



# HIGH DESERT WARRIOR

Volume 6, Number 14

www.irwin.army.mil

April 8, 2010

Published in the interest of the National Training Center and Fort Irwin community since 1981

## CG Talk Radio

Turn your radio dial to 88.3 FM this morning, from 8 to 9 a.m. today. Brig. Gen. Robert 'Abe' Abrams, National Training Center and Fort Irwin commanding general, will be on the air during Newsmakers Radio Show with 'Electric' Etric Smith on KNTC 88.3 FM to talk about Sexual Assault Prevention.

## Sex Offender Web site

Here's a web site to protect families of local Soldiers and civilian employees. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department announced to the public that its web site [www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/](http://www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/) can be used to identify registered sex offenders in their neighborhood. On the website, click the OFFENDER WATCH button on the left side of the screen and input your address to find names, photographs, addresses of registered sex offenders in your area.

## Earth Day Fair

Everyone is invited to celebrate and participate in Fort Irwin's Earth Day Fair at Sandy Basin Community Center, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 23.

Highlights of the fair includes opening remarks by Col. Jim Chevallier, garrison commander, environmental education displays by government agencies and contractors, children's live tortoise viewing and education area, children's hands-on archaeological dig area, community yard sale area, household hazardous waste and electronic waste turn-in area, food and drink vendors, fire safety trailer, energy savings trailer, and recycle sculpture contest. Community participation enhances environmental awareness, so Soldiers, civilians, and family members become good stewards of Fort Irwin lands and aide in meeting sustainment goals. For more information, contact Elisa Sanchez, DPW Environmental, 380-5290.

## Water Outage

Clark Construction, with contractor CH2MHILL, has scheduled a water outage Monday/April 12, 8 p.m. to Tuesday/April 13, 8 a.m. This outage will affect all buildings between 1st Street and North Loop Rd. and from B Ave. to Barstow Rd. Work will be conducted at night to minimize the inconvenience to Fort Irwin Soldiers. Although the domestic water will be shut down, RO water will still be functional throughout the installation. Work is needed to improve the water system here at Fort Irwin. For more information, call Bill Ramo, 380-2777.

## Spring Fling Event



DARCI FLUIT

Brandi Allen, 699th Maintenance Company Family Readiness Group leader, left, and other FRG members, set up their popcorn machine booth to sell popcorn and other goodies. On March 27, a Spring Fling fundraiser was held for family readiness groups of 699th Maintenance Company and 557th Maintenance Company at the Sandy Basin Community Center. Darci Fluit, family member, Operations Group Eagle Team and event coordinator, and family readiness group members, organized the fair that showcased vendors wherein the Fort Irwin community can get to know and see what businesses are available on post. The fundraiser is going to be a recurring quarterly event on post to help organizations raise money as well as help in-home businesses on post. The next fundraiser is for Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Family Readiness Group and is scheduled for June. It will be a family fun day, with games for all ages, so kids can come and have a good time. The fall fundraiser will have a hay ride, pumpkin carving, and fun games for the kids to play. If interested in being a vendor or have an organization that is in need, please contact Darci Fluit at [darcivdb@hotmail.com](mailto:darcivdb@hotmail.com).

## Handling 'For Official Use Only' (FOUO) information

BY BOB LUCAS

Freedom of Information Act/  
Privacy Act Officer

Are we current on the procedures and are we protecting our unclassified mission — and people-oriented information? The protection of information through the Privacy Act and the

Freedom of Information Act Programs start with the words "For Official Use Only."

During duty hours, reasonable steps should be taken to minimize risk of access by unauthorized personnel. Use the DA Label 87 Form (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) to place on top of FOUO work located on desks and filing cabinets, charts on walls and other

unclassified sensitive information during the work day. After working hours, FOUO information can be stored in unlocked containers, desks or cabinets if U.S. Government or U.S. Government-contract building security is provided, or in locked desks, file cabinets, bookcases, or similar items.

See FOUO, page 15

## Inside

Prevent Sexual Harassment.....	3
Don't Ask, Don't Tell .....	7
Birth Announcements .....	8
Bowler Strikes 299 .....	9
File Taxes Now .....	10
Post Landscape Survey .....	13

## APRIL-MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	3	4	5	6	7

ROTATIONAL SOLDIER USE OF POST FACILITIES

■ HEAVY USE ■ MEDIUM USE ■ MINIMAL USE

We salute, honor



251

FORT IRWIN SOLDIERS  
CURRENTLY DEPLOYED

Source: Directorate of Human Resources  
National Training Center and Fort Irwin

# ICE Program Gives Customers a Voice

## ICE Year-To-Date Report Jan. 1, 2010 – Mar. 28, 2010

Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
916th Support Brigade	5	●	60
AAFES	96	●	28
Commissary	27	●	41
Fort Irwin Garrison	2295	●	89
Veterinary Services	54	●	81
DENTAC	194	●	96
MEDDAC	247	●	82

## ICE Weekly Report Mar. 22, 2010 – Mar. 28, 2010

Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
916th Support Brigade	0	[NOT RATED]	—
AAFES	8	●	13
Commissary	3	●	33
Fort Irwin Garrison	180	●	89
Veterinary Services	1	●	0
DENTAC	8	●	100
MEDDAC	25	●	80

## Fort Irwin Garrison Organizations

Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
Fort Irwin Garrison	198	●	89
Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation	80	●	91
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	2	●	100
Equal Employment Opportunity	1	●	0
Human Resources	72	●	93
Information Management	6	●	80
Legal	3	●	100
Logistics	1	[NOT RATED]	—
Pinnacle Housing	19	●	94
Plans, Analysis & Integration Office	4	[NOT RATED]	—
Police/Provost Marshall	1	[NOT RATED]	—
Public Affairs	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Public Works	2	●	0
RCI Housing	2	●	50
Religious Support (California)	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Resource Management Office	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Safety	0	[NOT RATED]	—
NTC HQ Adjunct General Office	0	[NOT RATED]	—
American Red Cross (Bldg 577)	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Armed Forces Bank 1 - Main Branch	1	●	100
Armed Forces Bank 3 - PX Branch	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Community Information Manager	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Landmark Inn	4	●	25
Military Family Life Consultants	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Plans, Training, Security	0	[NOT RATED]	—
WIC (Woman, Infants, and Children)	0	[NOT RATED]	—

Rating Key: ● = 86%-100% Satisfied | ● = 65%-85% Satisfied | ● = 0%-64% Satisfied

The following are a sampling of ICE submissions at Fort Irwin in the past three weeks. If the customer requests a response, service providers are expected to respond to the customer within three business days and post follow-up notes in ICE.

### Legal Affairs

**Customer Comment:** Could someone please explain the reasoning behind the Tax Center hours of operation. I just called

and spoke with a private on the telephone, and I was told the hours are 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. When I asked why close so early and what do they do to accommodate Soldiers that work later hours and cannot get off before that time, I was told, well when the Soldiers are off and out of the box, we are still here at work. That is not what I asked, I asked about the daily hours of operation. And by the way, when those Soldiers are out in the field working on the weekend,

the Tax Center Soldiers are off. **Agency Response:** Contacted customer to clear up miscommunication between customer and Tax Center. Customer will take advantage of the free tax assistance soon.

### HR Reassignments

**Customer Comment:** I can't say enough goodness about the staff in the passport/reassignment section. Very im-

See ICE, page 12

## WHO WE ARE

Brig. Gen. Robert B. Abrams  
Commanding General  
Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Martinez  
Post CSM  
Col. Jim Chevallier  
Garrison Commander  
Command Sgt. Maj. Mark A. Harvey  
Garrison CSM  
John M. Wagstaffe, NTC PAO Director

### High Desert Warrior Staff

Chicpaul Becerra  
Editor  
Gustavo Bahena  
Staff Writer  
Agustin Rodriguez  
Editorial Assistant  
Caroline Keyser  
Volunteer Writer

### Aerotech News

Tammi Haynes, Graphic Designer

## HIGH DESERT WARRIOR

*High Desert Warrior*, a civilian enterprise newspaper, is an authorized publication for members of the United States Army and Fort Irwin community. Contents of this newspaper are not necessarily official view of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or Fort Irwin and the National Training Center. *High Desert Warrior* is prepared weekly by the Public Affairs Office, National Training Center and Fort Irwin, P.O. Box 105067, Fort Irwin, CA, 92310-5067. Telephone: 380-4511 or DSN 470-4511. FAX: 380-3075.

*High Desert Warrior* is distributed every Thursday 50 weeks per year. It is produced at Aerotech News and Review, 456 East Avenue K-4, Suite 8, Lancaster, CA, 93535, (661) 945-5634. Printed circulation is 6,500. Aerotech News and Review is a private firm in no way connected with the Department of the Army and is responsible for the commercial advertising found in this publication. Everything advertised in this publication will be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national orientation, age, marital status, physical handicap or political affiliation of the purchaser, user or patron. A confirmed violation of this policy of equal opportunity by an advertiser will result in refusal to print advertising from that source. The appearance of advertisements in this publication does not constitute an endorsement by the Department of the Army of the products or services advertised.

Printed by Aerotech News and Review, Inc. (877) 247-9288, [www.aerotechnews.com](http://www.aerotechnews.com).

## SUBMISSIONS

Story and photos may be sent to the High Desert Warrior at least two weeks prior to the desired publication date. Items submitted to the High Desert Warrior are always subject to editing. Submissions should include subject's names, ranks and work affiliation (unit or organization) of everyone in the photograph. Group photos of four or more people don't require individual names. Submissions may be e-mailed to the editor at [chicpaul.becerra@us.army.mil](mailto:chicpaul.becerra@us.army.mil).

## NEWSPAPER AWARDS

**2nd Place, 2009 U.S. Army IMCOM-West**  
Newspaper Competition — Tabloid Category

**Honorable Mention, 2008 Dept. of the Army**  
Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware  
Newspaper Competition — Tabloid category

**3rd Place, 2007 U.S. Army IMCOM-West**  
Newspaper Competition — Tabloid Category

## SEND US FEEDBACK

Send your questions, suggestions, or problems to:  
1. Your chain of command  
2. ICE (Interactive Customer Evaluation)  
3. CG's Hotline: 380-5463



## Improving communication across Fort Irwin community

BY CHARLES MELTON

Community Information Manager

Several command information and community information tools are available to the Fort Irwin community, along with a couple that are still in the works. The community information manager, under the Garrison Commander, facilitates the use of many of these tools.

Here are what's available:

**Facebook:** The Fort Irwin/National Training Center Facebook page had 1,270 fans as of March 16. The link to the page is <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Fort-IrwinNational-Training-Center/186307408734>. It provides emergency updates, photo albums, calendar of events, etc. and targets everyone wanting to know more about Fort Irwin and the NTC.

**Twitter:** The link is [http://twitter.com/NTC\\_UPDATE](http://twitter.com/NTC_UPDATE). It provides real-time updates on emergency situations, event updates, links to other information sources targeting those wanting information about Fort Irwin and the NTC.

**InFocus e-mail list:** Go to [www.irwin.army.mil](http://www.irwin.army.mil) and click on the InFocus link on the left side of the page and sign up for the service. It is aimed at family members and others without army.mil e-mail addresses.

**Postmaster:** This e-mail list covers FORSCOM and IMCOM Outlook addresses on Fort Irwin. Others, i.e. AAFES, JIEDDO, DECA, MEDAC, can be added by contacting the Fort Irwin webmaster at 380-2031. Information is limited by regulations.

**Marquee:** Currently there is one electronic marquee at the soccer field, but two more are in the works. Submit information about installation wide events, unit events, family readiness group (FRG) events and Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation events to the community information manager (at 380-7724) for placement on the marquee. The general rule of thumb is events will be publicized no more than two weeks in advance.

**High Desert Warrior** (Fort Irwin's command information weekly newspaper), **88.3 FM KNTC** (Fort Irwin's radio station), and **Cable Channel 18** (Fort Irwin's command information channel): These command information media (in compliance with Army Regulation 360-1, Public Affairs Operations) are handled by the Public Affairs Office staff and can be reached at 380-4511.

# Top Army leaders focus on preventing sexual assault

STORY AND PHOTO BY

JESSICA MAXWELL

Army News Service

Beginning the second day of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention conference, Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commanding general of Army Materiel Command noted the Army is fully engaged in preventing sexual harassment and assault.

"We have critical work left to do though," Dunwoody said. "We want our Army to be an example for the rest of the country."

Later in the morning, Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., chief of staff of the Army, spoke to the crowd about the progress made since 2007. Recently, Casey and Secretary of the Army John McHugh spoke to Congress about the budget needs of the Army for 2011. With the proposed 2011 budget, Casey said he believes it will be possible to finish regaining balance in the Army.

"We have loose ends to tidy up," said Casey. "We need to consolidate, assess and refine ourselves and this great Army we have built."

Casey said Soldiers and families are the most important element of the Army and their support must be sustained.

"Sexual assault eats away at this support," he said. "We cannot tolerate it."

Originally focused on after-the-fact care, Casey and Army leadership are striving to change the culture and environment. Casey said it starts with small steps and committed Army leadership. Prevention must not only be pushed from the top down through the ranks, it must also come from company commanders, first sergeants and up from the platoon level.

"I am not focused on numbers right now," said Casey. "We need to create an environment and



Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commanding general, Army Materiel Command.

culture which rejects assault, where someone feels comfortable in coming forward (to report assault)."

Casey said he believes by placing more visibility on sexual harassment and assault, the problem will be fixed faster. By using the Army structure in place, training can be pushed down through the ranks.

"Every leader needs to see sexual assault as fundamentally counter to the warrior ethos," said Casey. "It's all about leadership and leaders setting the right examples."

Casey said the Army needs to approach sexual assault from an offensive mindset, which includes focusing on the enemy and being opportunistic in solutions.

Dunwoody added that every unit needs to be a high-performing organization.

"These are people that care about individuals, units that are trained and ready and they have respect for each other," said Dunwoody.

Closing his talk, Casey asked the audience to think about three things: building conviction to fight sexual assault, sustaining momentum for the fight and changing the culture to stamp out assault and harassment.

"I appreciate the energy in this room," said Casey. "Now carry that energy back with you (to your home stations)."

## Summit challenges Army leaders

*Urge commanders to eradicate sexual assault, harassment*

BY ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program began its third annual summit in Arlington, Va., Monday, with Army leaders urging commanders to help stop the crime.

"Sexual assault not only hurts its victims physically and emotionally, it tears at the moral fiber that gives our Army, our team, its strength," said Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, deputy chief of staff of the Army for personnel, G-1. "The crime of sexual assault is fundamentally against our warrior ethos."

Begun in 2008, the SHARP program held its first summit that year, with a focus on gaining Army leadership commitment and an introduction to the "I. A.M. Strong" campaign. "I. A.M." in the SHARP slogan stands for intervene, act, and motivate — calls to action the Army hopes Soldiers will follow if they witness a sexual crime or inappropriate behavior.

Now in its second strategy phase, the focus of the program has shifted to educating Soldiers about their moral responsibility in reporting these crimes.

"We can and we will succeed in this effort, because Soldiers take care of Soldiers," said Secretary of the Army John McHugh. "As an institution, we will only get better when every

one of us considers this initiative his or her daily mission."

With an end goal of achieving cultural change and greatly reducing the percentage of sexual assaults that occur, the Army recognizes that sexual assault is a national problem, and is doing something about it.

During the 2009 SHARP summit, former Secretary of the Army Pete Geren explained why the Army is taking steps to reduce the presence of sexual crimes.

"It's a problem that we in the Army are going to address because in the Army we are different," Geren said last year. "We're going to eradicate sexual assault from the life of our Army, and we are going to do it because we are a values-based organization. That's what sets us apart from the rest of society."

The Army is leading an attempt to reduce sexual assault within its ranks, to a level that Sut Jhally, a professor of communications and presenter at the summit, said has not been attempted by any other organization.

For example, the Army launched its I. A.M. Strong campaign by populating bases with SHARP posters and banners, hired a duo of actors for a tour called "Sex Signals," to travel to Army installations and engage Soldiers in a tough topic through comedy, and boosted its Criminal Investigation Command resources by hiring and training additional sexual assault investigators.

Carolyn Collins, chief of the Army's SHARP program, said the goal for the con-

ference was to bring together Soldiers that represent a cross-section of the Army, so they can take what they've learned back to their units.

"All of our campaign is about preventing the crime before it occurs," said Collins. "We're looking at the influence of society, both in music, in TV, and the Internet and other areas on this crime."

Bostick said that all members of the Army should have at their core a gut-reaction against sexually offensive language and gestures as well as assault.

"We must educate our Soldiers not only to adhere to the law, but to believe that it is their duty to prevent this crime before it even happens," he said.

Bostick said he needed the help of Army leaders in order to make the program successful, and that he wanted to maintain the campaign's momentum.

"Think about this over the next several days," challenged Bostick. "How will you hold your units accountable to gain ownership of this sexual assault prevention phase? How will you measure? How will you know that you've achieved ownership?"

Throughout the next few days, summit participants will hear from the Criminal Investigation Command, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Army Center for Substance Abuse, a subject-matter expert panel, and will take part in training sessions.

For more information go to [www.irwin.army.mil](http://www.irwin.army.mil)



## Crime Watch

Information provided by  
Provost Marshal Office

**Larceny of Private Property.** Location: The Desert subdivision playground. Police responded to the report of a stolen cell phone.

**Burglary.** Location: Granite housing. Police responded to the report of a burglary. Unknown persons entered the residence and removed items of high value.

**911 Hang Up.** Location: Coyote Springs Emergency Services responded to a 911 hang up. Occupants admitted to dialing 911 accidentally.

**Larceny Of Government Property.** Location: Training area (The Box). Police responded to the report of stolen copper from a construction site in The Box.

**Possession of stolen property.** Location: Auto Craft Service Center. Police responded to the report of recovered stolen property. Subject was taken into custody.

**Attempted suicide.** Location: Barracks Emergency Services responded to the report of an attempted suicide.

**Drunk In Public.** Location: 5th Street adjacent to Inner Loop. Police found a subject laying face down in the street. The subject was detained and released to his unit.

**Possession of Marijuana.** Location: 5th Street adjacent to Ave. E. Police effected a traffic stop for speed on 5th Street. During the stop, a small quantity of marijuana was found in the subject's vehicle.

**DUI.** Location: Barracks parking lot. Police stopped a vehicle for loud music. Investigation revealed that the driver was under the influence of alcohol.

## Adopt-a-pet



**Name:** Phoenix

**Breed:** Short Hair

**Gender:** Male

**Age:** 9-months-old

Phoenix is available for adoption at the Fort Irwin Vet's Clinic. Call 380-3025 for more information. You can also check out the Fort Irwin section on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)

## News Briefs

### New Access Numbers

New standardized dialing prefixes on all government telephone switches have been activated. DSN access is changed from '8' to '94' (i.e., 94-xxx-xxxx); local and long distance access is changed from '9' to '97' (i.e., 97-1-760-386-xxxx); international access is changed from 9-1-011-various digits to 97-011-various digits. There are no changes to internal station-to-station access with five digit dialing, i.e., 4-4082.

### \$3,500 Scholarship

Fort Irwin-based Martin H. Cesana Chapter of the Army Engineer Association is offering scholarships up to \$3,500, with preference to those seeking education and training in an engineer field. Applications are open to Soldiers and their family members, Barstow area high school seniors, and current university or community college students enrolled in 6 units or more and a PGA of 2.5 and above. Application deadline is April 28. For more information, contact AEA Scholarship committee chairman, Spc. Eddie Boquilla, 58th Combat Engineer Company, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, RSS at 213-999-7611 or e-mail: [eddie.boquilla@us.army.mil](mailto:eddie.boquilla@us.army.mil).

### Legal Assistance Hours

Fort Irwin Legal Assistance Office hours have changed. The new schedule is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Notary Services: 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Everyday, walk-in basis. Appointment calendars open: Fridays at 1 p.m.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL.

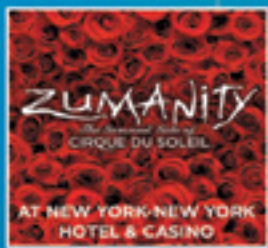


## MILITARY PERSONNEL OFFERS\*!

RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING EXCLUSIVE OFFERS IN LAS VEGAS



50% OFF  
CALL 800-392-1999



35% OFF<sup>†</sup>  
CALL 866 - 241-2833



40% OFF  
CALL 866-241-2833



25% OFF  
CALL 866-241-2833



35% OFF  
CALL 866-241-2833

Text "CIRQUE" to 25025 for more show information.\*\*

\*Military ID must be presented when tickets are picked up. Offer valid on select performances and varies per show. Offer is valid for Mystère, Zumanity, KA, LOVE, and CRISS ANGEL BELIEVE. Subject to availability. Not valid on previous reservations or in conjunction with any other discounts or promotions. Maximum of four tickets per ID. Zumanity has been created for guests 18 years and older. \*\* Standard text messaging rates apply.

The trademarks Cirque du Soleil, Sun logo, KA, Mystère, Zumanity and The Sensual Side of Cirque du Soleil are trademarks owned by Cirque du Soleil and used under license. The trademark LOVE is owned by The Cirque Apple Creation Partnership and used under license. The trademarks CRISS ANGEL and Believe are owned by Criss Angel and used under license.



# Worship Services/Chapel Activities

## CATHOLIC

Holy Mass	Sunday, 9 a.m.
Daily Mass	M, T, Th, & F 11:45 a.m.
Rosary	20 Min before Mass
Confession	30 Min before Mass
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
LifeTeen	Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
EDGE	Sunday, 10:15 a.m.

## PROTESTANT

Liturgical	Sunday, 9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Chapel NeXt	Sunday, 11 a.m.
Traditional (LAR)	Sunday, 11 a.m.
PYOC (Youth)	Monday, 6 p.m.
PWOC, Morning	Tuesday, 9 a.m.
PWOC Evening	Tuesday, 6 p.m.

## GOSPEL

Gospel Service	Sunday, 11 a.m.
Prayer Warriors	Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Children's Church & Choir Practice	Thursday, 6 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Prayer Men Of Integrity Women of Excellence	
2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7 p.m.	

Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel

Blackhorse Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel
Center Chapel

Blackhorse Chapel
Blackhorse Chapel
Blackhorse Chapel
Blackhorse Chapel
Blackhorse Chapel

## LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sacrament Meeting
Sunday School
Priesthood/RSE

Sunday, 1 pm.	Blackhorse Chapel
Sunday, 2:15 p.m.	Center Chapel
Sunday, 3:10 p.m.	CFLC/Bldg 317

## MUSLIM

Prayer
--------

Friday, 12 p.m.	Bldg 317
-----------------	----------

## JEWISH

Jewish Service
----------------

Friday, 6 p.m.	Black Horse Chapel
----------------	--------------------

## CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

AWANA
(3 yrs.-6th grade)
HS Bible Study
MOPS

Wednesday, 4 p.m.	Center Chapel
Wednesday, 6 p.m.	Bldg 320
2nd and 4th Wed, 9 a.m.	Center Chapel

*Note:* For more information on chapel activities, contact the Center Chapel staff at 380-3562 or the Blackhorse Chapel staff at 380-4088.

AWANA:

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed  
(2 Tim 2:15)

PWOC:

Protestant Women of the Chapel

PYOC:

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

CFLC:

Chaplain Family Life Center, Bldg 320

MOPS:

Mothers of Pre-Schoolers, Bldg 317

Childcare services for ages 5-years-old and under are provided free of charge for all scheduled chapel services.

- Free High Speed Internet Access
- Conference Rooms
- Fitness Center
- Business Center
- Pool & Spa
- Free Hot Breakfast

**Holiday Inn EXPRESS®**  
**JOYCE WILSTON**  
General Manager

**Outlet Center • 1-15 at Lenwood Road**  
2700 Lenwood Road • Barstow, CA 92311  
Phone: 760/253-9200 • Fax 760/253-9201  
E-mail: hotel@hiebarstow.com • www.hiexpress.com/barstowca  
**Government Rates Available**

— **CRAIG W. DRUMMOND** —  
Attorney at Law

Former Army JAG Attorney/Veteran OIF  
UCMJ Defense/Administrative Separations  
DUIs and Criminal Defense in Las Vegas  
Accidents and Injuries in Las Vegas

(702) 364-1650  
www.attorneydrummond.com

**SAVE AN INNOCENT ANIMALS  
LIFE TODAY!**

Adopt a pet at your local pound and have a friend for life!



**Eat, Drink & Be Merrie**  
**Join us!**

Saturdays & Sundays

**April 10 thru May 23, 2010**

10am - 7pm • Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area

Irwindale, CA • 626-969-4750

**www.RenFair.com**

The Original  
**RENAISSANCE**  
PLEASURE FAIRE

**Opening Weekend Savings**

**Two For One! Save 50%!**

Buy one full priced Adult Ticket, receive one Complimentary Admission!  
Offer and ticket valid Saturday or Sunday  
April 10 or 11, 2010 only.

**2nd Weekend • April 17 or 18**

**KID'S FREE**

No Coupon Necessary.  
Offer and ticket valid Saturday or Sunday,  
April 17 or 18, 2010 only.

**Weekends • April 24-May 23**

**\$250 OFF** One full priced Adult Ticket

Offer and ticket valid Saturdays or Sundays,  
April 24 - May 23, 2010 only.

Regular Adult Ticket Price is \$25.00. No pets or smoking, please. Limit one coupon per person. Not valid with any other offer.

The Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area is a United States Army Corps of Engineers Facility and a unit of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation System.



The heart and soul in sports®

8701 Leeds Road  
Kansas City, MO 64129-1680  
1-800-289-0909 JFCA.org

Provided as a public service.

a CFC participant



# Community Happenings

## 1/11 ACR FRG events

Following are upcoming 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Family Readiness Group events:

**Apr. 12:** FRG Steering Committee Meeting, 5 p.m., Squadron Conference Room

**Apr. 13:** HHT, FRG Meeting, 5 p.m., Squadron Conference Room,

**Apr. 14:** I Battery, FRG Meeting, 6 p.m., Squadron Conference Room

**Apr. 14:** B Troop, FRG Meeting, 5 p.m., Squadron Conference Room

**Apr. 15:** D Company, FRG Meeting, 5 p.m., Squadron Conference Room (please note new meeting time)

More information: Joan Morschel at 380-5749 or joan.morschel@us.army.mil.

## VA Clinic Open House

Victorville Veterans Affairs Clinic will hold an Open House tomorrow, starting at 1 p.m. at its location St. 120, 12138 Industrial Blvd. Free H1N1 flu vaccines are available to Veterans. For more information, contact (909) 583-6193.

## DAV Mobile Service Office

Attention all military veterans and retirees: A fully-equipped Disabled American Veterans (DAV) National Service office-on-wheels will make a stop at Barstow Community College parking lot, 2700 Barstow Road, Barstow, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 21. DAV membership is not required. An officer will be available to counsel you about your rights and benefits, claim filing assistance. Bring your claim number, social security number, and other pertinent documentation. For more information, call Paul Varela, DAV supervisor, (310) 477-2539.

## Empowering Women

Register now for the 2010 Fort Irwin Women's Conference, to be held tomorrow/April 9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at Reggie's. The event will be hosted by the Fort Irwin Officers and Civilians Spouses Club and MWR. Enjoy creative workshops, and hear luncheon guest speaker Tanya Biank, author of *Army Wives*. Her book inspired the hit Lifetime series *Army Wives*. Child care is available. Please contact FortIrwinWomensConference@gmail.com or visit [www.fortirwinocsc.org](http://www.fortirwinocsc.org) for pricing and more information.

## Children's Fair and Fitness

Celebrate the Month of the Military Child at the Fort Irwin Children's Fair and Fitness Challenge, at the Coyote Activity Center, Saturday. Register at Bldg. 1323 or call 380-2257 for more information.

## Red Cross Classes in April

Fort Irwin American Red Cross Station will host its April Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and First Aid Class on Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It is \$45 for Soldier or family member and if an additional person attends from the same household, cost is \$22.50. For active Red Cross volunteers with 20-plus hours-per-month, cost is \$10. For all others, cost is \$60. To participate in this life saving course, contact Fort Irwin Red Cross Station at 380-6140 or visit Bldg. 571.

## Family Resiliency Training

916th Support Brigade will host Family Resiliency Training at Sandy Basin Community Center, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., April 21. Highlights of the event include: how you can affair-proof your marriage by strengthening bonds of affection, re-commitment bracelets to Soldiers and spouses, teen forum – 'Programs for a Better Fort Irwin,' safety, security and transitions assured, and more. Smokey the Bear and McGruff the anti-crime dog will be there. Free snacks and free children activities will be offered. For more information, contact Angie Parreno, 380-8386 or email her at [angie.parreno@us.army.mil](mailto:angie.parreno@us.army.mil)

## At the Movies

### Thursday, April 8

7 p.m. Closed

### Friday, April 9

7 p.m. Percy Jackson And The Olympians:The Lightning Thief (PG)

7 p.m. The Crazies (R)

9:30 p.m. Shutter Island (R)

9:30 p.m. Cop Out (R)

### Saturday, April 10

7 p.m. Percy Jackson And The Olympians:The Lightning Thief (PG)

7 p.m. The Crazies (R)

9:30 p.m. Shutter Island (R)

9:30 p.m. Cop Out (R)

### Sunday, April 11

4 p.m. Percy Jackson And The Olympians:The Lightning Thief (PG)

7 p.m. The Crazies (R)

7 p.m. Shutter Island (R)

### Monday, April 12

7 p.m. The Crazies (R)

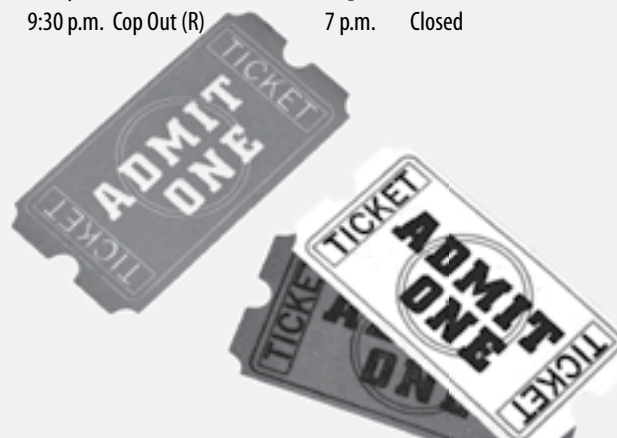
7 p.m. Shutter Island (R)

### Tuesday, April 13

7 p.m. Closed

### Wednesday, April 14

7 p.m. Closed



*This schedule is subject to change at the last minute to accommodate changes in movies and free showings. ID cards are required from all personnel not in uniform when purchasing movie tickets. For more information and movie updates, call 380-3490.*

## Children's Free Classes

During April, Month of the Military Child, EDGE! Program will honor our youth with free EDGE classes. April is packed with a number of fun, engaging, and educational programs to include: Golf, Jewelry Making, Teen Job Readiness, Mosaic Art, and Bowling. Classes are open to youth in grades 3-12 and take place at various MWR facilities on base. Transportation from Tiefert, School Age Services and the Middle School and Teen Center is available. Register at Parent Central (Bldg. 1323) or through <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/irwincyms.html>. Spaces are limited, so register today. For more information, call 380-5816.

## Multiples Support Group

New Parent Support Program will host a Multiples Support Group meet at the Army Community Services Conference Room, 9 to 10 a.m., Monday/Apr. 12, May 10, Jun. 14, and Jul. 12. Multiples Support Group is for parents of twins, triplets or more children. Group provides emotional support and a means of discussing experiences associated with having multiple children. Call 380-8344/4021.

## Cooking Competitions

Join one or all the various cooking competitions, including salsa and cupcake baking, during the Fort Irwin Food and Wine Festival on May 15, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sandy Basin. You can pick up a registration form at Bldg. 550 MWR Marketing or by visiting our web site [www.fortirwinmwr.com](http://www.fortirwinmwr.com). Registration is free. Winners get bragging rights and food supply or restaurant gift cards. For more information, call 380-7144. The deadline is May 1.

## New Parent Support

New Parent Support is a program designed to assist you every step of the way with raising your children in a nurturing, safe, and healthy environment. Childcare is provided for all New Parent Support classes offered. Infant care classes offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays by appointment only. Classes are held in the Army Community Service conference room. Point-of-contacts are Kahalia Anderson, 380-8344 and Shawn Robinson, 380-4021.

## Spouses' Orientation Tour

Are you new to Fort Irwin? Check out the 2-day Spouses' Tour — attendance required for both days of the tour. Participants must be military ID card holders. The tour is free of charge and child care is provided. Space is limited and children must be enrolled at Central Enrollment. For more information, call 380-2258.

## Skeet and Trap Open

Skeet and Trap's hours of operation are Mondays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. while Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Operation closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Range closes half hour before dark. For more information, call 380-4327.

## Sewing Classes Begins

Sewing Classes will begin at the Arts and Crafts Center, April 16. For more information, go to the [www.fortirwinmwr.com](http://www.fortirwinmwr.com) web site, and click on Arts and Crafts Sewing Class in the Upcoming Events section or call 380-3431.

## Weight Watchers

Weekly meetings are on Thursdays, at 12 noon, Bldg. 317 (2nd Street and Avenue E). Signup and weigh-in start at 11:30 a.m. Public is free to check out the meeting. More information: call Christine at 298-3438 or [getfit@ww-Christine.com](mailto:getfit@ww-Christine.com).

## Youth and School Activities

### Middle School Activities

**Thursday:** Cooking Club Cupcakes, Photography Club

**Friday:** Marble Painting, Mini vase

**Monday:** Colorful Notebook, Typing skills

**Tuesday:** Pencil/Pen holder, recycled paper beads

**Wednesday:** Ultimate Journey Archery!, Smart girls, Paper Mache Fish

### Teen Activities

**Friday:** Movie Night

**Saturday:** Rock Band/Guitar Hero Tournament

### Hours of Operation:

**Middle School:** M-F until 6 p.m.

**Teen Center:**

**Friday:** 6-11 p.m.

**Saturday:** 3:30-11 p.m.

**Sundays and Holidays:** Closed

*More information: Kristin Morgan at 380-3732.*

Send Community Happenings briefs at least two weeks in advance of event to the editor, [chicpaul.becerra@us.army.mil](mailto:chicpaul.becerra@us.army.mil)





# Fort Irwin Community Calendar

## Thu., Apr. 8

Weight Watchers  
12 noon  
Bldg. 317  
Christine, 760-298-3438

## Fri., Apr. 9

Fort Irwin Women's Conference  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Reggie's  
380-6716/5111

## Sat., Apr. 10

10-Miler Team Tryout  
7 a.m.  
Fitness Connection  
SFC Harris, 380-8386

## Sat., Apr. 10

Fort Irwin Children's Fitness Fair  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Coyote Activity Center  
380-2257

## Mon., Apr. 12

Multiple Support Group  
9-10 a.m.  
ACS Conference Room  
380-8344/4021

## Tue., Apr. 13

Grad Night Informational Meeting  
7 p.m.  
MST Center, Bldg. 1313  
Kristin Morgan, 380-3732

## Wed., Apr. 14

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Reggie's  
Silky Isaac, 380-8422

## Thu., Apr. 15

HIRED, Pizza & Wings Party  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Starz Academy, Bldg. 128  
Kim, 562-298-2727

## Fri., Apr. 16

Screen on the Green  
7:30 p.m.  
Army Field  
380-3227

## Sat., May 15

Food & Wine Festival  
5-9 p.m.  
Sandy Basin Community Center  
380-7144



*Check out these upcoming activities at Fort Irwin*

## DoD revises 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' policy



**BY ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Pending a congressional decision on the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law, the secretary of Defense implemented changes to current regulations to ensure a "fairer and more appropriate" enforcement of the law.

Effective immediately, law 10 U.S. § 654 will see changes in how military separation investigations are conducted and what kind of information can be used as "credible information" in homosexual conduct discharges.

"I am determined that we in the department carry out the president's directive on 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' in a professional and thorough way," said Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, during a press conference Thursday.

For example, information given to lawyers, clergy, psychotherapists or medical professionals in confidence will not be used for the purposes of discharging service members.

The military will also be more cautious in examining facts before initiating an inquiry, taking into consideration that hearsay or falsified information could be presented by someone who wants to do the service member harm. For example, investigators will require accusations made by third parties to be given under oath and will ignore most anonymous complaints.

The new changes also raise the rank of officers who are authorized to initiate fact-finding inquiries or separation proceedings to generals or flag officers.

The revisions apply to all open and future cases,

and all branches of the military must modify their regulations within 30 days.

Passed by Congress in 1993, the law allows homosexual service members to stay in the military as long as they hide their sexual orientation.

President Obama urged Congress to repeal the law in his Jan. 27 State of the Union address, and since then the possible effects of letting homosexuals serve freely in the military have been under examination.

Gates has asked the commander of U.S. Army Europe, Gen. Carter F. Ham, and the Pentagon's chief legal counsel, Jeh C. Johnson, to issue recommendations by Dec. 1 on how to integrate openly gay service members into the armed forces. A working group will spend the next several months traveling to military installations to learn how service members might react to a potential repeal.

Gates said he didn't recommend a change in the law before completing an internal study and the Army's chief of staff agreed.

"I do have serious concerns about the impact of the repeal of a law on a force that's fully engaged in two wars, and has been at war for eight and a half years ... we just don't know the impacts on readiness and military effectiveness," said Gen. George W. Casey Jr., chief of staff of the Army, during a Senate hearing.

Gates said that every case currently open will be re-evaluated under the new regulations.

However, the variations are not retroactive and do not apply to service members who have already been discharged. Department of Defense officials said they do not foresee any further changes to the law before Congress votes.

Last year, 428 service members were discharged from the military under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law.

For more information go to [www.irwin.army.mil](http://www.irwin.army.mil)



# Birth Announcements

*It's a Boy!*



*It's a Girl!*

## BY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

Patient Administration Division  
Weed Army Community Hospital

**Lyla Brianne**, girl, 6 lbs., 9 oz., 18.9 inches, born to Shannon and Austin Conley, March. 6, at 6:02 p.m.

**Yaretzi Cruz Juarez**, girl, 5 lbs., 15 oz., 19.3 inches, born to Katia Juarez and Ixtlilxochitl Cruz, March. 8, at 8:44 a.m.

**Maribelle Rosary**, girl, 6 lbs., 11 oz., 19 inches, born to Amanda and Abraham Bitolas, March. 10, at 7:48 p.m.

**Sheila Marie Rose**, girl, 6 lbs., 3 oz., 18 inches, born to Candy and Thomas Jones, March. 12, at 6:52 a.m.

**Lilian Alexis**, girl, 6 lbs., 8 oz., 18.9 inches, born to Lorraine and Alex Thompson, March. 15, at 5:09 p.m.

**Nathanael Wallace**, boy, 7 lbs. 10 oz., 20.7 inches, born to Lena and Robert Schmor, March. 21, at 7:23 a.m.

**Ella Mae Catherine**, girl, 9 lbs. 3 oz., 21.1 inches, born to Opal and Nathaniel Schell, March. 22, at 6:08 p.m.

**Jozsua Jozsef**, boy, 6 lbs. 14 oz., 18 inches,

born to Danyell and Jay Homoki, March. 24, at 8:48 a.m.

**Celia Hazel**, girl, 8 lbs. 2 oz., 20 inches, born to Erin and Mickael Waldron, March. 24, at 6:37 a.m.

**Natalya Alexandria**, girl, 8 lbs. 10 oz., 20.9 inches, born to Maribel and Rudy Salas, March. 26, at 6:28 a.m.

**Xavier Orlando**, boy, 7 lbs. 7 oz., 21 inches, born to Monica and Daruies Graves, March. 26, at 7:48 a.m.

**Layla Alivia**, girl, 8 lbs. 12 oz., born to Jacquelyn and Patrick Rouse, March. 26, at 8:42 a.m.

Any questions concerning this matter please contact Medical Correspondence Section, Patient Administration Division, 380-3165.



To advertise in the next issue, call 877-247-9288

START THINKING AHEAD.  
START USING YOUR EXPERIENCE.  
START ACHIEVING THE NEXT LEVEL.  
START BECOMING AN OFFICER.  
START CLIMBING HIGHER.  
START TAKING ON CHALLENGES.  
**START STRONG.**

There's strong. Then there's Army Strong. As a Soldier, you served proudly. Now, use your experience to earn a college degree and become an Officer. Apply for an Army ROTC scholarship at CSUSB through the Green to Gold Program and take the next step.

To get started, contact Major McBrearty or <http://armyrotc.csusb.edu>.

**ARMY ROTC** **ARMY STRONG.**

Contact Major McBrearty to find out more about the new 9/11 GI Bill Incentives! SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2010. Email: [jmcb@csusb.edu](mailto:jmcb@csusb.edu) or call 909-286-0113.

©2008. Paid for by the United States Army. All rights reserved.

PRE OWNED • CHEVROLET • CADILLAC • CHEVROLET • PREOWNED

# RANCHO MOTOR COMPANY

Serving the High Desert since 1971

MILES

**CERTIFIED DEALER**  
New Military Auto Loan Program!  
Active Duty Military who do not qualify through their bank or credit union.  
*The Miles program can work!*  
Call us or come by today!  
[www.RanchoMotorCo.com](http://www.RanchoMotorCo.com)

**STOP BY AND SEE THE NEW 2010 MODELS**  
View online at [www.RanchoMotorCo.com](http://www.RanchoMotorCo.com)

**AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

15425 DOS PALMAS • VICTORVILLE  
**1-800-395-3278**  
PRE OWNED • CHEVROLET • CADILLAC • CHEVROLET • PRE OWNED



## Strike Zone Bowler Scores 299

# 'Pin wobbles, but won't fall down'

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY JACKIE HOGGINS**

Fort Irwin MWR Marketing  
Marketing Chief

On March 24, an extraordinary thing happened at the bowling center, Strike Zone, which hosts a lunch time "Fun and Fitness" bowling league every Wednesday. A typical Wednesday lunch league turned into a memorable day for bowler Robert "Bobby" Hoerr.

Week Three of the league was underway, and bowlers were preparing for their usual good time. Robert Hoerr was on Lanes 11 and 12.

"After his first game, he had scored a 228. When he started his second game and started throwing strikes, the staff came and got me. I hid in the kitchen and watched the other bowlers stop their games and watch him bowl. In the 8th frame, he hit a beautiful pocket strike, and the facility went crazy, encouraging him and cheering him on," said Sherry Hoerr, Strike Zone manager, who is also Robert's mother.

"Spectators started to notice his score displayed up on the bowling monitor. I had to leave, and I was spying through the crack in the door of the kitchen, shaking like a leaf, tears rolling down my cheeks. I wanted it so badly for him," she added.



**Bobby Hoerr prepares to bowl.**

In the 8th frame, Hoerr threw another strike. Suddenly, in the 9th frame, and the realization of a perfect 300 game within reach, tension showed on Hoerr's face. Robert started to think as he prepared to roll the bowl into the lane.

"This could actually happen!" Robert's mind was saying. "I was trying to relax, I was fixated on my mark to make sure I release the ball properly. My nerves were getting the better of me."

People fixated their attention on Hoerr in Lane 11. Just like the pros, Hoerr was left alone to concentrate. Hoerr set up to make

his final throw, the 16 pound ball had a slight tremor. The crowd watched as the ball rolled down the alley in the 10th frame. First one pin, then another, and another with one pin left standing. One pin remained to rob Hoerr of a perfect game.

"The relief on Bobby's face was clear. Sure he was disappointed to have missed the elusive 300 game, but he knows, a 299 is as close to perfect as you can get," said Sherry Hoerr.

"I am more than pleased with the 299," Bobby Hoerr said. "The only other thing I could have done was be perfect, and I plan to experience the feeling of bowling the perfect game. I will continue to strive for it. I know I have it in me. I have signed up for some scratch tournaments down the hill and plan to compete on a higher level. My mom says it will make me a better bowler. It was a great day!"

The Strike Zone Bowling Center will present Bobby with a Hoodie sweatshirt, with the Strike Zone Logo, and with the words, 'I bowled a 299 at the "Strike Zone" on March 24, 2010.' The bowling center also posts award scores of 250 or better on the masking units over the lanes in which the game was bowled on.

"I have never been prouder to be the manager of the Strike Zone Bowling and Entertainment Center. I look forward to some of our other excellent bowlers to post award scores," said Sherry Hoerr.

For more information about Strike Zone leagues, call 380-5150.



**Bobby Hoerr swings back hard with bowling ball in hand.**



**PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, NA**  
PNC Financial Services Group

**Crystal Cole**

951-694-1527 Voice • 951-490-9826 Direct  
efax# 877-728-2853 • [crystal.cole@pncmortgage.com](mailto:crystal.cole@pncmortgage.com)  
[www.pncmortgage.com/chriscole](http://www.pncmortgage.com/chriscole)  
Serving all Counties

In-house lender for VA, FHA, Conventional, Manufactured, and FNMA Repo home loans.





**THINK BEFORE YOU STRIKE.**



ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES.





**SAVE AN  
INNOCENT  
ANIMALS  
LIFE  
TODAY!**

**Adopt a pet at  
your local pound  
and have a  
friend for life!**





**ONE-STOP SHOP FOR METAL FINISHING**

Embee Incorporated is a trusted longstanding partner in the aerospace industry and has been since 1948. We are a full-service, single-source provider, offering more than 70 metal-finishing, inspection and testing processes. We specialize in Grind - Chrome - Grind for landing gear components.

**APPROVALS**  
Nadcap accredited Chemical Processing & N.D.T.  
AS9100 Certified • FAA Repair Station • ITAR  
- All Major Aerospace OEM Approvals -

Visit our website or call for a quote today - (714) 546-9842  
[WWW.EMBEE.COM](http://WWW.EMBEE.COM)





## Alcohol Awareness Month

# How do I know if I have a problem?

BY VALENCIA R. BARNES

Employee Assistance Program Coordinator  
Army Substance Abuse Program

"I don't have a problem. I can stop drinking when I want to..." How many times have you heard this when talking to someone you believe has an alcohol problem? Many people don't realize they have a problem controlling their drinking. Although family and friends might complain about their alcohol use, most people with problems rationalize their alcohol problem or deny it. Here are common signs and symptoms of alcohol abuse and dependence (alcoholism).

### Common signs and symptoms of alcohol abuse include:

Repeatedly neglecting your responsibilities at home, work, or school because of your drinking.

Using alcohol in situations where it's physically dangerous, such as drinking and driving, operating machinery while intoxicated, or mixing alcohol with prescription medication against doctor's orders.

Experiencing repeated legal problems on account of your drinking. For example, getting arrested for driving under the influence or drunk and disorderly conduct.

Continuing to drink even though your alcohol use is causing problems in your relationships. Getting drunk with your buddies, for example, even though you know your wife will be very upset, or fighting with your family because they dislike how you act when you drink.

### Signs and symptoms of alcoholism (alcohol dependence)

Tolerance means that, over time, you need more and more alcohol to feel the same effects you used to with smaller amounts.

Withdrawal happens when your body gets used to the alcohol and experiences negative symptoms if it's taken away. Alcohol withdrawal symptoms include: Anxiety or jumpiness; shakiness or trembling; sweating; nausea and vomiting; insomnia; depression; irritability; fatigue; loss of appetite; headache.

### Other signs and symptoms of alcoholism (alcohol dependence)

- You've lost control over your drinking.
- You want to quit drinking, but you can't.
- You have given up other activities because of alcohol.
- Alcohol takes up a great deal of your energy and focus.
- You drink even though you know it's causing problems.

**If you or someone you know feels that they might have a problem, please call the Fort Irwin Army Substance Abuse Program at 380-4035/4074 or call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647.**



## Coyote Activity Center Fitness Class Schedule

### Monday, April 12

#### Morning

8:30 Spin/Sandy

9:30 Pilates/Cara

11:45 Step/Tamara \*30 min express

#### Afternoon

12:15 Upper Cuts/Sandy

\* 30 min express

3:00 Yoga/Michell

5:30 Spin & Core/Sandy

\*45 min spin 30 min core

#### Afternoon

12:15 Bottom Line/Robin

\*30 Min Express

3:00 Yoga/Michell

5:30 No Class

6:30 Power Spin/Sandy \*1 hour

*Fitness Class Pass: \$30 Unlimited monthly pass; \$20 10-class punch card; \$3 per single class.*

*Classes during PT hours are FREE!*

### Tuesday, April 13

#### Morning

6:30 Spin/Sandy \* Free Class

8:30 Body Shop/Tamara

9:30 Belly Dancing B/Tamara

11:45 Kickboxing/Sandy

#### Afternoon

5:30 Zumba/Robin

6:30 Yoga/Sandy

### Wednesday, April 14

8:30 Cardio Craze/Tamara

9:30 Belly Dancing C/Tamara

11:45 Cardio craze/ Tamara

\*30 Min Express



*Don't wait until it's too late*

## File your taxes today!

BY STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

News Release

The end of the tax season is quickly approaching. April 15 is the official deadline for filing your 2009 tax return. Your paper return is considered filed-on-time if it is postmarked by the due date. If you do not file your return by the due date, you may have to pay a failure-to-file penalty and interest. If for some reason you cannot file your taxes on time, you can request an automatic six-month extension by completing and filing Form 4868. Keep in mind, however, that even if you are granted an extension-to-file, interest will accrue on any amount you owe the IRS.

Additionally, if you served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area, the deadline for filing your return, paying any tax you may owe, and filing a claim for a refund is automatically extended. The extension is 180 days after the later of:

- 1) The last day you are in a combat zone, or
- 2) The last day you were hospitalized due to an injury you received in a combat zone.

In addition to the 180 days, your deadline is extended by the number of days you would have had left had you not entered the combat zone. This extension also applies to spouses as long as you are filing jointly.

The Fort Irwin Tax Center would like to remind you that our services are only available until April 15. If you are an active duty service member, Reserv-

ist on active duty orders, National guardsman on Title 10 status, military retiree or a dependent of one of these individuals, we would love to prepare your taxes for free! Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday mornings are for appointments only, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service is provided at all other times on a walk-in basis.

When you come, don't forget to bring the following required documents:

- Military Identification (whether in uniform or not)
- Social Security cards for yourself, your spouse, and all dependents
- Employee Identification Number for day care providers, etc.
- Wage and Earning Statements (e.g. W-2, WG, 1099-R)
- Interest and Dividends Statements (Forms 1099)
- Last year's (2008) tax return
- Bank routing numbers/ account numbers for direct deposit of refund
- IRS Power of Attorney (if signing on behalf of spouse)
- Records of alimony payments/receipts, charitable contribution, and child care receipts
- Documents substantiating any tax credits/deductions

For more information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or contact the Fort Irwin Tax Center at 380-3604. We urge you to take advantage of this free service.

Check our new class schedule. We've added many new classes to help you reach your fitness goals. For more information about fitness classes at the Fitness Connection, call Sandy Clark, fitness coordinator, at 380-7242.



# Sikh Soldiers allowed to serve, retain their articles of faith

STORY AND PHOTO BY STEVE ELLIOTT

Army News Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — For the first time in 23 years, the U.S. Army is allowing a pair of Sikh Soldiers to keep their hair and beard intact and wear a turban.

More than 60 years ago, President Harry Truman desegregated the U.S. armed forces, declaring “there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed forces without regard to race, color, religion or national origin.”

But during those same six decades, the Army’s policy and how it was implemented changed from time to time.

From 1948 to 1984, men of the Sikh religion were permitted to serve while maintaining their articles of faith. In 1984, Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., then Chief of Staff of the Army, eliminated the exception for Sikhs and others who wore “conspicuous” items of faith.

Sikhs who were previously serving on active duty were grandfathered in by the Army. Two Sikhs in the medical field, Col. Arjinderpal Singh Sekhon, a doctor, and Col. G.B. Singh, a dentist, continued to serve until their retirements in 2009 and 2007, respectively, according to the Sikh News Network Web site (<http://www.sikhnn.com>).

Capt. (Dr.) Tejdeep Singh Rattan, a dentist, and Capt. (Dr.) Kamaljeet Singh Kalsi, a doctor, were assured by their recruiters at the time of enlistment several years ago that their articles of faith wouldn’t pose a problem. But after completing four years of studies, both men were told to remove their turbans and cut their hair and beards for active duty.

It took action by several Sikh organizations and a letter to Defense Secretary Robert Gates, signed by 43 members of the House of Representatives and six U.S. senators, to change the Army’s mind. A pair of special exceptions to Army Regulation 600-20 were allowed so Rattan and Kalsi could wear their dastaars (turbans) and keep their unshorn hair and beards as part of their uniform, and also retain their other articles of faith.

“Based on a review of these standards and the specific facts of your case, I am granting your appeal to wear a beard, uncut hair and turban in keeping with the tenets of your faith,” wrote Maj. Gen. Gina Farrisee, acting deputy chief of staff for Army personnel, in a Dec. 1 letter to Rattan. “Your beard, uncut hair and turban will be neat and well maintained at all times.”

The Army does allow personnel to request waivers for practices that may conflict with current Army regulations and policies and are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Considerations include the impact on the health, safety and welfare of all Soldiers; and impact on order and discipline of the force. The Army decided in these two cases that the Sikh articles of faith would not affect “unit readiness, individual readiness, unit cohesion, morale, discipline, safety and/or health,” according to Farrisee’s letter.

Rattan completed the nine-week Basic Officer Leadership Course at Camp Bullis,



**Rattan joins his graduating class in singing “The Army Goes Rolling Along” during the Basic Officer Leadership Course graduation ceremony, March 22, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.**

Texas, March 19, and graduated with his class at Fort Sam Houston, March 22. He’ll report to Fort Drum in upstate New York April 12 for an assignment as a dentist. Kalsi, who attended Rattan’s graduation begins the BOLC course in July, after completing an emergency medicine fellowship.

But the story behind Rattan’s journey through the military Health Professions Scholarship Program and into the Army’s corps of officers sheds light on a little-known change in Truman’s promise that has virtually prevented an entire generation of Sikhs from serving in the United States armed forces.

Practicing Sikhs have served in the armed forces since World War I, and the ruling in 1984 which effectively disallowed Sikhs to join was due to alleged health and safety hazard of their turban and uncut hair.

Aided by the Sikh Coalition (<http://www.sikhcoalition.org>), Kalsi and Rattan appealed the Army policy because of religious convictions. They were joined by the Sikh Council on Research and Education, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund and United Sikhs. Thousands of Sikhs and other sympathetic supporters signed petitions on their behalf.

To put their faith into perspective, there are 25 million Sikhs worldwide, making it the fifth largest religion after Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism, and has been in existence for more than 500 years.

“History portrays Sikhs as warrior-saints and I believe that is what Sikhs are. That’s what our life is all about,” said Rattan, who proclaimed, “I am a Sikh warrior!” after he exited the gas chamber during nuclear, biological and chemical phase of his training. “It is what the Holy Book (the Sri Guru Granth Sahib) teaches us.”

“There is a line in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib that translates to ‘Good for all,’ which means that all men are my brothers. If something happens to them, I must go and protect them,” Rattan explained.

“That’s what a lot of the Sikhs did after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. They left their jobs - many were doctors and dentists - and went to ground zero and they helped. But people looked down upon them because they thought they looked like Muslims. That’s something which I am here to remedy, and to educate and to serve.”

Organizations like the Sikh Coalition, which has offices in New York and San Francisco, were founded in response to bias and prejudice against Sikhs in the aftermath of 9/11.

Many Sikhs have been misidentified as Muslim extremists because their dress is similar to those who follow Osama bin Laden, according to the United Sikhs Web site (<http://www.unitedsikhs.org>).

Many Sikhs have been harassed, assaulted, or even killed, said Harsimran Kaur, the Sikh Coalition’s legal director. Sikhism bears no resemblance to fanatical Islamic sects, and Sikhs believe in the equality of all human beings, regardless of gender, religion, race, or social status, she said. Many Muslims have also been victimized in North America and Sikhs strongly denounce any violence or discrimination towards others of different faiths, she added.

“We absolutely applaud the Army’s decision to grant the exceptions. We look forward to the day all Sikhs can serve their country without any exceptions for their articles of faith,” Kaur said. “There have been instances of private and government law enforcement agencies justifying the refusal to hire Sikh applicants because the military didn’t accept them.”

“The exceptions are a step in the right direction. It’s an indication that they are open to Sikhs to serve,” she added. “The impact of this decision is huge. We hope we can turn things around and show that we’re not second-class citizens.”

Sikhs wear the articles of faith to unify and bind them to the beliefs of the religion and to remind them of their commitment to the Gurus at all times, according to the Sikh Coalition Web site.

“Sikhs have served in the Army in World War I and II, in Korea and Vietnam with incredible distinction,” Kaur said. “The articles of faith have never been an issue before. The principles of our religion are democracy and freedom, just like those of the United States.”

Observant Sikhs have a long history of serving in armed forces throughout the world, according to the Sikh News Network Web site. During World War I, Bhagat Singh Thind was the only Sikh Soldier in the U.S. Army to serve in combat duty. More than 80,000 Sikh soldiers died fighting for the Allied Forces during the World Wars. Today, Sikhs serve in the militaries of India, England, Canada, Austria and the United Nations, among others.

“In the recent history of the U.S. Army, there were two Sikh gentlemen - Cols. Sekhon and Singh - who were allowed to serve with their articles of faith, and just retired as full colonels last year,” Rattan said. “These gentlemen were able to achieve some of the highest ranks in the U.S. Army. If they were able to do it for all this long time, I felt I should be able to as well.”

While Rattan was in training, even instructors and classmates who were skeptical at first were won over by his drive and will to do his best.

“As a commander, I knew someone was coming to me with an exception. I was curious how it would fit with the standards of the regulation,” said Capt. John Lopez, commander, Company A, 187th Medical Battalion. “From Day one, Captain Rattan has been an ideal individual. He has spent hundreds of dollars in finding or creating headgear that conforms with his exception.”

“He has done everything in his power to keep within the regulation (AR 160-1), and I sometimes have a hard time getting other Soldiers to follow it,” Lopez said. “Rattan is going leaps and bounds beyond what others have had to do to keep within the regulation. There have been other people here who have had to be counseled or threatened with being removed from the course to get them to comply.”

“Officers should be the standard bearers for the regulation and the Army,” Lopez added.

“Sometimes you get those in the medical field that think they are privileged and think they are above the regulation. But then you get officers like Rattan who try their hardest and go above and beyond. I wish some other Soldiers had the personal pride and willingness to go the extra mile as he does, so those young Soldiers have someone to look up to, rather than have someone they talk about behind their back.”

For more information go to [www.irwin.army.mil](http://www.irwin.army.mil)



ICE, from page 2

pressive, unlike other PCS moves I have made.  
**Agency Response:** Thanked the customer for the feedback via e-mail.

### Commissary

**Customer Comment:** I am just curious if the commissary has a problem with ordering quantities of products that are needed. Every time I go to the store, it never fails that an item or items I need are out of stock. One day, 2-percent fat milk was completely out, provolone cheese slices were out, cottage cheese was out, and a few other items. Today, ground beef was completely out. Also, why does the store keep raising prices of items around pay day? A day before payday, on payday, and a few days after, Coke products are always about a dollar more expensive than when not around payday. I feel like I am getting ripped off. It is not like we live near other grocery stores. We are stuck with shopping on base during the week. **Agency Response:** Management reviewed comment, but a response to the customer was not on file

at publication date.

### MWR Johnny Tsunami's Chinese Express

**Customer Comment:** I would like to comment on the great food this establishment has to offer. I was very happy with the taste of my order and so was my husband. The staff was friendly and the food was ready in no time. Keep up the good work. **Agency Response:** I am glad that you liked the food and that the staff was customer-service oriented. I will definitely pass this kudos to the manager/owner. Once again thank you for using the ICE system, and we look forward to serving you in the future.

### Freedom Fitness Center

**Customer Comment:** I come to use this facility on this post mainly for the fact that the treadmills have a feature that, if I bring my USB stick, I can record my run. Awesome! The bad thing is unlike Fitness Connection

and the Memorial Gym, there are no clean water outlets, like the 5-gallon jugs of clean Sparkletts-brand water at Memorial. Instead, you have to use a spigot, full of spit and dirt to refill your water bottle with. How safe and sanitary is that? How hard would it be to install a few water coolers? **Agency Response:** First let me apologize for any unsanitary conditions you found at Freedom Fitness Center. I can assure you that this will be rectified immediately. The Directorate of Public Works approves the locations for bottled-water dispensing and since Freedom has a water fountain, it is not approved for a bottled-water dispenser. Please know that the water fountain will be cleaned and maintained. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

### Shuttleworth Dental Clinic

**Customer Comment:** Once again Lt. Col. Gregory and his team have provided outstanding service ... a "dental Picasso." **Agency Response:** Thank you so much for using the

ICE system. Your feedback is valuable and very important to us. We are so pleased that you had such a pleasant dental experience.



**CHECK US OUT ONLINE**  
**WWW.USADISCOUNTERS.NET**

**HUGE SELECTION OF FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS  
JEWELRY, TIRES AND RIMS AND MORE!**



**HD/PLASMA TVS**



**STATE OF  
THE ART  
DESKTOPS &  
LAPTOPS**

**THE LATEST IN  
AFTER-MARKET  
CUSTOM WHEELS, RIMS  
AND HI-PERFORMANCE  
TIRES!**



**RIM SIZE  
17" to 26"**

**HUGE  
SELECTION  
OF JEWELRY  
AND  
FURNITURE**



- NO MONEY DOWN\*
- IMMEDIATE DELIVERY
- ALLOTMENTS WELCOME!

**YOUR INCREDIBLE CREDIT STORE®**



You are automatically approved for credit if you are military or civil service.

**1-866-751-7333**

or visit us online at

**WWW.USADISCOUNTERS.NET**



**you can't stop a hurricane.**

**you can't predict an earthquake.**

**you can't control a thunderstorm.**

**but you can be ready.**

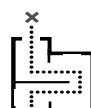
**Visit [www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady](http://www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady)**

**Preparing for a disaster before it strikes is vital.**

Visit us online to learn how you can:



**1. Get a kit**



**2. Make a plan**



**3. Be informed**

Contact your local Red Cross chapter or visit [www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady](http://www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady) for more information about disaster preparedness, emergency preparedness kits and creating a family communication plan.

**Be Red Cross Ready**



**American  
Red Cross**



# QUESTIONNAIRE

*Directorate of Public Works need your help to design, build Fort Irwin Landscape*

MW Services Inc. & DPW are working together to landscape various area's of Fort Irwin. We want to know what YOU want to see. How would YOU like Fort Irwin to look? Please take a few minutes to look at the photos and questions below and choose the concept designs YOU like the most. YOUR input is very important to us! Please send your choices via Email to [youchoosefirwin@yahoo.com](mailto:youchoosefirwin@yahoo.com). Everyone who lives and works at Fort Irwin is encouraged to participate.



SCHEME 'A'  
(corner of South Loop & Inner Loop Road)



SCHEME 'B'  
(corner of South Loop & Inner Loop Road)



SCHEME 'C' (South Loop Road)



SCHEME 'D'  
(corner of South Loop & Inner Loop Road)



R – Princess Plume



S – Red Yucca



WM1 – Burgundy Mist (Walkway Material)



WM2 – Terracotta (Walkway Material)

- Question 1 Which of the proposed landscape schemes is most appealing to you?  
Question 2 Would you like to see more desert trees? (refer to list of vegetation).  
Question 3 Do you like the idea of creating colored bands utilizing different rock types? Yes/No (as reflected in schemes).  
Question 4 Do you like the assorted rock with boulder look? (as reflected in schemes).  
Question 5 Please choose from the list of vegetation and rocks from the photos.  
Which ones from each category are most appealing to you?

*Thank you for your participation, we look forward to enhancing Fort Irwin's beauty. Send your choices to [youchoosefirwin@yahoo.com](mailto:youchoosefirwin@yahoo.com).*

## LEGEND

- Schemes
- Vegetation
- Rocks



A – Bear Grass



B – Beavertail Cactus



C – Bigcone Spruce



D – Bladder Pod



E – Blue Sag



F – California Buckwheat



G – California Lilac



H – Catclaw Acacia



I – Century Plant



J – Desert Agave



M – Tree Cholla



L – Desert Marigold



K – Desert Broom



P – Ocotillo



Q – Our Lords Candle Yucca



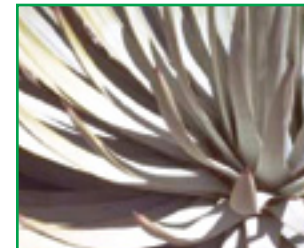
N – Mojave Yucca



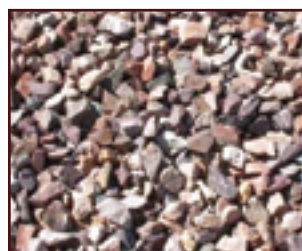
O – Nevada Jointfi



B1 – Quartz Boulder



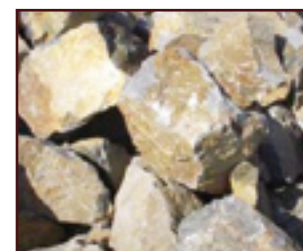
B3 – Surface Select Boulder



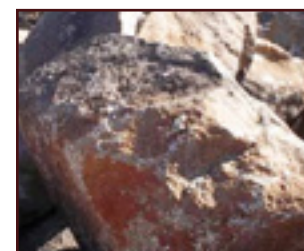
CR1 – Apache Brown (Crushed ROCK)



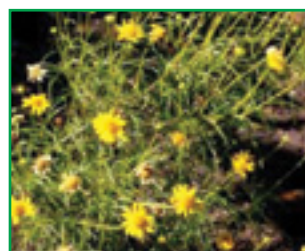
B2 – La Cresta Boulder



CR3 – Plomosa Rosa (Crushed Rock)



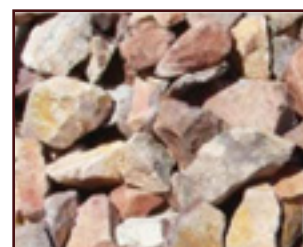
CR4 – Salt River (Crushed Rock)



T – Skeleton Leaf Goldeneye



B4 – Desert Spice Boulder



CR2 – Desert Spice (Crushed Rock)





# IRS tax tips can save Soldiers money, time

BY KELLY SCHLOESSER

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides additional tax refunds for some servicemembers and their families.

Internal Revenue Service spokesman Mark Hanson shared tips, facts and recommendations to help Soldiers and families get the most back on their return as they file from both home stations and overseas.

"Soldiers should pay close attention to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that was passed last year," said Hanson. "[There are] lots of new tax provisions that could impact their returns."

More often called the "stimulus package," the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes a first-time homebuyer

credit, a "making-work pay" credit and a sales-tax deduction for new vehicles.

"If [Soldiers] purchased a new vehicle in 2009 they also may be able to deduct state and local sales and excise taxes they paid on that vehicle," said Hanson.

Additionally, if Soldiers were deployed more than 90 days in 2009, they may be eligible for an extension on the first-time homebuyer credit, Hanson said.

To fully understand tax benefits, Hanson suggested downloading or ordering "Publication 3 — Armed

Forces' Tax Guide," which is available on the IRS Web site at: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf).

"This will give [Soldiers] all the information they need for specific military information that could impact their taxes," Hanson said.

How to file while deployed Hanson recommended that all Soldiers, especially those deployed, use electronic filing.

"It's fast, it's accurate, and more than 70 percent of taxpayers use this method now and many can do it for free," he said.

The IRS e-file is free for anyone that made less than \$57,000 in 2009.

"For Soldiers deployed to combat environments, taxes may not be the first thing on their mind right now," Hanson said. "Soldiers need to know that they can get an extension to file their taxes at least 180 days after they return from deployment."

Hanson also recommends that Soldiers ensure that their combat pay is designated as tax-free income.

## IRS quick tips

- Keep good records — save all receipts of major transactions.
- Download Publication 3 — Armed Forces Tax Guide at [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf).
- When itemizing deductions — uniform cost may be eligible for a tax deduction.
- Look into the American Opportunity credit that is up to \$2,500 in credit for higher education.
- Watch out for an e-mail scam claiming to be from the IRS — the IRS does not send out unsolicited e-mail messages to taxpayers asking for information.

For more information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



C. TODD LOPEZ

**When filing taxes this year, Soldiers should pay special attention to changes in the tax law that can help save them money.**

## Stay up to date - subscribe today!



### Base Newspaper for Fort Irwin NTC

Keep up to date with all that is happening at Fort Irwin NTC by subscribing to the High Desert Warrior. Published every Thursday and delivered to subscribers by U.S. Mail, the High Desert Warrior also contains news and features for our veterans and retired military readers. All for only \$89 per year!

**YES!** Start my subscription to the High Desert Warrior today.  
I have enclosed payment for:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$59 (6 months) \_\_\_\_\_ \$89 (1 year)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ American Express

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To subscribe, simply complete the form to the right, attach your payment, and mail to:

Aerotech News  
Subscriber Services  
456 E. Ave. K-4, Suite 8  
Lancaster, CA 93535  
or call  
661.945.5634

**www.newspaperdirect.com**



"Now your favorite publication can be printed or read from around the world, in hotels, on cruise ships at airports, libraries and more."



# Save money with TRICARE mail order pharmacy

BY TYLER PATTERSON  
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Some say stress can make you sick and having too much to do certainly contributes to stress. If your to-do list overfloweth, consider saving yourself some time and some of your hard-earned cash by filling your prescriptions through TMOP, the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy.

Using the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy is easy, but how to get started depends on whether you're submitting a new or a refill prescription.

To order a new prescription through TMOP, do one of the following:

- Have your doctor call Express Scripts toll-free at (877) 283-3858
- Have your doctor fax your order form and your written prescription to Express Scripts at (877) 895-1900
- Complete an Order Form (print a blank Order Form at
- [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE)) and mail the completed form and your written prescription to:  
Express Scripts, Inc  
PO Box 52150  
Phoenix, AZ 85072

To refill a prescription you already receive through TMOP, do one of the following:

- Order your refill online at
- <http://www.express-scripts.com/members/TRICARE/>
- Order your refill by phone by calling the toll-free number on your prescription bottle
- Complete and mail back the refill form that came with your current prescription

TMOP can fill and deliver prescriptions anywhere in the United States and its territories, including APO/FPO addresses. The prescription is sent to the address of your choice. It could be your office, your home, or anywhere.

Not only is the service convenient, it will save you money. Using TMOP, you can order a 90-day supply of your medication and save up to 66 percent.

Although the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy is a cost-savings over retail, remember that filling prescriptions at a local military clinic pharmacy remains the least expensive option for TRICARE beneficiaries. Additionally, refrigerated medications cannot be ordered through TMOP.

TriWest does not administer the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program; it is administered by Express Scripts, Inc. For more information, contact Express Scripts, Inc. at 1-877-363-1303 or visit [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE).

## CID warns of Internet romance scams

U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND  
News Release

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Special agents from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command are warning the American public to be vigilant of Internet scams and impersonation fraud — especially those promising true love, but only end up breaking hearts and bank accounts.

According to Army agents, CID is receiving frequent reports of various scams involving persons pretending to be U.S. Soldiers, who get romantically involved on the Internet with female victims and prey on their emotions and patriotism.

"We are seeing a number of scams being perpetrated on the internet, especially on social, dating-type websites where females are the main target," explained Chris Grey, Army CID's spokesman.

The criminals are pretending to be U.S. servicemen, routinely serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The perpetrators will often take the true rank and name of a Soldier who is honorably serving his country somewhere in the world, marry that up with some photographs of a Soldier off of the internet, and then build a false identity to begin prowling the internet for victims.

The scams often involve requests for money from the victim to purchase "special laptop computers," international telephones and transportation fees to be used by the "deployed Soldier," so their fictitious relationship can continue. The scams include asking the victim to send money, often thousands of dollars at a time, to a third party address so the phone or laptop can be purchased for the Soldier.

Once hooked, the criminals continue their ruse.

"We've even seen instances where the perpetrators are asking the victims for money to "purchase leave papers" from the Army or help pay for their flight home so they can leave the war zone," said Grey.

**FOUO, from page 1**

FOUO information can be disseminated within DoD components and between officials of Army components and Army contractors, consultants, and grantees, as necessary, in the conduct of official business. FOUO information can also be released to officials in other departments and agencies of the Executive and Judicial Branches in the performance of a valid government function.

Special restrictions can apply to information covered by the Privacy Act. Release of FOUO information to members of Congress is covered

by DODD 5400.4 and to the General Accounting Office by DODD 7650.1.

FOUO documents and material can be transmitted via first class mail, parcel post, or, for bulk shipments, fourth class mail. Electronic transmission of FOUO information by voice, data, facsimile or similar means, should be by approved secure communications systems whenever possible. Documents will be marked "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY," in letters larger than the rest of the text, where practical, at the bottom of

These scams are outright theft and fraud and are a grave misrepresentation of the U.S. Army and the tremendous amount of support programs and mechanisms that exist for Soldiers today, especially those serving overseas, said Grey.

Army CID is warning people to be very suspicious if they begin a relationship on the internet with someone claiming to be an American Soldier and within a matter of weeks, the alleged Soldier is asking for money or marriage.

Many of these cases have a distinct pattern to them, explained Grey. "These are not Soldiers, they are thieves."

The perpetrators often tell the victims that their units do not have telephones or they are not allowed to make calls or they need money to "help keep the Army internet running."

"We've even seen where the crooks said that the Army won't allow the Soldier to access their personal bank accounts or credit cards," said Grey.

All lies, according to CID officials.

"These perpetrators, often from other countries, most notably from Ghana, Angola and Nigeria, are good at what they do and quite familiar with American culture, but the claims about the Army and its regulations are ridiculous," said Grey.

To date there have been no reports to Army CID indicating any U.S. servicemembers have suffered any financial loss as a result of these attacks. Photographs and actual names of servicemembers have been the only thing utilized. On the contrary, the victims have lost thousands.

The U.S. has established numerous task force organizations to deal with this and other growing issues; unfortunately, the personnel committing these scams are utilizing untraceable email addresses on "gmail, yahoo, aol," etc., routing accounts through numerous locations around the world, and utilizing pay-per-hour Internet cyber cafes, which often times maintain no accountability of use. The ability of law enforcement to

identify these perpetrators is limited, so individuals must stay on the alert to protect themselves.

What to look for:

- If you do start an Internet-based relationship with someone, check them out, research what they are telling you with someone who would know, such as a current or former servicemember.
- Be very suspicious if you never get to actually speak with the person on the phone or are told you cannot write or receive letters in the mail. Servicemen and women serving overseas will often have an APO or FPO mailing address. Internet or not, servicemembers always appreciate a letter in the mail.
- Be extremely suspicious if you are asked for money for transportation costs, communication fees or marriage processing and medical fees.
- Many of the negative claims made about the military and the supposed lack of support and services provided to troops overseas are far from reality — check the facts.
- Be very suspicious if you are asked to send money or ship property to a third party or company. Often times the company exists, but has no idea or is not a part of the scam.
- Be aware of common spelling, grammatical or language errors in the emails.

To report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission, call 1 (877) ID-THEFT (438-4338) or contact the FTC online at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft). Or contact the CID at [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil) or the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov/default.aspx](http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx).

the front cover (if there is one), the title page (if there is one), the first page, and the outside of the back cover (if there is one). Pages of the document which contain FOUO information will be marked "FOUO" at the bottom.

Each part of electronically transmitted messages containing FOUO information will be marked appropriately. Unclassified messages containing FOUO information will contain the abbreviation "FOUO" before the beginning of the text.

Any document that contains personal information such as name,

social security number, home phone, cell phone, home address, and other Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act data should have a cover sheet attached to the document.

Reports and investigations of individuals also fall under this category. DD Form 2933 (Privacy Act Data Cover Sheet) should be used for this purpose and placed on top of the documents in file baskets, bookcases, on the desk and when couriering the documents to other locations.

The form is used on all docu-

ments containing personal information. The form reads: "Contents shall not be disclosed, discussed, or shared with individuals unless they have a direct need-to-know in the performance of their official duties. Deliver this/these document(s) directly to the intended recipient. DO NOT DROP OFF with a third-party." Protecting the information of DoD, the Army, Fort Irwin and our community is important and should be taken seriously.

For more information, contact Bob Lucas, 380-4540 or e-mail: [Robert.c.lucas@conus.army.mil](mailto:Robert.c.lucas@conus.army.mil).

For more information go to [www.irwin.army.mil](http://www.irwin.army.mil)





Government per diem accepted.  
Call for special group rates before April 15, 2010.  
Mention code: MAR004

## We're Your Odds-On-Favorite for A Great Meeting Experience.

Whether you're planning a meeting for 30 or a conference for 2,500, Quechan Casino Resort offers over 20,000 sq. ft. of luxurious and elegant banquet and meeting space suited for any private or corporate function in our Pipa Event Center.

While you're here, enjoy beautifully appointed accommodations, fine dining at our signature Ironwood Steakhouse restaurant, a relaxing dip in our resort-style pool or floating through our lazy river in the desert oasis and great entertainment. You'll also find a state-of-the-art casino in one of the largest gaming facilities in the Southwest. And it's all yours in a Las Vegas-style resort that won't break your company's budget.

Conveniently located off I-8 exit 166, just west of Yuma, Arizona. One mile from Algodones, Mexico and minutes from Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. With over 166 luxurious guest rooms, we are ready for your next meeting or banquet. **Call (877) 783-2426** today and let our trained staff take care of all your special occasion needs to create an event everyone will remember.

**QUECHAN**  
CASINO ♦ RESORT

Where Winning is *Everything*.™

PlayQCR.com | (877) 783-2426 | Interstate 8, Exit 166 | 525 Algodones Rd., Winterhaven, CA

Management will reserve the right to modify or cancel any portion of this promotion at any time and without prior notice.

## NEW! FORT IRWIN NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER SPECIFIC [www.fortirwinnews.com](http://www.fortirwinnews.com)

- Local Fort Irwin News & Features
- US Army News
- Searchable Website!
- Updated Daily
- Also contains complete print edition of **High Desert Warrior**, base paper of Ft. Irwin
- View Archived editions of **High Desert Warrior**
- Local, regional and national news
- Local, regional and national advertising

[www.fortirwinnews.com](http://www.fortirwinnews.com)



For advertising opportunities  
online and in **High Desert Warrior**  
**Call 877.247.9288 Today**

News from over a dozen southwest  
U.S. military bases online at  
[www.aerotechnews.com](http://www.aerotechnews.com)



# HIGH DESERT WARRIOR CLASSIFIEDS

## Homes For Sale

**Make Sure Everyone Knows  
You're Selling Your Home.  
Advertise Here. Call  
877-247-9288.  
Aerotech News & Review**

## Homes For Rent

**FIND THE RIGHT RENTER!  
HIGHLIGHT YOUR AD IN  
YELLOW TO GET MORE  
ATTENTION! CALL  
877-247-9288 TO PLACE  
YOUR AD TODAY!  
Aerotech News & Review**

2 hours for rent in Newberry Springs area; newly rehabbed; 3bdrm/2 bath; \$750mo +sec & pet deposit; 2bdrm/2 bath; \$625mo +sec & pet deposit. 619-365-1165

## Apartments For Rent

**FILL YOUR VACANCIES!  
REACH THOUSANDS OF  
READERS! HIGHLIGHT YOUR  
AD IN YELLOW TO GET  
MORE ATTENTION! CALL  
877-247-9288 TO PLACE  
YOUR AD TODAY!  
Aerotech News & Review**

Bonus Rewards!  
Call Now & Save!  
\$475/mo Large 1-Bedroom  
w/Large Kitchen,  
Large Furnished (All Utilities  
Paid) ONLY \$700/mo,  
Large 2-Bedroom w/Large  
Kitchen ONLY \$625/mo.  
No Pets  
Call 760-475-1846

## Rooms For Rent

Be Our Guest.  
Waiting for Housing? Looking  
for Weekly Housing? Need a  
place to stay  
while on TDY?  
Very clean and cozy guest  
house. Utilities; table; internet;  
meals included; laundry service  
provided. 760-792-6725

Victorville Area Furnished Rooms  
w/Private Bath in 5bdrmHome.  
Full House Privileges \$500/mo  
Includes Utilities. 760-955-6999  
Leave Message.

## Roommate Wanted

In New Home on Lake, 10-Min-  
utes from Ft Irwin Rd. \$400/mo.  
760-220-3840.

## Cars & Trucks

1994 Civic (96K Miles) w/JDM  
B16a Engine Swap (Less Than  
100 Miles). Asking \$5000 but  
Negotiable. Text For Info 917-  
692-9947

## Cars & Trucks

**Don't Let it Sit!  
Get it Sold!  
Call 877-247-9288  
to Place your Ad.  
Aerotech News & Review**

## Announcements

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
DEADLINE FOR ALL  
CLASSIFIED ADS IS  
TUESDAYS AT NOON  
FOR THAT WEEK'S  
EDITION!**

## Misc. For Sale

Sheetfed Printing Press. Ryobi  
3200PFA - Works (Needs a Little  
Work). \$1,500. Buyers Pays  
Shipping. Please Call Brian 661-  
949-7293

## Services

**Do You Have an Event Coming  
Up and You Don't Have Any  
Promotional Items to Give  
to Potential Clients? Don't  
Worry I am Here to Help. Call  
or Email Me What You Are  
Looking For and Let Me Find  
You The Best Deals Out There.  
Contact Me at  
661-435-9866 or Larena@  
AdPromosOnline.com.**

## Business Opportunities

**Own A Computer?**  
Put it to work! Up to \$1500-  
\$7500/mo PT/FT, Free Info.  
incomethehealthyway.com

## Garage & Yard Sales

**One Person's Junk is  
Another Person's Treasure!  
You'll be Amazed How Many  
Treasure Hunters will  
Respond When you place  
an Ad in the Paper! Call  
877-247-9288 Today to  
Place your Ad!  
Aerotech News & Review**



**We are currently accepting applications for  
the following position:**

- **Front Desk** (full & part time, hourly)
- **Maintenance** (full time, hourly)
- **Porters** (full & part time, hourly)
- **Housekeepers** (full time & part time weekends)

Walk-in applications or emailed resumes  
accepted for all positions.

Stop by the **Landmark Inn**,  
39 Inner Loop Road, Fort Irwin, CA.  
phone: 760-386-4040  
email: [pcallan@realmgroup.com](mailto:pcallan@realmgroup.com)



## NEW FOR CLASSIFIED ADS

You can now get your  
Paid Classified Ads  
**highlighted in  
Yellow!**

### Homes for Rent

Beautiful and Spacious 2  
Master Bedrooms/2 Baths/2  
Car Garage, 1,100 sq. ft. in  
Gate Community. Appliances  
included. Fenced Yard,  
Community Pool. \$995/mo.

Homes for Rent  
Apartments for Rent  
Employment Opportunities  
Cars & Trucks  
Furniture & Appliances  
Yard Sales  
Services and many more...

For information, call Judy  
toll free 877-247-9288

- Newly Remodeled Units
- Great Specials
- 1 & 2 Bedrooms

- Pool
- Laundry Facility
- Starting at \$550/month

**ALFA APARTMENTS**  
**\$\$ CALL FOR OUR MOVING SPECIAL \$\$**  
**JESSE PEREZ**  
ONSITE MANAGER  
2011 Borrego Drive, Barstow CA 92311  
Phone (760) 252-5731

## Caring for America's Children Since 1917

"We take stock of everything else. Why not take stock of  
our greatest assets, our boys and girls?" - Father Flanagan

Father Edward Flanagan, 1886-1948  
Founder, Boys Town  
[www.boystown.org](http://www.boystown.org)



## MOVING? PCS?

**Purdy Clean Car Wash & Storage**

**Now Renting  
Penske Trucks**

**PENSKE**

## 25% Military Discount

Receive a 25% discount on your next Penske  
household or commercial truck rental in Barstow.  
With this coupon.

Call and reserve your truck today

**760.255.1502**  
**760.255.4545**

2185 West Main St.  
Barstow, CA

Mention Coupon Code 2185



**Quality Manufactured Homes  
at Affordable Prices**  
**Starting at \$600 plus utilities**  
**Including Space Rent...**

**Why Pay Rent? You can own  
your own home for less!**

- Military Families Welcome • Close to Schools & Shopping
- Located only 38 miles from Ft. Irwin
- Sales or Lease Options on 2 Bedroom Manufactured Homes

**No Reasonable Offer Will be Refused**





**Obesity is not an option.**



**Weight-loss surgery is.**

Ask us about Minimally Invasive Weight-Loss Surgery at Lancaster Community Hospital (LCH).

For people struggling with obesity, life can feel out of control. Many have tried to lose weight and failed. And they face the real risks of obesity-related complications like heart disease, stroke, sleep apnea and diabetes. If you are overweight by one hundred pounds or more, weight-loss surgery can help you gain control.

#### Minimally Invasive Laparoscopic Weight-Loss Procedures at LCH

- Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass
- LAP-BAND® Adjustable Gastric Banding System
- Sleeve Gastrectomy



#### Confidential Consultations

John Yadegar, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at UCLA Medical Center and Medical Director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at LCH is available for consultations.

**DIRECT** DOCTORS.PLUS | For more information or to schedule an appointment: 1-800-851-9780  
physician referral service



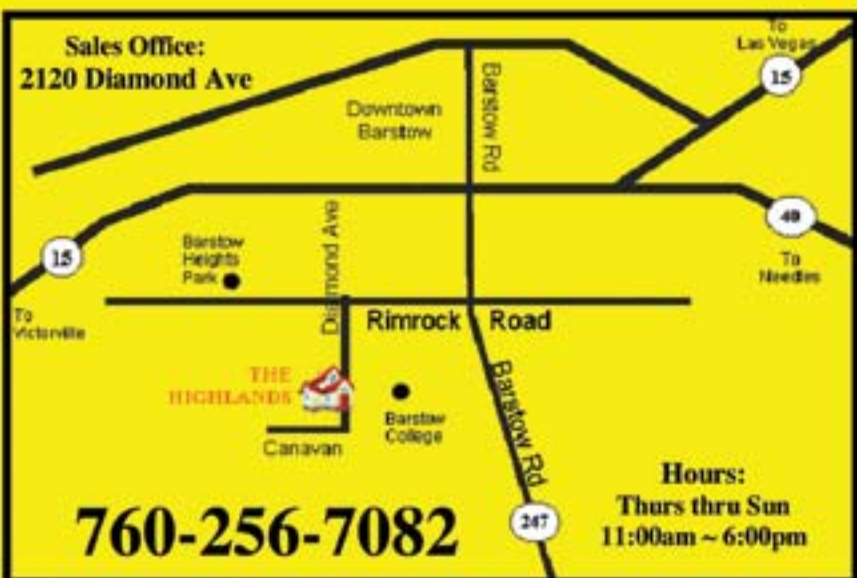
43830 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534  
[www.lancastercommunityhospital.net](http://www.lancastercommunityhospital.net)

Physicians are independent practitioners who are not employees or agents of Lancaster Community Hospital. The hospital shall not be liable for actions or treatments provided by physicians.

**Now You Can Get \$18,000  
When You Buy A New Highlands Home!**

**That's \$10,000 From State Tax Credit & \$8,000 From Federal Tax Credit**

**Don't Wait! Gov't Money Will Go Fast.**



**Federal Tax Credit Ends April 30, 2010**

**VETERAN'S (Active & Non-Active Duty)**

**Move Into Your NEW HOME With**

**NO MONEY DOWN**

**Plus \$18,000 From The Gov't Tax Credits**



Plan 2 ~ 3 Br, 2 Ba, 1,891 sqft



Plan 3 ~ 4 Br, 3 Ba, 2,210 sqft



Plan 5 ~ 6 Br, 3 Ba, 3,049 sqft

Programs are based on income, credit approval, availability & are subject to change. Tax credits are subject to qualification & are not guaranteed.



# HIGH DESERT WARRIOR CLASSIFIED AD POLICIES AND FORM

## FREE ADS

The ONLY personnel eligible to place free ads in the High Desert Warrior are:

• **Active Duty Military and DoD personnel Stationed at Fort Irwin NTC and their dependents, and retired military.**

The ONLY Classified ads that are available as free ads to above listed personnel are:

- Pets - Free To Good Home
- Roommate Wanted
- Lost & Found
- Cars & Trucks (Except RV's)
- Furniture & Appliances
- Misc. For Sale
- Garage & Yard Sales
- Motorcycles
- Misc. Wanted

All other categories are paid.

If you are eligible use the form below:

## FREE CLASSIFIED AD FORM

### AD COPY

One word, phone number, price per space.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20 Words Maximum.Limit 2 Free Ads Per Family, Per Week

Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Aerotech Office Use Only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Duty Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAID ADS

The following categories are paid ads:

- |                          |                         |                            |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Homes For Sale         | • Recreational Vehicles | • Acreage                  |
| • Houses For Rent        | • Work Wanted           | • Income Property          |
| • Apartments For Rent    | • Condos For Sale       | • Farms & Ranches          |
| • Lots                   | • Townhomes             | • Services                 |
| • Hotels & Motels        | • Industrial Properties | • Employment Opportunities |
| • Commercial Rentals     | • Mobiles For Sale      | • Child care               |
| • Loans                  | • Mobiles For Rent      | • Condos For Rent          |
| • Investments            | • Misc. For Rent        |                            |
| • Business Opportunities |                         |                            |

The following ads are also considered paid ads if you do not qualify under FREE ADS Guidelines.

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Pets - Free To Good Home    | • Garage & Yard Sales |
| • Lost & Found                | • Motorcycles         |
| • Cars & Trucks (Except RV's) | • Misc. Wanted        |
| • Furniture & Appliances      | • Roommate Wanted     |
| • Misc. For Sale              | • Rooms For Rent      |

For PAID ADS, use the form below:

## PAID CLASSIFIED AD FORM

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOMES FOR SALE         | <input type="checkbox"/> MOBILES FOR RENT         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOUSES FOR RENT        | <input type="checkbox"/> MISC. FOR RENT           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APTS FOR RENT          | <input type="checkbox"/> ACREAGE                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOTS                   | <input type="checkbox"/> INCOME PROPERTY          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOTELS & MOTELS        | <input type="checkbox"/> FARMS & RANCHES          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL RENTALS     | <input type="checkbox"/> MISC. FOR SALE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOANS                  | <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICES                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INVESTMENTS            | <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES | <input type="checkbox"/> PETS                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION VEHICLES    | <input type="checkbox"/> CARS & TRUCKS            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLES            | <input type="checkbox"/> FURNITURE & APPLIANCES   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WORK WANTED            | <input type="checkbox"/> MISC. WANTED             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOST & FOUND           | <input type="checkbox"/> GARAGE & YARD SALES      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY    | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILD CARE               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOBILES FOR SALE       | <input type="checkbox"/> CONDOS FOR RENT          |

### ALL ADS MUST BE PREPAID

AMOUNTS \_\_\_\_\_

CASH \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### AD COPY

One word, phone number, price per space.

Four lines (\$18.00) minimum. Payment must accompany ad copy

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To this line - \$18.00 (minimum)

To this line - \$22.00

To this line - \$26.00

Each additional line \$4.00

Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Aerotech Office Use Only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Mastercard/American Express # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY NOON FOR THAT THURSDAY'S PAPER**

### To Submit Ads:

Please submit your ads via one of the following methods:

#### BY MAIL:

Paid And Free Ads  
456 E. Ave. K-4, Ste 8  
Lancaster, CA 93535

#### BY FAX:

Paid And Free Ads  
(877) 247-9188

#### BY EMAIL:

Paid And Free Ads  
judy@aerotechnews.com

#### BY PHONE:

Paid Ads Only  
(877) 247-9288



# *Top Ten Online Education* **TO ACHIEVE YOUR MISSION**



## **ACCREDITED DEGREE PROGRAMS AND CERTIFICATES**

**Jones International University's** fully accredited degree and certificate programs help students succeed in their education, their careers and in their lives.

## **A TOP 10 ONLINE UNIVERSITY**

JIU was named one of the top 10 online Universities in the World by *The Best and Worst in Online Degree Programs*.

## **6 REASONS TO CHOOSE A QUALITY JIU EDUCATION**

- Ⓢ **Quality degree programs**—Students choose from Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral Degrees and Certificate programs in education or business.
- Ⓢ **Regionally accredited**—The first fully online institution in the U.S. to receive regional accreditation.
- Ⓢ **98% of students recommend JIU**—Our students' satisfaction is our highest praise.
- Ⓢ **Top-tier faculty**—JIU instructors work in the fields they teach and are experts in online instruction.
- Ⓢ **Classes start monthly**—No need to wait for the semester to start.
- Ⓢ **Online courses designed to accelerate learning**—Courses have been designed, tested and proven to optimize online learning.

**MAP**  
MILITARY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

- ✓ **Up-front tuition assistance through GoArmyEd**
- ✓ **Servicemember Opportunity College**
- ✓ **Army ConAP partner**



**JONES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY®**  
**866.427.1311 • [www.jiumilitary.com](http://www.jiumilitary.com)**