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Community, Police Meet

The Fort Irwin community is invited to attend "Coffee with the Chief" at Starbucks, today, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Everyone is encourage to speak with Chief of Police Jaime Madrigal. This is part of Irwin's Police Department effort to improve communications with the community.

Personal ID Training

Personal Identifiable Information Training, mandatory for all service members, DoD employees, and contractor personnel will take place June 3, July 22, Aug. 5, and Sept. 2 in Bldg. 552, Avenue G, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. For more information, call 380-4540/5337.

Readjustment Counseling Center

The High Desert Veterans Center will hold its grand opening at 15095 Amargosa Road, Suite 107, in Victorville tomorrow/ June 4. This is a Readjustment Counseling Center for all military Veterans who have served in a combat zone. For more information, call 261-5925.

Audie Murphy Club

The Sgt. Audie Murphy Club will hold its monthly meeting at Reggie's on June 9, 12-1 p.m. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Harris, 380-8950 or Sgt. 1st Class Crudup, 380-6428.

Army Birthday Celebration

Everyone is invited to join Fort Irwin as it celebrates the U.S. Army's 235th birthday celebration with a post run and cake-cutting ceremony on June 10. The post run will begin at the post's Multi-purpose Field at 7 a.m. while the cake-cutting ceremony will be held at Dining Facility No. 1, 12 p.m. Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, commanding general, National Training Center and Fort Irwin, will speak at both events. Join the celebration as Fort Irwin's youngest and oldest Soldier will cut the birthday cake.

Youth Sports Camps

Sign up now for Youth Sports Summer Camps. For more information, call 380-7044. Youth must be registered with Parent Central to participate.

Radio Broadcast Streaming

Public Affairs Office is streaming radio broadcast on KNTC 88.3FM. The link can be accessed at the Fort Irwin home Web page. Listeners can click on the KNTC logo, located at the top right of the home page, which will open the media player and play the broadcast. If anyone has questions about the stream, call 380-3450. KNTC broadcasts live: Mondays to Fridays, 6-9 a.m. and is on automated broadcast the rest of the day and night.

Honoring Warriors of the past, present



CHICPAUL BECERRA

Soldiers from Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, fires first of three volleys of fire during 21-gun salute at Memorial Day Ceremony at Desert View Memorial Park in Victorville, Monday. See more photos on pages 12-13.

Winning hearts, minds

Community Oriented Policing is focus of post law enforcement

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GUSTAVO BAHENA
Warrior Staff Writer

We've all seen it on the nightly news: Interviews of citizens disgruntled with the police, and they usually seem to originate in large, urban areas such as our neighbor down the hill – Los Angeles.

The reality is that small towns, including our own Fort Irwin, are not immune to this type of complaint. By all accounts, Fort Irwin is a safe installation. One characteristic of safe communities is usually a strong neighborhood watch program involving police from local precincts.

At Fort Irwin, the police department is determined to strengthen the relationship between residents and police. This is according to Lt. David Byrnes, operations officer, Fort Irwin Police, who has taken a lead in a new initiative called Community Oriented Policing or COP.

Byrnes described the program as an outreach program between the police and community that strives to improve communications between both.

With improved communications, residents can begin to feel they can approach the police and not be apprehensive, Byrnes said.

"[Residents] are our eyes on the streets,

so we think it's vitally important to have that outreach and have that channel to be able to communicate with them," Byrnes said.

Byrnes has begun the outreach process by attending mayor meetings and informing residential leaders that he is a liaison for the police department. However, it is critical that the community understand that he is not the sole point of contact for questions or concern.

"We don't want [the public] to feel they only have one contact in the department," Byrnes said. "We want them to feel that every officer is a contact. Every officer is going to have a role in _____ **See Hearts, page 8**

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JUNE-JULY 2010						
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Garrison Commander Hot Topics



While out and about on Fort Irwin, I have the opportunity to gain situational awareness about many topics affecting life on Fort Irwin. Your feedback comes in a variety of

topics, ranging from your input via the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) Program, to the monthly Community Service Councils, other "Town Hall" type venues, or just through being out and about as a resident of Fort Irwin. The purpose of this column is to address various topics that impact the Soldiers, families, and civilians who make up the Fort Irwin community. This week's focus is on Protecting the Community.

The community of Fort Irwin is an exceptionally safe place to live and work, and our security is one of many characteristics that make Fort Irwin a World Class place to Train, Serve, Live, Deploy From, and Raise a Family. Our on-the-installation crime and accident rates are miniscule compared to any military installation of like size and almost nonexistent when compared to off-post towns and cities. Our success is attributable to many factors, not the least of which is professional public safety and health officials along with engaged military and community leaders.

However, the single key ingredient to ensuring a safe community is you, the people who

live and work at Fort Irwin, and there are two critical areas that require your attention in order to maintain a safe, thriving community.

First, who is residing on the installation? One advantage of being located in the High Desert, the Mojave Desert, with only one entrance and exit is the ability to monitor who is on the installation for what purpose. Recent trends indicate that we have individuals residing on the installation who should not be living in our community. These are individuals who the Soldiers and, or families of Fort Irwin have sponsored onto the installation and allowed them to live either in housing or the barracks.

However, the rules associated with living on Fort Irwin are simple and clear. The only individuals authorized to reside on Fort Irwin are military personnel assigned or attached to Fort Irwin and their authorized dependents as listed in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Requirements System (DEERS). Everyone else requires an approved exception to policy to reside on Fort Irwin.

Unfortunately, we have had a small number of incidents during the last year where Soldiers and families have allowed distant relatives, extended family members, friends, or acquaintances to reside on Fort Irwin, and the individuals were involved in criminal activity either on or off the installation.

The installation policy concerning who may reside on Fort Irwin is on-line and can be found at http://www.irwin.army.mil/cmd_staff/

USAG/USAG_PL/Pages/default.aspx . The standard procedure for requesting an exception to the policy may be found at http://www.irwin.army.mil/cmd_staff/USAG/SOPs/Pages/default.aspx .

Second, where are your children? One of the great characteristics of our community is that, if parents exercise reasonable prudence, our children can play outdoors without fear of criminal activity or serious accident along with a large number of routinely scheduled child and youth activities that are sponsored by multiple organizations on the installation.

However, that does not mean that we have the ability to abdicate parental responsibility concerning where our children are and what they are doing. Recently, a number of incidents have occurred on the installation attributable in part to lack of parental supervision. Again, the rules regarding child supervision to include the post curfew hours are clear and are available on-line at http://www.irwin.army.mil/cmd_staff/USAG/USAG_PL/Pages/default.aspx.

As residents of Fort Irwin, we all have a stake in Protecting our Community and following the basic rules noted above will go a long way in ensuring our community remains a safe and secure place to live throughout the summer and into the future.

Regards,
Col Jim Chevallier
Garrison Commander

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ICE Year-To-Date Report Jan. 10, 2010–May 23, 2010

Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
916th Support Brigade	9	●	44
AAFES	157	●	31
Commissary	47	●	47
Fort Irwin Garrison	3989	●	90
Veterinary Services	62	●	82
DENTAC	367	●	96
MEDDAC	474	●	80

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Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
916th Support Brigade	1	●	0
AAFES	14	●	43
Commissary	5	●	60
Fort Irwin Garrison	496	●	91
Veterinary Services	1	●	0
DENTAC	25	●	100
MEDDAC	63	●	78

Fort Irwin Garrison Organizations

Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
Fort Irwin Garrison	538	●	91
Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation	116	●	86
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	1	●	100

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

See ICE, page 18

Weapons Qualification

(RIGHT) A Soldier with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and a Range Safety NCO, count up his targets to verify the shooter's score during an M4 qualification range at Fort Irwin, Calif. May 13.

(BELOW) Soldiers from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment take aim at targets during an M4 carbine weapon qualification range on Fort Irwin, Calif., May 13.



PHOTOS BY SGT. GIANCARLO CASEM

Soldiers try out for post's Army 10-Miler Team

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ
NTC/Fort Irwin Public Affairs NCO

Before sunrise, on an unseasonably cold blustery morning, 29 dedicated Soldiers gathered together at the Coyote Activity Center to register and participate in the Fort Irwin Army 10 Miler Team Tryouts.

With gusts of 32 miles per hour, these Soldiers run-times were already handicapped by running the last five miles of the course with a vicious head-wind. Sgt. 1st Class (P) Catherine Harris, team captain and member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1916th Support Battalion, says, "A lot of people are apprehensive about running ten miles, but they surprise themselves when they come out here and actually try."

Of the runners trying out, the top eight will be tasked officially to train for the upcoming 26th Army 10 Miler marathon, held yearly in Washington D.C. to open for the AUSA conference. Final selection is in October, where the top six runners will participate. Selling out faster and faster each year, the 26th Anniversary Army 10 Miler is open to everyone and has become so popular that all branches of the military and people come from around the world to compete. In true marathon fashion, this year's registration for the event sold out in only 36 hours despite increasing the number of entries by five thousand to 30,000.

A "runners high" isn't the only reason to feel good about participating in the Army 10 Miler because certain proceeds go to help AUSA and Fisher House. Further, as Sgt. 1st Class Harris observes, "The whole Fort Irwin community has come together to help the team, from MWR sponsoring travel, registration fees, and providing a pasta dinner, AUSA financing uniforms, and a collaboration between AUSA, BOSS, and MWR putting up a Fort Irwin 'HOOAH Tent'" (A 'HOOAH Tent' showcases and exhibits bragging rights particular to each installation, invariably drawing a 'HOOAH' from those who

experience it!). This also marks the first year that MWR sends a representative to D.C. to provide logistical "Team Manager"-type functions and support.

Results of the tryouts follow:

MALE TEAM

Sgt Johnson, Robert	Hht, Rss	1:08:15
Ltc Quinter, Ronald	Micc	1:10:24
Cpt Lashley, Paul	Ops Grp	1:10:27
Spc Cline, Johnnie	E 2/11Th	1:13:58
Sfc Scorpio, Jason	Ops Grp	1:10:27
Maj Graf, Emil	Meddac	1:15:25
Spc Sanders, Michael	A 1/11Th	1:15:15

Female Team

Sfc Harris, Catherine	Hhc 1916Th	1:25:25
Spc Moreno, Cristina	Hht, Rss	1:36:44
Sgt Saleh, Ikram	Hht, Rss	1:36:44
Sgt Sinti, Marjut	Hht, Rss	1:36:54
Spc Santos, Yolanda	Meddac	1:41:00
Pvt Mejia, Paola	Mcc	1:42:33
Spc Elisani, Madegram	Ops Grp	1:56:10



Fort Irwin 10 miler team captain Sgt. 1st Class (P) Catherine Harris enjoys the crisp morning weather as she waits for the runners final times.



Maj. Scott Miller of the Operations group had the best time of the day running the 10 miles in 1 hour 7 minutes and 13 seconds however, Fort Irwin will be losing him due to a PCS prior to the actual Army 10 miler race.



Sgt. Ikram Saleh (R) and Spc. Cristina Moreno (L), both of HHT, RSS qualified for the woman's 10 miler team with a time of 1:36:44.

Crime Watch

Information provided by Provost Marshal Office

Fight in progress/verbal argument. Location: Bldg. ####. Police responded to the report of a fight at the basketball court.

Possible child pornography. Location: Desert Winds housing. Residents were preparing to move and found a camera SIM card, belonging to a former house guest. Upon viewing the SIM card, suspected child pornography was discovered. Police were notified.

CHP assist (found munitions). Location: North bound I-15, north of Oak Hills Road. Fort Irwin Police were notified that California Highway Patrol had found munitions in the trunk of a subject's vehicle. Munitions were recovered by Fort Irwin Police.

Gas leak. Location: Anzio St.. Fort Irwin Fire Department responded to the report of a gas leak.

Fuel spill. Location: Main Gate. Fort Irwin Fire HAZMAT responded to the report of a fuel spill.

Wind damage. Location: Post Exchange parking lot. Wind blew a shopping cart into the side of a parked vehicle.

Traffic collision. Location: Sanitary Rd. A vehicle backed up and struck another vehicle, causing minor damage.

Child pornography. Location: Bldg. ####. A Soldier borrowed a computer, belonging to another Soldier, and found suspected child pornography on the computer.

Larceny of private property. Location: Bldg. ####. A bag containing several items was stolen from a locked locker.

Industrial accident. Location: Landfill. A forklift struck the front of a stopped vehicle.

Drug paraphernalia. Location: Bldg. ####. Police stopped a vehicle and found drug paraphernalia.

Traffic collision. Location: Parking lot of Bldg. ####. A driver struck a parked vehicle.

Adopt-a-pet



Name: Morgan

Breed:

Domestic Medium Hair

Gender: Female

Age: Approx. -year-old

Morgan 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

News Briefs

Civilian Job Openings

The Fort Irwin Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) has been piloting a new software program and because of this, some Fort Irwin job vacancy announcements are ONLY posted on www.usajobs.gov and not on the CPOL Web site. CPAC is using USAJOBS to announce the following types of positions: 0203-Human Resources Assistance, 0346-Logistics Management, 0301-Miscellaneous Administration and Program Series, 0560-Budget Analysis, 0671-Health System Specialists, 0679 Medical Support Assistance, 2005 Supply Clerical and Technician Series, and 2210 Information Technology Management. CPAC currently has several announcements on the USA Jobs website. These announcements can be located by searching by title and/or by searching Fort Irwin or San Bernardino County as the locations. For more information, contact Brian Bennett at brian.j.bennett1@us.army.mil. Share the news on using USAJOBS.



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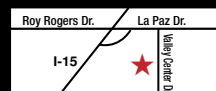
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CATHOLIC

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

PROTESTANT

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

GOSPEL

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

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sacrament Meeting	Sunday, 1 pm.	Blackhorse Chapel
Sunday School	Sunday, 2:15 p.m.	Center Chapel
Priesthood/RSE	Sunday, 3:10 p.m.	CFLC/Bldg 317

MUSLIM

Prayer	Friday, 12 p.m.	Bldg 317
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JEWISH

Jewish Service	Friday, 6 p.m.	Black Horse Chapel
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CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

AWANA		
(3 yrs.-6th grade)	Wednesday, 4 p.m.	Center Chapel
HS Bible Study	Wednesday, 6 p.m.	Bldg 320
MOPS	2nd and 4th Wed, 9 a.m.	Center Chapel
<i>Note: For more information on chapel activities, contact the Center Chapel staff at 380-3562 or the Blackhorse Chapel staff at 380-4088.</i>		

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
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Rhythm and Blues

Reggie's will host an old School R&B Extravaganza, tomorrow, 9 p.m.-midnight. Listen to old school hits like Vanilla ice, Dr Dre, and Snoop Dog D.J. Willy will be mixing the greatest oldest hits.

Weight Watchers

Weekly meetings are on Thursdays, at 12 noon, Bldg. 317 (2nd Street and Avenue E). Sign-up 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.



Land Sailing Adventure

Join Outdoor Recreation on a Land Sailing Adventure at China Lake. Cost is \$17.50 per person. Transportation and land sailing equipment is included. The trip will leave Bldg. 976, 1:30 p.m., June 10. Participants must wear closed toe shoes, long pants, and sunglasses for sun protection. Bring water/sports drink and a sack lunch or money for food. Registration for the event ends June 3. For more information, call 380-4327.

College Graduation Ceremony

Fort Irwin Army Education Center will hold its 14th Annual Consolidated College Graduation Ceremony at the Main Post Chapel, 6-7 p.m., June 10. A reception will follow at Sandy Basin Community Center. The graduation will honor graduates from the on-post colleges: Barstow Community College, Park University, and Webster University. Family and friends of the graduates will be in attendance.

Santa Monica Trip

EDGE! Program will host a trip to Santa Monica Pier on June 11. Bus will leave at 6:15 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. Enjoy Pacific Park, the Aquarium and the Beach. The cost is only \$30 (includes admission fees and one meal voucher). The trip is Open to Child, Youth, and School Services' registered youth in Grades 6-12. Register at the Parent Central, Bldg. 1323. Registration closes 1 June. Call 380-5816 for more information or the EDGE! Web site at www.fortirwinfmwr.com.

Rock Climbing

Outdoor Recreation is offering a Rock Climbing/Bouldering trip at Joshua Tree National Park, July 31. The cost is \$11 for transportation and \$25 (in cash, the day of the trip) for Rock Climbing. The tour will leave Bldg. 976 at 6:30 p.m. The minimum age for participation is eight-years-old. Bring plenty of water/sports drinks and a sack lunch and snacks. Dress in layers appropriate for weather, wear sunscreen and bring a camera. Registration deadline is July 23. For more information, call 380-4327.

For more information go to www.irwin.army.mil

Car Design Competition

Military and Army civilian employees are invited to a car design competition. For more information, rules and guidelines, go to Battle of the Builds Web site <http://battleofthebuilds.com/> or call 380-9275. Win bragging rights for Fort Irwin and do the installation proud.

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At the Movies

Thursday, June 3

7 p.m. Closed

Friday, June 4

7 p.m. Oceans (PG)

7 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)

9:30 p.m. Death at a Funeral (R)

9:30 p.m. Kick-Ass (R)

Saturday, June 5

7 p.m. Oceans (PG)

7 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)

9:30 p.m. Death at a Funeral (R)

9:30 p.m. Kick-Ass (R)

Sunday, June 6

4 p.m. Oceans (PG)

7 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)

7 p.m. Kick-Ass (R)

Monday, June 7

7 p.m. Oceans (PG)

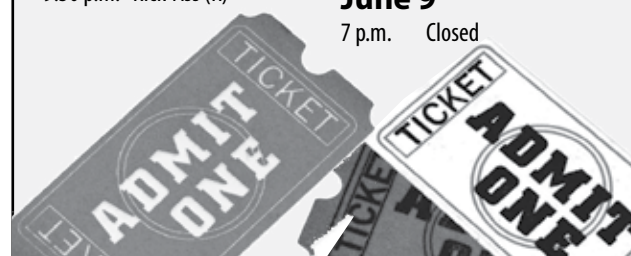
7 p.m. Death at a Funeral (R)

Tuesday, June 8

7 p.m. Closed

Wednesday, June 9

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.

Naturalist Religious Group

A small group of earth-based naturalists, at Fort Irwin, are seeking out their sisters and brothers for mutual encouragement and empathetic fellowship. The intent is to see if there is interest enough to establish a recognized group, schedule ritual and celebrations at cross quarters, high days, and other significant seasons. We would also be actively involved in supporting our deployed kindred. Anyone interested, contact Bruce O'Dell, 694-3627 or e-mail him at NatureNTC@gmail.com.

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., June 14, and July 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.

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EDGE! For Children

Check out June classes at www.fortirwinfmwr.com and program descriptions. Read Santa Monica Pier trip Information and let your children know what is available for them at the end of the school year. Register your children now for fun EDGE! programs. For more information about EDGE! programs, contact Angela Austin, MWR partnership specialist, Child Youth and School Services at 267-5067

Youth and School Activities

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Teen Center:

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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

Fort Irwin Community Calendar

Fri., Jun. 4
Old School R&B
Extravaganza

9 p.m.-12 a.m.
Reggie's
380-6717

Sat., Jun. 5

Party on the Patio
8 p.m.
Shockwave
380-8646

Thu., Jun. 10

Land Sailing Adventure
1:30 p.m.
China Lake
Bldg. 976, 380-4327

Thu., Jun. 10

GSAB/HHD-FRG
Meeting
6 p.m.

The Forum, Bldg. 1200
Ms. Hunter, 380-7781

Fri., Jun. 11

EDGE Trip to Santa
Monica Pier
6:15 a.m.-7 p.m.
Teen Center, Bldg. 1313
380-5816

Fri., Jun. 18

White Water Rafting Trip
4:30 a.m.
Tickets & Tours, Bldg. 976
Outdoor Recreation
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Sat., Jul. 31

Rock Climbing/
Bouldering Trip
6:30 a.m.
Joshua Tree National Park
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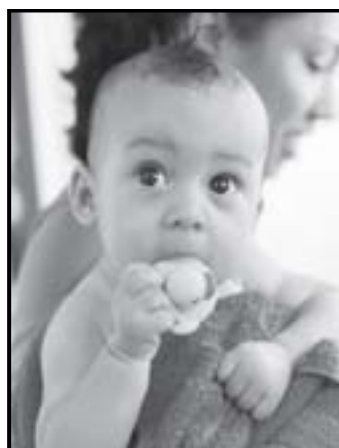
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it. It's a little more than just being a representative of the department; I call it being an ambassador of goodwill."

During a recent briefing, Byrnes spoke to officers before they went out on their beat that May afternoon. His goal is for officers to conduct foot patrols in high traffic areas such as the Post Exchange and in residential areas. He believes that officers are public figures and have a responsibility to the community beside that of fighting crime. Officers should be speaking with residents and children, said Byrnes.

Byrnes thinks it's especially important to reach out to kids to foster a positive attitude about police and their role. During the briefing, he gave the officers several badge stickers to be handed out to children whom they might encounter on their foot patrols.

"What we want to see is a squad car rolling down the street and the kids flock the car," Byrnes said. "[Kids] shouldn't see a squad car drive down the street and then they turn and walk the other way."

Byrnes envisions police and residents having built up a rapport that allows each other to interact.

"They should engage us in conversation and we should be engaging them as well," Byrnes said.

Another proactive approach the police department will be trying is inviting the public to meet with Chief of Police Jaime Madrigal. The meeting, "Coffee with the Chief," is scheduled to be held at Starbucks on June 10 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.



Military policemen, Spc. David Driggers and Spc. Bladimir Rodriguez, interact with Cameron Sinclair, 6, during a foot patrol of a Fort Irwin residential area, May 13. Law enforcement officers at Fort Irwin are conducting a proactive approach to policing called Community Oriented Policing.

(BELOW) Lt. David Byrnes, operations officer with Fort Irwin Police, gives Tyler Gruchacz, 2, a police-badge sticker during a foot patrol at Fort Irwin, May 13.



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Fort Irwin American Red Cross Station Fundraiser

BY HEATHER ADAMS

Publicity Chairwoman, Fort Irwin Red Cross Station

The weekend of April 30 the Fort Irwin American Red Cross Station hosted a fundraiser at the Rotational Unit Billeting Area (RUBA) selling bratwurst meals to the rotational unit Soldiers. The Red Cross Station thanks all those who came out for the fundraiser and gave a donation. The funds raised will be used for the upcoming Red Cross Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on June 29.



Some Rotation Soldiers enjoying a delicious Red Cross cooked meal.

Lewis Elementary students make generous donation to American Red Cross Haiti Fund

BY SUE JONES

Publicity Co-Chairwoman
Fort Irwin American Red Cross Station

The Lewis Elementary School at Fort Irwin, which includes grades kindergarten through second, joined many organizations across the country by reaching out to victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The students held a fundraiser and presented the Fort Irwin Red Cross Station with a check for \$867.50 to help

with the American Red Cross' relief efforts. As a way of saying thank you the Red Cross Station recently visited Lewis Elementary and passed out popsicles to all the students.

Parent and substitute teacher, Ms. Genny Collins, with the support of the PTA and Principal Patti Baer, coordinated the fundraiser. The children were asked to raid their and their parents change jars and bring to the school whatever coins they could donate towards the relief ef-

forts of the Haiti disaster. The coins were gathered and with the generous help of parents and volunteers the coins were put into counted and put into rolls.

"All of us at the Fort Irwin Red Cross Station are thankful to the students, faculty, staff and parents of Lewis Elementary School for their generous donation," says Stephanie Luce, Red Cross Station Manager. "The school is helping the victims in Haiti while teaching students the value of charitable giving."

Fort Irwin Red Cross Station to offer Coping with Deployments course In July

BY HEATHER ADAMS

Publicity Chairwoman, Fort Irwin Red Cross Station

In this day in age deployments, and typically multiple deployments, have become a fact of life for our service members and their families. Deployments are not easy, and many family members would attest it is the most difficult circumstance they have been approached with in life. Realizing the many stresses and strains that deployments bring, the American Red Cross worked alongside subject-matter experts from all service branches to develop a course titled Coping with Deployments to assist the military family through this difficult time. The Fort

Irwin Red Cross Station will offer this course on July 14 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. to registered participants.

The course will provide useful information on how to strengthen your ability to successfully respond to the challenges you may encounter throughout the deployment cycle and will explain how to assist others who are dealing with the same challenges. This course is available to the family members of Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard service members, including spouses, older children, parents, siblings and significant others, as well as to military members who take it with their family. Veterans and their family members are also welcome.

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Military and Civilian Spouses Club

Organization remains committed to supporting spouses, community

STORY AND PHOTOS BY

GUSTAVO BAHENA

Warrior Staff Writer

They have been known for putting on a great chili cook-off event, year after year. They have been known for providing scholarships. And for years, they were known as the Officers and Civilians Spouses Club or OCSC. Now the club has a new name, a new logo, and a new president. The club is now called the Military and Civilian Spouses Club and their new leader is Michelle Garnica.

Garnica was inducted as president, along with other club officers, May 24 at a luncheon featuring an "Aloha" theme. The club is dedicated to giving back to the Fort Irwin community, Garnica said. They do so by providing welfare grants, scholarships, volunteer hours and by helping enrich the lives of spouses who are stationed at this installation. Spouses are encouraged to join the club that offers great social benefits, said Garnica.

"This is your club, and we hope that you get involved, and we encourage new ideas,"

Garnica said at the luncheon. "We would love everybody to just get involved."

The club is able to provide grants and scholarships from fundraising it conducts throughout the year. Fundraising events include a chili cook-off, a wreath and tree auction, and a Mardi Gras event. The group also redistributes the revenue it acquires from the Fort Irwin Thrift Store. In the past two years, the Thrift Store provided \$45,000 in funds for the club to use in the causes it supports.

The club is a venue for spouses who would like to socialize while performing activities that involve recreation, entertainment, volunteerism, and community service. The club is open to spouses of all military and civilian personnel of Fort Irwin. The next sign-up opportunity will occur during the MCSC Super Sign-up event at Sandy Basin Community Center, Aug 26. For more information visit www.mcscfirwin.org or send an email to mcscfirwin@yahoo.com.

See Club, page 11



The new Military and Civilian Spouses Club officers are, left to right, Michelle Garnica, president; Shannon Chalfont, recording secretary; Suzanne Buchanan, corresponding secretary; Christy Quinter, second vice president; Elena Dunlap, first vice president, and; Paige Coulson, treasurer.

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Pacific Island-themed dancers perform for the Military and Civilian Spouses Club "Aloha" luncheon held May 13.



Christy Quinter, second vice president, Military and Civilian Spouses Club, hands Paige Coulson her prize from an opportunity drawing during the MCSC "Aloha" luncheon held at Sandy Basin Community Center, May 13.

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Mary Duarte, Petra Casas, Angie Acosta, Ramona Griego, and Evelyn Rodriguez display the wreath they placed at memorial stone during a ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery, May 31. The ladies from American Legion Auxiliary Post 324 in Barstow assisted with placing 1,163 American flags on all veteran gravestones at the cemetery.



Angelica Rodriguez, Miss Barstow 2010, and part of her court, prepares to lay a wreath during Memorial Day ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery in Barstow.



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A ceremonial rifle team from the 1916th Support Battalion stands at parade rest during Memorial Day ceremony in Yermo, Calif.

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY GUSTAVO BAHENA

Warrior Staff Writer

"Today ... taps will play and bells will ring to honor who died, so we can live in freedom."

Those words were spoken by Fort Irwin and National Guard Center commander, Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams during Memorial Day ceremony in Barstow's Mountain View Cemetery. The commanding general led the way in the support of this installation provided to several ceremonies in High Desert communities this past Monday.

The atmosphere at Mountain View was that of reverence and patriotism. Putting in perspective the magnitude of the occasion, Abrams spoke to an audience gathered near a



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idents give tribute to veterans buried

ment dedicated to those who died in combat. He talked about the meaning of the sacrifices by those who died while serving.

"For those of us who have served, Memorial Day evokes a full range of emotions," Abrams said. "Today we remember our friends, and they were friends whether you knew them or not, because they died hoping that you would come home. They died knowing that by doing so they would at least give some of you a chance to raise families, have a career, and carry on our freedoms."

Abrams said that while we should share in the grief felt by families who have lost loved ones, we should also celebrate the deceased for their valor.

"While we mourn the loss and hurt felt by the families of our brave men and women lost while defending our freedoms, we should rejoice in the courage that beat in the heart of those patriots," Abrams

said. "We should rejoice in the steel in their spines and rejoice in the selfless actions of those brave men and women who thought themselves ordinary but rose to meet seemingly impossible expectations, so that you and I could keep hope and freedom alive not just in our country but across the world."

Evangelyn Acosta, secretary for American Legion Auxiliary Post 324 in Barstow, helped organize the effort to place 1,163 American flags on all veteran gravestones at Mountain View. She said the ceremony was significant for informing young people about veterans and the sacrifices made during times of war, including the current wars.

"I think we need to remember what these men did, the sacrifices they made for us, even if they didn't die in war, they were over there," Acosta said. "Only God knows what they went through."



Some of the 1,613 flags adorn gravestones of veterans at Mountain View Cemetery this past Memorial Day.



(LEFT) A representative of Disabled American Veterans in Barstow walks an American flag at the commencement of the Memorial Day ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery in Barstow, Calif.



(LEFT) A rifle team from Fort Irwin and the National Training Center provides the 21-gun salute during the Memorial Day ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery in Barstow, Calif.

Fort Irwin and National Training Center commander, Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, speaks at the Memorial Day ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery.



(BELOW) A Soldier from Fort Irwin and the National Training Center provide bugle support at ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery in Barstow, Calif.



Patriotic Barstow residents line front row during a Memorial Day ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery.

Coyote Activity Center

Get Fit Fort Irwin Aerobathon

BY SANDY CLARK

Coyote Activity Center Fitness Coordinator

On May 11, the Coyote Activity Center fitness program hosted the "Get Fit Fort Irwin" Aerobathon. The room was jammed pack with fitness enthusiasts pushing themselves through two and a half hours of exercise classes.

More than 30 guests participated in five different classes. Tamara Beach started out the evening with a 30-minute step class, followed by cycling with Sandy Clark, Zumba with Robin Horsley, Turbo Kick with Ryndee Root and Yoga with Robin Horsley. This gave them a sampling of some of the classes offered at the CAC while testing them both mentally and physically.

The evening wrapped up with healthy snacks, prizes, and a performance by Tamara Beach's belly dancing class. They performed two dances, and afterwards, invited the crowd to join in for a freestyle dance.

The fitness team at the CAC is committed to helping Fort Irwin achieve their fitness goals. The girls want to make fitness fun and effective for everyone. The CAC offers a wide variety of classes that will fit any fitness level. If you have any questions about the fitness classes, contact Sandy Clark at getfitfortirwin@yahoo.com or 380-7240.

Fitness Class Schedule

Thursday, June 3

Morning

6:30 No Class
8:30 Body Shop/Sandy
11:45 Cycling/Sandy

Afternoon

5:30 Xtreme Fitness/Robin Sandy Ryndee

Friday, June 4

Morning

8:30 Step/Ryndee
11:45 Boot Camp/Sandy

Afternoon

3:00 Yoga/Michell

Monday, June 7

Morning

8:30 Turbo Kick/Ryndee

Afternoon

12:00 Dance Fusion/Robin
3:00 Yoga/Michell
5:30 Cycling /Ryndee
6:30 Body Shop/Sandy

Tuesday, June 8

Morning

6:30 Spin/Sandy * Free Class
8:30 Body Shop/Ryndee
12:00 Step/Sandy

Afternoon

5:30 Dance Fusion/Disco Night/Robin
6:30 Yoga/Robin

Wednesday, June 9

Morning

8:30 Cycling/Sandy

Afternoon

12:00 Pilates/Robin
3:00 Yoga/Michell
5:30 Cycling & Core/Sandy
6:30 Turbo Kick/Ryndee



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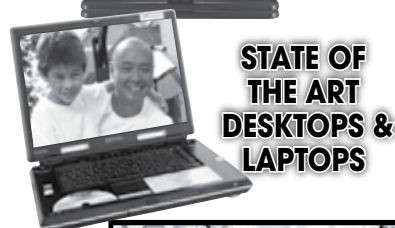


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Human Resources	315	●	97
Information Management	2	●	0
Legal	1	●	0
Logistics	1	●	100
Pinnacle Housing	52	●	80
Plans, Analysis & Integration Office	2	[NOT RATED]	—
Police/Provost Marshall	6	●	67
Public Affairs	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Public Works	2	●	0
RCI Housing	1	[NOT RATED]	—
Religious Support (California)	0	[NOT RATED]	—
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Safety	15	●	100
NTC HQ Adjunct General Office	0	[NOT RATED]	—
American Red Cross (Bldg 577)	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Armed Forces Bank 1 - Main Branch	4	●	25
Armed Forces Bank 3 - PX Branch	1	●	100
Community Information Manager	2	●	0
Landmark Inn	12	●	75
Military Family Life Consultants	3	●	100
MWR, Recreation, Leisure Travel Services	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Plans, Training, Security	0	[NOT RATED]	—
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WIC (Woman, Infants, and Children)	0	[NOT RATED]	—

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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.

HR/MPD-Reassignments

Customer Comment: I recently went to my levy brief, and I think the only agency prepared was housing. There was a lot of time wasted handing out paper work and information packets that should already be prepared. Two agencies did not even bring enough handouts. Also, you have to turn in paper work signed by your S1 and a leave form. I know the levy brief is supposed to be conducted months in advance, but more often than not, it doesn't happen that way. I think when the service member is notified of the brief and/or makes the appointment for the brief that the Soldier should be notified to bring it with them if possible. Saving the reassignments and the Soldier time and it would speed the orders process up. The Soldier should also be notified how long the briefing is. The worst agency was passports ... they were not professional in appearance or attitude.

Agency Response: Thank you for your comments concerning the reassignment briefing you attended. Your comments generated us to take a look at how we present the information at the briefing, and are in the process of making improvements.

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Quarterly Domestic Water Public Notice

Fort Irwin's Water System is operated under a privatization contract with CH2MHill. As the system ownership is not transferred to CH2MHill, compliance responsibilities still reside with the U.S. Army.

Fort Irwin has two water systems. A Reverse Osmosis or RO System and a domestic use system or DU system. The domestic use (DU) water is higher than the California standard in Fluoride (Maximum Contaminate Levels, MCL = 2 mg/L). The Domestic Use water is also higher than both the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and State of California standard of Arsenic (MCL 10 µg/L). DU water is intended for use in washing, cleaning, irrigation, and other non potable uses.

Fort Irwin treats a portion of the DU water at our reverse osmosis water treatment plant. The Reverse Osmosis treatment process removes contaminants including Fluoride and Arsenic and ensures our water meets all State and Federal Safe Drinking Water standards. The RO water should be used for drinking and cooking.

The RO system is visible in housing or your work space as either a RO water tab (shown at left) usually in the kitchen or a water fountain (shown at right). Areas that do not have RO water are provided with bottled drinking water.

Fort Irwin has completed the design of a new Water Treatment Facility. Our goal is that by the end of the year 2013, all water that our customer's use will meet or exceed the Federal and state MCLs. At that time the system ownership and permits will be transferred to CH2MHill.

Fort Irwin's water permit requires Fort Irwin to notify the public quarterly of the following:

This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The Domestic Use (DU) water provided by Fort Irwin water system has a fluoride concentration ranging from 0.8 mg/L to 9.4 mg/L.

Dental fluorosis may result in a brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should use the RO water to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of

fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water.

Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride can increase your risk of developing bone disease.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The Domestic Use (DU) water provided by Fort Irwin water system has a arsenic concentration ranging from Not Detected to 35 µg/L.

Please note, both the fluoride and the arsenic in our water comes from erosion of natural deposits.

For more information, please contact Water Resources Manager, Fort Irwin DPW, at 380-4987 or P.O. Box 105085, Bldg 602, Fifth St. Fort Irwin, CA 92310-5085. If you have questions concerning Fort Irwin Water System operation contact CH2MHill 386-9706. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call the California Department of Health Services Water Treatment Device Unit at (916) 323-5600.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distribution copies by hand or mail.

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