up for combat, though, he said, most of these Soldiers thought they would be fighting behind the lines. Now, they’re finding themselves on the front lines, and they aren’t necessarily ready for that, he said.

“It’s not the infantry guys getting taken captive;” he said, bringing up the case of Sgt. Matt Maupin, a truck driver for the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment. He was a 12-year Soldier who was taken captive by insurgents in Iraq. One of the big reasons he re-enlisted, he said: the bonus. For re-enrolling while in Iraq, Holloway received a tax-free bonus of $12,717, which he said he promptly spent on a truck after returning from Iraq more than two months ago.

“Money isn’t the only reason he committed another six years to the Army. ‘I feel like I’m doing something with my life,’ he said. As part of his re-enlistment, Holloway is changing jobs to become a scout. He said if he can become a warrant officer, he’s sure he’ll make a career out of the Army.

For the older sergeants and high-rankers, money isn’t so much of an issue; they care more about where they are stationed, McMillen said. A lot of these older Soldiers have families to consider, and they want to get back to the duty station they were at before going to Korea almost two years ago, he said.

Family concerns are the biggest factor for Soldiers looking to get out of the Army as well. Multiple deployments and back to back handshock tours for the 2nd Brigade have caused many of the unit’s families to reconsider careers in the Army. “I’ve seen people getting out with 14 or 15 years in the Army — getting out because of all the deployments,” McMillen said.

Spc. Jason Hagans, a scout in the 1st Bn./9th Inf., is getting out of the Army after just two years. He enlisted because, “We were at war. It was just something I wanted to do,” he said.

His first duty station was Korea, and after almost a year there, he shipped to Iraq for close to another year. After two years away, his wife had had enough. “For me, I could have stayed,” Hagan said, “but I have to respect her wishes.” He is going back to college, which he felt led him to join the Army in 2003. If he gets called back on active duty, a prospect that doesn’t sit him one bit, he said he’d put in his warrant officer packet to become a helicopter pilot.

Of those leaving the Army, McMillen said probably 30 to 40 percent are like Hagan and have solid plans for when they get out. Many have jobs lined up or have already been accepted to college. But about 50 percent have no plans whatsoever, he said.

“They have this preconceived idea that the civilian world is great,” he said. Many Soldiers think they’ll get out to jobs that pay as much, if not more, than the Army pays them, and that’s often not the case.

One worry the Army has is that its Soldiers will leave the Army to seek better-paying jobs with civilian contractors in Iraq or Kuwait, but McMillen said these fears aren’t materializing.

A lot of Soldiers talked about that prospect while deployed, said McMillen. But now, “if they’re getting out, they’re not wanting to go back over there.”

The Army has about 4,000 Soldiers in its re-enlistment program, and about 3,000 of those are in the 3rd ACR. “I can’t see that changing anytime soon,” he said.

“Those answers directly impact the Soldier’s decision to re-enlist.”

To try to get these answers, Fort Carson’s command group has made an appeal to the Pentagon to allow Fort Carson to modify the reenlistment contracts of 3rd ACR Soldiers. The modification would clarify a Soldier’s intent to stay at Fort Carson or move to the 4th ID.

There has been no answer yet from the Pentagon as to whether Fort Carson can modify re-enlistment contracts for 3rd ACR. That decision hinges on other decisions, such as when the unit will move to Fort Hood, whether its Soldiers will move with the unit, and when the 4th ID will move to Carson.

By regulation, Soldiers who re-enlist for a specific duty station aren’t necessarily guaranteed to stay at their station of choice. There is a stipulation in the re-enlistment regulation that allows the Army to move an entire unit from one installation to another without violating the station of choice provision. That means that even if 3rd ACR Soldiers were to re-enlist for Fort Carson, they could find themselves at Fort Hood after returning from Iraq.

“If you want a good boss, but you’re not going to get one, you just sort of a contradiction,” said Stapleton, but all Fort Carson’s career counselors can do at the moment is read Soldiers this part of the regulation and let them make up their own minds about re-enlistment.
Fort Carson hosted its 2005 Retiree Appreciation Day Saturday at the Elkhorn Conference Center. The event featured numerous services and a plethora of information for retirees and their family members. Many retirees took advantage of the free health services being offered. The Mountain Post Wellness Center was offering cholesterol and blood pressure checks while the Dental Activity was offering dental exams. The longest line for the medical services was for flu shots. There was also the opportunity to have blood pressure and blood sugar checked. “It’s very important to screen for diabetes,” said Maj. Carol Halle, chief of Disease Management, Evans Army Community Hospital. “We want to screen early to detect and prevent (diabetes).” Many of the retirees in attendance said they were pleased with the event. “This is really good,” said John Wilhelm, Army retiree. “I like how they (have) everything here; it makes you feel appreciated.” Legal services were provided as well for the retirees who had questions. Local agencies from the Colorado Springs area were on-hand as well. The Military Order of the Purple Heart was present to promote their agency and its services. “We’re here to assist retirees,” said Lucas. “We’re not selling anything; we’re selling patriotism.” Fountain-Fort Carson High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets were on hand to provide assistance to attendees. They ensured whoever needed help getting back and forth from the booths was not left behind and gave booth information to the retirees. A free breakfast along with refreshments were offered to attendees. The appreciation day drew more than 500. Many of those who attended said they were interested in the booths so they could get information about benefits and opportunities. “I’m here to find out about a few things,” said Shawn Larson, Army retiree. “It was important for me to come with my family.” Larson said he also came to see if he could have Disabled American Veterans review his medical records to find out if he might be entitled to disability. He said having all the services in one place made it easier for him and other retirees to get the information they needed.

Capt. Leslie Oakes, dentist from Smith Dental Clinic, performs a free dental examination on a retiree.

Gordon Randall, retiree, has his blood sugar level checked by Marilyn Kirk, head nurse, Disease Management, Evans Army Community Hospital.

Maj. Carol Halle, chief of Disease Management, EACH, attempts to coax a retiree into having his blood sugar level checked.
Officer Terrence Murphy

Officer Terrence Murphy served 21 years in the Army and retired a sergeant first class (airborne infantry). He also served five years as a volunteer firefighter — a lieutenant with Northeast Teller County Fire Protection — and is a certified emergency medical technician. He has been working with Alutiiq-Wackenhut Security Services for two months.

Quote: “One team, one fight.”

Officer Theresa Dixon

Officer Theresa Dixon served four years in the U.S. Navy and five and a half years with civilian law enforcement. She was a civilian dog handler, certified in the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s method of forensic/composite sketch artist and former Manzanola Chief of Police. Dixon is also a certified arrest control instructor and has worked for the Department of the Army civilian police since July 2005.

Quote: “You can learn something from everyone you meet, no matter how insignificant it may seem.”

Spc. James M. Peterson

Spc. James M. Peterson has been in the Military Police Corps for four years. He arrived at Fort Carson in August 2004. Peterson has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II as a gunner and driver with the 984th Military Police Company. He returned from deployment in February 2005. He currently conducts training and law enforcement for the Fort Carson Community.

Quote: “I enjoy supporting the Fort Carson military community.”

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Champion:

Elite wrestler captures world championship

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Iris Smith is used to helping other people reach their destination as a member of the 423rd Transportation Company here.

When she isn’t helping others arrive at their goal, she can be found trying to reach a higher plateau of her own as a member of the World Class Athlete Program wrestling team.

Smith achieved one of the highest honors a wrestler can achieve when she won a gold medal Sept. 30 in the women’s 158.5-pound freestyle division of the 2005 World Wrestling Championships at Budapest, Hungary.

Smith defeated five-time world champion Kyoko Hamaguchi of Japan, 3-1, 1-1, 1-0, to capture the world title in the fourth match against top-level talent from around the world.

Going into the competition Smith, who is confident of her ability to compete with the best in the world, felt something was different and she was on the verge of doing something special.

“About one month out we were in our third training camp and I remember feeling good about my training. All my moves were coming together and I remembered as I was practicing I was thinking about going beyond the places I have been before in my training and preparation.

“A week prior to the championships we went to Prague and I remembered feeling everything was flowing and I didn’t have any injuries to worry about. The main thing was I went to Prague thinking that I was going to wrestle my match and not someone else’s match.

“I could just tell at the weigh in and when I walked past a mirror that I had trained very hard. I just felt like I was going to give it my very best. When we got our whole team to Prague and started working out I felt I was ready. I remembered saying to myself, ‘I just feel like weighing in and getting everything started.’” Smith said.

Most athletes would have the same feeling before a major competition like a world championship where they know they are going to meet the best of the best in most of the matches. Smith looked at the brackets for the tournament and found she was going to meet the absolute best of the best, facing the European’s best female wrestler in her first three matches and then Asia’s best wrestler en route to the championship match. That didn’t stop Smith from keeping focused on her goal.

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“I wouldn’t have been satisfied because I know I’ve wrestled against a lot of these women before and I felt I could beat them. I also felt different in this tournament than I had in the past because in my mind I felt I was ready. I had a lot of coaches there that were going over what I was doing. In a competition like this you only need a few moves and we worked to make them better moves. This was a different tournament for me because not only was I physically into it I was mentally into it. I remembered asking questions about strategy.

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Dining facility captures second consecutive football title

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Editor’s note: The post battalion-level championships are currently under way at the Mountain Post Sports Complex. The championship game is scheduled to be played Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The dining facility football team used its superior defensive quickness and quick-strike offense to win its second consecutive post unit level intramural flag championship 20-12.

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John Spaulding, 64th Brigade Support Battalion receiver, hauls in a touchdown pass during action Oct. 19 at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.

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According to a press release from MacSwain, the citation Armes and four others received state “Without a doubt, the skills learned in the American Red Cross Health and Safety Services course and used by Donald Armes contributed to sustaining the victim’s life.”

For his part, Armes said he credits the valuable training he learned while going through various training programs and the things he learned at Red Cross training seminars for giving him the confidence and knowledge to save the young man’s life. He said he is happy he took the time to learn the life-saving skills and that it was really a good thing that he was able to apply the

Swimming assistant
Don Armes, left, shows Stephanie Kowaluk the proper way to operate the machinery that helps people in wheel chairs enjoy swimming at the post indoor pool.

On the Bench
Aquatics director wins coveted life-saving award

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

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Running away
A youth center runner tries to evade the pursuit of a defender during action Saturday at Pershing Field on post.

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knowledge he has for aquatics life-saving skills to save a life.

The swimming team concluded its first week of practice today at the post indoor swimming pool.

The team practices each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7-9 p.m. (senior group), 7:30-9 p.m. for the junior group, 8-9 p.m. for the developmental group, the beginners group will be from 5 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:15 to 10:15 a.m. for all age groups.

The post youth center will host its initial “Teen Night” monthly activities Nov. 4 at the youth center.

The program will be in conjunction with the Midnight Basketball Program and is designed to give the post youth a variety of activities they can partake in outside of basketball. For more information on midnight basketball action contact the youth center at 526-1233.

The youth center is currently accepting registrations for the winter basketball and cheerleading season.

Youth basketball registration is being taken for children age 5-to-18 years old. Cheerleading registration is being held for children 5-12. A sports physical is required for all children interested in taking part in the youth sports program.

Registration is open until Oct. 29.

For more information contact the youth sports office at 526-1233.

Basketball season is just around the corner and the varsity sports program is in the process of selecting the men’s basketball team.

The men’s team will hold its first tryouts Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Special Events Center.

saying what if this happens or that happens,” Smith said.

That preparation paid off for Smith as she went through the first three of her four matches against Europe’s best female wrestlers.

Smith’s first match in the tournament was against the silver medalist from Bulgaria.

“The Bulgarian wrestler is a little tricky and she tries to catch you off guard. I went in knowing she had some tricky moves so I knew what to expect and wrestled my match. I had to take the initiative and do what I wanted to do,” Smith said.

The second match was against a wrestler from Poland and the third match against the European champion from Germany. Smith won both of those matches.

The win over the German wrestler assured her of a silver medal.

Shon Lewis, WCAP head coach quickly reminded Smith what the goal was and she was not going to be satisfied with a silver medal.

“Coach (Shon) Lewis came to me as I was coming off the mat and he said ‘we did not come here for a doggone silver medal’ And I said, ‘that’s right, we didn’t come here for a silver medal.’ I had four hours to get myself ready for the finals.

“Dremiel Byers (a WCAP wrestler and himself a two-time world champion) was there and he played a big part in getting me prepared for the finals by talking to me about how to prepare and relax and get ready for the championship,” Smith said.

“Shon Lewis”

Smith said it was great to win the world championship and she could only top that by winning an Olympic gold medal, her next big goal.

She said there was something that happened after winning that made her proud to be an American.

“I’m a pretty patriotic person and when they played the national anthem I got all teary.

“I remembered thinking about how good the American flag looked and how nice the national anthem sounded when it was played after I won. I also thought about all my fellow Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“I have lost a few friends since the war started and I was thinking about how they are fighting for us so I can do this. I was so proud to represent them, my unit and my country,” Smith said.

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"Board!"

The traditional call from the train conductor signals eager passengers to hurry toward the waiting train. Several dozen people board the train, including vacationing retirees, several three-generation family groups and a mixed assortment of tourists and local residents.

It's a lighter load than the train usually hauls, but it's fall and schools are in session.

Following 30 years of inactivity, the Royal Gorge Route started up again a few years ago. Passengers looking for the nostalgia of a train ride hop on board at the historic Santa Fe Station in Cañon City.

Trains played a big part in the development of the West, and particularly in Colorado and the Pikes Peak area. The route through the Royal Gorge, alongside the Arkansas River was one of the routes of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, established by Gen. William Palmer, Colorado Springs' founder. Palmer, who was in Colorado in 1868 scouting a line for the Kansas Pacific Railroad fell in love with Pikes Peak and the Garden of the Gods area. He later bought land, established a town and built his own railroad through the new town. The D&RG also had subsidiary lines running west to serve new towns where gold and silver had been discovered.

In 1877 one of those D&RG rail lines was being constructed through the Royal Gorge, with Leadville and its silver mines the destination. The Santa Fe Railroad also started building a rail bed through the Royal Gorge from the opposite end of the gorge. The western route was financially important to both companies as the railroad reaching the mines would be guaranteed lots of business and profit.

The two railroad companies became engaged in what was called "the railroad wars." Workers of the two companies made threats to each other, fights broke out and vandalism was committed. The conflict escalated to the use of firearms. Famed Western lawman Bat Masterson was hired to bring order.

Remnants of rock fortresses railroad workers used for defense can be seen along the train route. Finally, the two railroad companies went to court; when the case was settled, the D&RG won the right to build the tracks through the gorge.

Ironically, the railroad which runs the Royal Gorge Route leaves the Santa Fe station but runs on the original D&RG tracks.

A bright orange engine from the 1950s is at one end of the train, while a more traditional looking black engine is at the other end. One engine pulls the train on the 12-mile route to Oct. 21, 2005

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Parkdale. The other engine brings the cars home.

Riding along a rail bed at the bottom of the gorge, flanked by 1,000 foot-granite walls for much of the trip, passengers move from the comfortable passenger cars to the two open cars for a better view.

On a sunny autumn morning, passengers seem to enjoy the ride. Passengers wave at white-water rafters on the Arkansas River and they wave back. The occasional fishermen are too intent on their lines to acknowledge the waves. The train moves under the silvery suspended Royal Gorge Bridge, which crosses the chasm. A few people gather at the bridge’s rail to watch the train lumber by, 1,000 feet below.

The train rolls over the “hanging bridge,” an engineering marvel, passengers are reminded by the tour guide. The floor of the gorge isn’t wide enough at this spot to accommodate both the river and a railway. Railroad engineers designed a hanging steel bridge which is bolted to the steep granite walls. The bridge suspends the rail bed over the edge of the river. The unique bridge is still in use more than 100 years later.

The train pulls six or more cars, depending on the season, each seating 60 passengers. The train also has a snack car with a selection of soft drinks, bottled water and a variety of packaged snacks. Cinnamon rolls, nachos and sandwiches are also available.

The Royal Gorge Route has several prices and types of passenger service. Coach class, featuring comfortable seats by large windows costs $28.95 for adults and $18.50 for children.

Club class includes seating in a luxurious dining car, appetizers, fruit, cheese and a glass of champagne, and runs $48.95 for adults and $31.50 for children up to age 12.

One or two passengers can ride in the cab with the engineer by paying $95 each.

Passengers can also opt for a three-course gourmet lunch/train ride with a 12:30 p.m. departure. The lunch ride costs $59.95 for adults and $39.95 for children ages 3 to 12. Children under 3 are not allowed in the lunch dining car.

Dinner trains feature a four-course dinner in a dining car, with a 6 p.m. departure through December. Price for the dinner train is $79.95 for adults.

Additionally, murder mystery trains include the gourmet dinner and a murder mystery play performed by Red Herring Productions. The mystery train runs Saturday nights and costs $95. Mystery train rides are scheduled for Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26 and Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

Reservations for the Royal Gorge Route are suggested and passengers should arrive at the depot about an hour before departure to pick up tickets. During the summer trains depart at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 and 3 p.m. daily. Beginning Oct. 15 the train runs at 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only. Call (888) 724-5748 or (888) RAILS-4-U for tickets.

The conductor checks passengers onto the first train of the day along the Royal Gorge Route.

The Royal Gorge Route leaves the Santa Fe Depot in Cañon City on the second run of the day.

Food is prepared in the train’s kitchen car for the gourmet lunch train.

A parking lot is at the train station, and an overflow lot is nearby.

A well-stocked gift shop in the depot has train-related gifts, souvenirs and train-related books and videos. Post cards, posters and calendars with a train theme are sold, as are Christmas ornaments, cups and T-shirts. Traditional train engineer hats are available.

Other attractions in Cañon City are the Dinosaur Depot, the municipal museum, and the Canon City Prison Museum.

To reach Cañon City from Fort Carson, take Highway 115 south to Penrose, then pick up Highway 50 west to Cañon City. The Santa Fe Train Depot is located at 401 Water St. Turn left on 3rd Street.

Just the Facts

- Travel time: Just over an hour
- For ages: All
- Type: Historic train
- Rating: ★★★★★

(Out of 5 stars)

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Fall Activities

Turkey Creek Ranch has hay-wagon rides to the pumpkin patch Saturday and Oct. 29. Cost is $8 per rider, or $25 for a family of four.

“The Vampire of Cripple Creek,” runs through Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, in the Butte Opera House, 139 E. Bennett Ave., in Cripple Creek. Tickets start at $7, call (719) 235-8944.

Emma Crawford Festival, coffin race and parade is Oct. 29, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in downtown Manitou Springs along Manitou Avenue. The coffin race follows at 1 p.m. Admission is free. The event is in memory of Emma Crawford who was buried on Red Mountain; her coffin washed down from the mountain during a heavy rainstorm.

Emma’s Favorite Haunts Ghost Tours are Oct. 28, beginning at 7 p.m. A new tour starts every half hour from Manitou Springs City Hall at 606 Manitou Ave. Tours cost $5-$10; call 655-5089 for reservations.

Ski passes for military
Keystone Resort is offering a discounted season pass for service members. The Liberty Pass costs $129, and is good throughout the 2005-6 season. Active duty and Reserve military personnel should present military identification cards at the Keystone Resort season pass office. Immediate family members are also eligible, and children 12 and under are eligible for a $79 Liberty Pass. For more information, call (800) 322-9498.

Arnold Hall Theater
The Air Force Academy Concert series has the musical, “Mame,” in Arnold Hall Theater Oct. 28; “Babes in Toyland,” Dec. 10; Broadway’s Spirit of Christmas,” Dec. 18; “Star Spangled Celebration,” March 5; and “Mannheim Steamroller,” April 27; call 333-4497.

Upcoming events
Colorado Springs World Arena features the Royal Circus of Moscow on Ice Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. The Trans-Siberian Orchestra is Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Center
Clifford the Big Red Dog is Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 11 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m.

The Colorado Springs Philharmonic, along with the Young Concert Artists, present “Halloween Spooktacular — an Alien Invasion” at the Pikes Peak Center Oct. 30 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets start at $9.

Tickets for the World Arena and Pikes Peak Center are at www.ticketwest.com, or 520-SHOW.

The Air Force Academy Band’s “Stellar Brass” free performance is at the First Lutheran Church, 1515 N. Cascade Ave. at 4 p.m. Oct. 30. Call 556-9952 for information.

Veterans Parade
The annual Veterans’ Parade in downtown Colorado Springs is Nov. 5, beginning at 9 a.m. The parade route is on Tejon Street, beginning at St. Vrain and heading south to Vermijo.
Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Oct. 28:

- Mountain Post Report: a short report on events happening on Fort Carson. This week’s report is on the rededication of the GWOT Memorial. Airs on the hour, every hour except as pre-empted by other programming.
- Army Newswatch: stories on Medal of Honor ceremonies, Soldier and NCO of the Year and a feature on Cpl. Tibor Rubin. Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
- The Mountain Post Community Town Hall Meeting, held monthly, airs at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Channel 9 now airs the Pentagon Channel, programming from the Department of Defense. 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.

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