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Dining Facility Hours

Dining Facility operational hours during Block Leave are: DFAC No. 1 will be closed from June 14 to June 20 for maintenance, but DFAC No. 2 will be operational during its normally scheduled hours. DFAC No. 2 will be closed from June 21 to June 27 for maintenance and DFAC No. 1 will operate its normally scheduled hours.

Personal ID Training

Personal Identifiable Information Training, mandatory for all service members, DoD employees, and contractor personnel, will take place on 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.

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 website. 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 Web site. 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.

Gas Outage

During block leave, Contractor IAP has scheduled gas outage (replace gas valves) on residential homes between Red Pass Drive and Mojave Lane, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The following homes affected are: 3860, 3861, 3862, 3863, 3864, 3865, 3866, 3867, 3868, 3869, 3870, 3871 and 3872. IAP should have sent notification to all tenants.



Happy 235th birthday U.S. Army!



SGT 1ST CLASS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ

National Training Center and Fort Irwin commander, Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, right, and Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Martinez, left, along with Fort Irwin's youngest Soldier, 17-year-old Pvt. Michael Villella, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, center-left, and Fort Irwin's eldest Soldier, Col. James Ptacek, Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC), center-right, cut the commemorative cake on June 10, in celebration of the Army's 235th birthday.

Summer 2010 Operation Battle Blackout

Fort Irwin community partners in energy conservation

BY DAVID CANNADY

Directorate of Public Works

The year 2009 was a successful first year for Operation Battle Blackout because more than \$90K in incentives were received and estimated \$1.7M cost was saved in the post's electrical utility bill.

As your household expenses and bills increase, so does our installation. Fort Irwin has been notified of an electrical rate increase which will be effective this summer.

As energy conservation partners, everyone can do their part.

Let us start participating in Operation Battle

Blackout at least one day a week. We can start this energy conservation program as an Irwin life style. We can work together and show the State of California and NTC leadership that we can do it. Let's work together and take these efforts home with us and save energy costs. This is not about doing more with less. This is about using smartly what we have as resources.

The following 15 major organizations have signed up for Operation Battle Blackout 2010, but as we all know, a leader is only as good as his TEAM. Let's make it happen; each person can make a difference.

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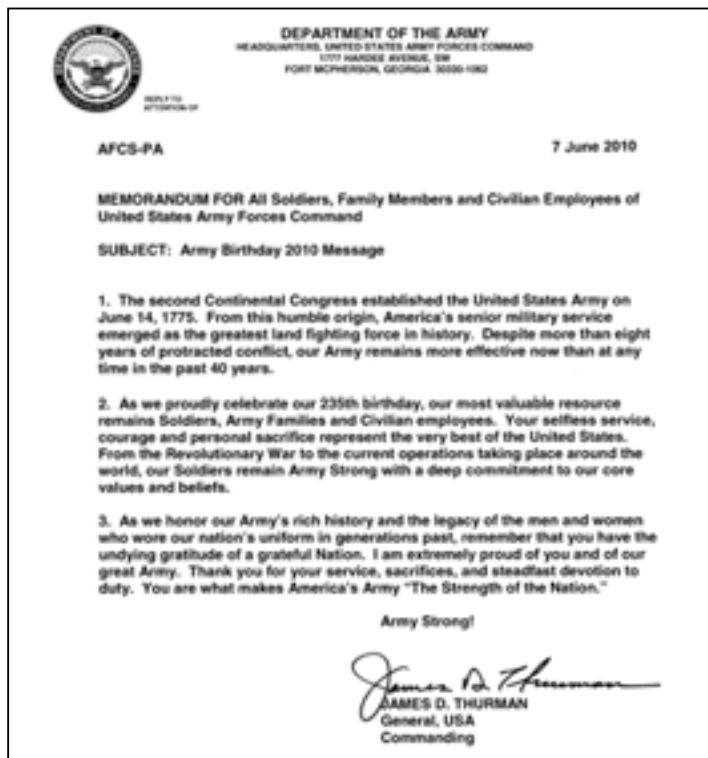
BY MEREDITH STORM
Customer Service Officer

I arrived on Fort Irwin in January from Fort Wainwright, Alaska and had my first experience with the United States Post Office. It seems to be general knowledge that if you don't get to the post office at the opening of business hours then you are going to be standing in a line for at least an hour and a half. It is only one poor woman that works behind the counter and I have gotten comment cards saying everything about the rude attitude, long lines, no supplies, or that spouse would love to have that job and they need more help. Yes, indeed they do need all of that and I am extending my arm to help not only the post office but the soldiers, family, and all other users of the facility.

The post office is not under the Garrison Command and you can not comment on it through ICE. The central mailroom is on ICE and is for official mail only. The unofficial mail is provided to us by the USPS and the main branch over Fort Irwin is located in Barstow on 425 S 2nd Ave, Barstow, California. I contacted Jason Pluma at the Barstow Branch and let him know that I was writing a piece about the Fort Irwin Branch. He was more than happy to offer some advice to help him remedy the problems and concerns that we all have about the post office. If you want to post any and all concerns or comments call 1-800-ask-usps. This number is probably the best because it is documented in their system and they can watch for trends. If you wish to talk to someone that is local, call the Barstow Post Office Postmaster at 256-1375.

It does get frustrating, but just remember that it is not the installations fault and it surely isn't the hard workers. So next time when you visit the post office or see your postman at the mailboxes, let them know what a great job they are doing and remember all of the grief that they are receiving from all of the angry customers. Remember what my mother always says to me, "You get more with honey than you do with vinegar."

Thank you for all of your ICE comments and please continue to send them in because even if it doesn't fall under the ICE system or you don't know where to voice your comments, I will still find out where you can go and how you can solve any and all issues that concern you.



Bob's Corner

Happy Fathers' Day

BY BOB LUCAS
Commentator

I used to think Fathers' Day was an extension of Mother's Day, since I used to get some of the cake on Fathers' Day that was left over from Mother's Day.

Of course the cake was frozen so it was still good on my special day. My two sons used to give me gifts that their mom would plant in their mind...you know, the gifts that I really, really needed. For instance, I almost always received a shirt, a tie, a CD, or a belt buckle on Fathers' Day. I guess they thought I was a well dressed singing cowboy. Sometimes I received a call from one of my children or even went out to dinner (and I always gladly paid for the dinner).

Did you know Fathers' Day was invented by a lady who came up with the idea while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909? That is exactly what happened when Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington came up with the idea. In fact, this lady wanted to honor her father's parental sacrifices so much that she held the first Father's Day celebration on her father's birthday, the 19th of June in the year 1910.

A National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City in 1926 and a Joint Resolution of Congress recognized Father's Day in 1956 and in 1966.

I often wonder what they talked about in those committees. It took President Calvin Coolidge to support the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924 and President Lyndon Johnson to sign a presidential

proclamation in 1966 to declare the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. Finally, it took President Richard Nixon to sign Father's Day into law in 1972.

Wow! It took three presidents to make Father's Day a permanent law, but one lady to come up with the idea. What can we learn from that?

First of all, it tells me that everyone felt sorry for us dads and decided to give us a day too. In my wildest estimation, I truly believe Mother's Day is equivalent to the overload of Ma Bell's telephone systems from all the sons and daughters who feel guilty enough to call, the very large food fests where we try to curry favor over all others from mom (even if we have to fight each other for her attention), and we scramble every year to spy on each other so we give mom the largest freshly cut flowers (that way she likes us more)...all because our ladies allow us to celebrate a day we sometimes are misled to think is actually our day, when in actuality we know it is a continuation of Mother's Day.

So, Father's Day was born because a daughter thought that her father should be honored with a special day just like we honor our mothers on Mother's Day. No matter the reason, we will take this day, we will enjoy this day, and we will thank those around us for all the admiration, presents, well wishes, and even the stories about our personality faults as a father in the early years.

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Order of the Spur induction



MAJ. JAMES P. SMITH

Sgt. 1st Class James E. Jorgensen, center, holds Order of the Spur certificate, announcing his receipt of Cavalry Spurs and induction, from Col. Reginald E. Allen, left, 73rd Colonel and Commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan J. Hunt, 18th Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment, on June 3 at the unit's headquarters while training at the National Training Center in preparation for an Iraq deployment. Jorgensen, an observer/controller for Current Operations, Bronco Team, Operations Group, was awarded the spurs in appreciation of his teaching, coaching, and mentoring of 3rd ACR Soldiers during NTC Rotation 10-07. The Order of the Spur is a Cavalry tradition within the U.S. Army that dates back to the beginning of the cavalry. The order is open to members of units outside of the cavalry serving with U.S. Cavalry units.

Operation Blackout Battle Drill

BY COL. JIM CHEVALLIER

Garrison Commander

Why should I care about blackouts? This is a federal installation, and we are exempt! You would be correct, but how many NTC families and workers live in the Barstow area, Apple Valley, Victorville and down below Cajon Pass? When we reduce our usage during a critical event, it could save someone we know and care about from going through a blackout.

Standard Warning Notice — Due to the extreme heat storm conditions, the California Independent System Operator (State Projection System) is forecasting that on ____, ____, 20XX, a statewide demand for electricity in California could potentially become critically close to exceeding supply.

Operation Battle Blackout — Fort Irwin, through its partnership with our electricity provider (Southern California Edison) has been called upon to voluntarily reduce the installation's peak electricity usage during the critical period of 12 noon to 8 p.m. to support and aid in averting a possible energy emergency.

Battle Field:

Across NTC:

Starting at 12 noon on the day of an event, through 8 p.m.

- Only use the electricity you require, avoid wasting electricity.
- Turn-off any unused lights, equipment, or appliances.
- Where possible, refrain from making demands on the electrical Sys.

Work Place:

- Turn-off any unnecessary overhead lights / use task lighting whenever possible for your work.
- Completely turn off lights and equipment in unoccupied spaces.
- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees.
- Turn-off all personal desktop printers, use networked printers.

- Turn-off unnecessary LaserJet printers.
- Turn-off computer monitors if not in use.

Housing:

- Defer use of energy intensive appliances until after 2000 hours. Examples: washers, dryers, vacuums, dishwashers, etc.
- Set your air conditioning thermostat to 78 degrees.
- Turn off ceiling fans and lights in unoccupied spaces.
- Insure all your exterior lights are turned off.

With Fort Irwin's electricity bills averaging \$1.7M per month, our DEFENSE on this resource through wise usage is critical. We must do everything possible to eliminate waste and to use our electricity only when needed. Dollars saved in this manner stay at Fort Irwin to fund operational programs.

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

Crime Watch

Information provided by Provost Marshal Office

Traffic collision. Location: Parking lot of Bldg. #. Police responded to the report a minor traffic collision. The subject, while driving, struck a parked vehicle.

Drug paraphernalia. Location: Mojave Desert housing. A resident complained that she had found suspected drug paraphernalia in the room of a house guest.

Traffic collision. Location: Outer Loop Road Police responded to the report of a fender bender traffic collision.

Civil stand-by. Location: First St. Police responded to the report of a neighborhood dispute.

Structure fire. Location: Sandy Basin housing. Fire Department responded to the report of a structure fire. Fire was extinguished.

Larceny of private property. Location: Tiefert View housing Police responded to the report of stolen property.

Damage to private property. Location: Bldg. #, parking lot. Victim reported that person(s) unknown struck his vehicle.

Damage to private property. Location: Bldg. #. Victim reported that person(s) unknown struck her vehicle with an object, possibly a rock.

Assist other agency. Location: Bldg. #. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department requested the Fort Irwin police locate a wanted civilian subject. Subject was located and released to the Sheriff's Department.

Found narcotics. Location: AAFES vendor. Reporting party found a pill bottle containing suspected narcotics.

Larceny of private funds. Location: Bldg. #. Victim reported that a container with various coins U.S. currency was stolen.

Damage to private property. Location: Bitter Springs housing. Police investigated the report of scratches to the victim's vehicle.

Traffic stop (warrant) arrest. Location: Irwin Road. Civ subject was stopped for doing 68 mph in a 55 mph zone. A records check revealed that the subject had an outstanding arrest warrant.

Stray animal — rattle snake. Location: Parking lot of the main Post Exchange. Police responded to the report of a rattle snake. The snake was captured without incident.

Hazmat response. Location: Desert Winds housing. Fire and police responded to the report of a vapor cloud with a noxious odor.

Larceny of government property. Location: RUFMA. Police investigated the report of two stolen radio mounts.

Domestic disturbance. Location: First Street. Police investigated the report of a physical domestic disturbance.

Failure to obey a regulation. Location: Desert Winds housing. Animal control investigated the report of an un-registered animal.

Larceny of private property. Location: Tiefert View housing. Police investigated the report of stolen vehicle parts.



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Worship Services/Chapel Activities

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 p.m.	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
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.		

Chapel Activities Summer Schedule

June: No extra-activities scheduled for June
July: 29 — Army Chaplaincy 235th Anniversary
 Recurring Worship Services Center Chapel
Friday: Noon — Islamic Prayer Service (Center Chapel (317)
Sunday: 9 a.m. — Catholic Mass (Rosary Before) Sanctuary)
 9:30 a.m. — Protestant Sunday school
 10:15 a.m. — The EDGE Catholic Middle School
 11 a.m. — Chapel Next, Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11 a.m. — Protestant Traditional Service (Activity Room)
 (Canceled during block leave)
 2:15 p.m. — Latter Day Saints Religious Education (Activity Room)
 3:15 p.m. — Latter Day Saints- Priesthood & Relief Society (Bldg 317)
 Recurring Worship Services Blackhorse Chapel
Sunday: 9 a.m. — Protestant Liturgical Service (Canceled during block leave)
 11 a.m. — Gospel Service (Canceled during block leave)
 1 p.m. — Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Worship Service
Wednesday: 6 p.m. — Intercessory Prayer; 1900 — Bible study
 Center Chapel Recurring Weekly Programs & Services
 Daily Catholic Mass — Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. (11:45 a.m.)
 PYOC — Protestant Youth, Middle School Mon. (6-7:30 p.m.)
 PYOC — Protestant Youth High School Mon. (7-9 p.m.)
 PWOC — Protestant Women of Chapel Tues. (9 a.m.) and (6 p.m.)
 AWANA — Wed. (4 p.m.)
 MOPS — Mothers of Preschoolers 2nd & 4th Wed. (9 a.m.)
 LifeTeen — Catholic High School Students Mon. (6:30 p.m.)
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Community Happenings

GSAB FRG Events

Following are upcoming General Support Aviation Battalion, Family Readiness Group events:

HHD, GSAB

July 8: HHD FRG meeting; Time: 6 p.m., Location: Bldg. 507, Topic: Parent/Child Communication. If you should have any questions please contact Ms. Hunter at 380-7781 or email: hhdfrg507@gmail.com.

AAD, GSAB

AAD FRG meeting has not been scheduled as of yet. If you should have any questions, please contact Ms. Hunter at 380-7781 or email: aadfrg@gmail.com.

AVCO, GSAB

AVCO FRG meeting has not been scheduled as of yet. If you should have any questions, please contact Robin Stewart at 252-7592 or email: acanrobin@yahoo.com.

Thrift Store Community Workdays

In the past two years, the Fort Irwin Thrift Store, through the Officer and Civilian Spouses Club Welfare and Scholarship campaigns, has returned more than \$45,000 to the community. Recipients include numerous private organizations, individual college scholarship awardees and the students, parents and teachers of public schools. The Thrift Store is closed during Block Leave and donations have piled up. The donation box is full and so are the storage buildings. Thrift Store needs the community's help to restock the store and prepare it for our July 2 store reopening. If your organization, club, or school has received money from the Thrift Store, this is your opportunity to help the Thrift Store continue to support you. Community workdays are June 28-29 and July 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, call 380-4076 or stop by the store to help.

Independence Celebration

Celebrate Fourth of July at Fort Irwin's Army field, 5-10 p.m., ending with a Firework Extravaganza. There will be entertainment, contests, fun, food, activities, games, water slides, dunk tanks, monkey jumpers, face painting, and more. For more information, call 380-2194.



Skeet, Trap Clinic

Outdoor Recreation and EDGE are teaming up to provide a free Skeet and Trap Clinic for teens, ages 16-18, every Thursday in July from 5:30-7 p.m. The clinic covers firearm safety, firearm handling, and skeet shoot. Teens must be registered at Parent Central, Bldg. 1323. For more information, contact 380-5816.

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.

Celebrating Faith, Friendship

The Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) will host 'Aloha, It's A New Day,' a women's event that celebrates life, faith, and new friendships. There will be Women of Faith video series on June 29, 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. Feel free to wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt to this island-themed event. Childcare, snacks, and new friendships will be provided.

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.

Pet Grooming Available

Sgt. Fuzzbuddy's Kennel does pet grooming on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It's convenient and very affordable. Check them out.

Multiples Support Group

New Parent Support Program will host a Multiples Support Group meet at the Army Community Services Conference Room, 9-10 a.m., on 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.

At the Movies

Thursday, June 17 7 p.m. Closed	Monday, June 21 7 p.m. Fury Vengeance (PG)
Friday, June 18 7 p.m. Closed	Tuesday, June 22 7 p.m. Closed
Saturday, June 19 7 p.m. Closed	Wednesday, June 23 7 p.m. Closed
Sunday, June 20 4 p.m. Fury Vengeance (PG) 7 p.m. A Nightmare on Elm Street (R)	



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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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

Middle School Teen Center Summer Camps 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Bldg. 1313

Week 4 June 14-18: Cooking Around the World (commisary trip, preparing dips and snacks, Mexican Cuisine, Filipino Cuisine, Italian Cuisine, French Cuisine)

Week 5 June 21-25: Experience Technology (robotics, logo design, make a music video, science experiences)

MS1-6 p.m.

Learn to play spades, badminton, tie die pillow cases, painting, patriotic wreath, guitar tournament, dodge ball, and much more.

Cooking Club: Banana Pudding, Chicken Salad, Peanut butter cornflake cookies, Cinnamon toasts

Hours of Operation:

Middle School: Mon.-Fri. 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



Fort Irwin Community Calendar

Fri., June 18

White Water Rafting Trip
4:30 a.m.
Tickets & Tours, Bldg. 976
Outdoor Recreation, 380-4327

Tue., June 29

PWOC- Aloha, it's a New Day
9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Chapel
380-3562

Wed., July 14

Coping with Deployments Course
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
FI Red Cross Station
Heather Adams, 380-3697

Thu., July 22

Safeguarding Personal
Information Training
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Bldg. 552, Avenue G
380-4540/5337

Sat., July 31

Rock Climbing/Bouldering Trip
6:30 a.m.
Joshua Tree National Park
Bldg. 976, 380-4327



Post Exchange Facilities Block Leave Hours of Operation

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Mon.-Sun., June 14-July 2 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat./Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

DUST BOWL TROOP STORE

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POPEYE'S

Mon.-Sun. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

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June 13-27 CLOSED

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CHARLEY'S STEAKERY

Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

ROBIN HOOD

Sat./Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sun. CLOSED

BASKIN ROBBINS

Mon.-Sun. Noon-5 p.m.

STARBUCKS

Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

THEATER

Sun.-Sat. One Showing

EINSTEIN BAGEL:

Mon.-Fri, 7 a.m.-Noon
Sat./Sun. CLOSED

TACO BELL:

Mon.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

MANCHU WOK:

Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sat./Sun. Noon-6 p.m.

CLASS 6

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Fri./Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

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KAYLEE MICHELLE, girl, 7 lbs., 2 oz., 19.3 inches, born to Ashley and Randy Blakemore, Apr. 26, at 5:36 p.m.

GABRIELLA ANN, girl, 6 lbs., 7 oz., 19.2 inches, born to Joanna and Andrew Voll, Apr. 28, at 6:54 a.m.

FRANCES NEVAEH, girl, 6 lbs., 8 oz., 19 inches, born to April and Alfredo Verdugo, Apr. 28, at 11:56 a.m.

EVA SOFIA PERE-PLIVAS, girl, 6 lbs., 10 oz., 18 inches, born to Bethzaida Perez and Jorge Rivas, May. 1, at 1:45 a.m.

ALEXANDER CAMILLO, boy, 7 lbs., 13 oz., born to Michelle and Louis Ramos, May. 2, at 5:15 a.m.

SERIYAH MONE, girl, 6 lbs., 8 oz., 10.7 inches, born to Michelle and Louis Ramos, May. 4, at 8:57 p.m.

BELLA MICHELLE, girl, 7 lbs., 0 oz., 19.5 inches, born to Christine and Timothy Harris, May. 5, at 6:37 a.m.

JOSE ENRIQUE MALDONADO III, boy, 9 lbs., 2 oz., 21.5 inches, born to Bridgette and Jose Maldonado, May. 5, at 11:30 p.m.

CHLOE LEE, girl, 6 lbs., 5 oz., born to Misoon and Osamu Asato, May. 8, at 5:13 p.m.

JESSICA FAITH, girl, 6 lbs., 0 oz., 18.2 inches, born to Jennifer and Cody Meland, May. 9, at 3 a.m.

BRENDEN ALAN, boy, 7 lbs., 12 oz., 20.3 inches, born to Jennifer and Adam Cole, May. 10, at 5:29 p.m.

KHLOE FAE, girl, 7 lbs., 15 oz., 18.5 inches, born to Vanessa and Robert Hurtado, May. 13, at 11:10 p.m.

REAGAN LEE WILLARD-COLTRIN, girl, 8 lbs., 1 oz., 20 inches, born to Kyla

Willard and Jeremy Coltrin, May. 14, at 4:50 p.m.

ALIAHS ZAVIER, girl, 7 lbs., 15 oz., 19.5 inches, born to Jillian and Stephen Buck, May. 15, at 2:49 a.m.

EMILY FAITH, girl, 9 lbs., 10 oz., 20 inches, born to Denise and Andrew Williamson, May. 16, at 11:01 a.m.

SARAH MADISON, girl, 5 lbs., 0 oz., 19.5 inches, born to Jennifer and James Smith, May. 17, at 8:38 a.m.

BENJAMIN SOREN, boy, 8 lbs., 7 oz., 21.8 inches, born to Alisha and Terence Higgins, May. 24, at 3:23 p.m.

ALEXANDER JAMES, girl, 6 lbs., 11 oz., 19.7 inches, born to Heather and Douglas Cockroft, May. 26, at 7:56 p.m.

OLIVIA MARIE, girl, 6 lbs., 8 oz., 19.9 inches, born to Yessenia and Francisco Galvan, May. 31, at 12:10 a.m.

Editor's note: Information provided by Patient Administration Division, Weed Army Community Hospital. For more information contact Claudia Beck, Medical Correspondence Section, 380-3165.



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Mildred Vaughn, 1865-1947

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
MAJ MICHAEL THROCKMORTON**
Scorpion Team Operations Officer

There is an unnamed spring in the northwest corner of the National Training Center where people have made a home for centuries. It barely registers on any map and there's not much for the untrained eye to see that would indicate a place of any real significance. However, this simple spring and the protected wadi where it rises to the surface have nourished and protected people since long before the US Army or even the native people whose names dot the countryside of southern California ever called this place home.

The first thing you see is the trees. Large and green there must be water here and it must be wet year-round. Next you'll notice the ruins of a cabin, a retaining wall and some wood. There is no sign of the roof other than some tar paper buried beneath crumbled stone walls that once supported it. Below the trees, a hundred yards or so, a cistern and a watering trough remain, and above the ruins one can see the spoil from the mine that brought the last dwellers here. It was likely a gold mine. As there are hundreds of those throughout the NTC this might

make the site seem somewhat routine but if you look close you'll see the cross. High on the ridge overlooking the mine and the home, with a magnificent view of the valley to the north, lies a cemented pulpit of stone with a cross and a name, "Mildred Vaughn, 1860-1945." This is what brought me here.

As a member of the Scorpion Team I came to this location to check up on a team Place in the Desert, or PID. For years the "Green Team", or Scorpions, have considered themselves caretakers of the desert. As the first O/C team at the NTC the Green Team realized that with the thousands of troops training here every year the opportunity for cultural and historically significant areas of the desert to be lost to trash, maneuver damage and vandalism would increase with every rotation, and for history to survive the desert would need a friend. To the Scorpions, Mildred Vaughn's grave is one of many notable places we look out for but with the significance of her being the only woman known to be buried at the NTC. However, while Mrs. Vaughn may have been the last woman to be buried here, she was not the first person to live here.

According to Dr. Brantley Jackson, the Installation Archeologist, this spring

has lured people to its waters for centuries. Arrowheads and grinding stones can be found at the site dating from 1,200 to 2,500 years ago. Without obsidian or some other more easily dated material that's about as accurate as it gets but it ties the ruins to the other more documented sites in the High Desert very easily. While we look at the desert daily, admiring its rugged beauty and thanking heaven we live in a modern world of cars and cool water, it's hard to imagine people on foot or horseback surviving here. The archeology, however, shows that people with seemingly much less have thrived here for generations.

What life was like for our desert predecessors we are still learning and what brought each of these peoples to live in the desert we continue to study. By looking at what they each left behind we can start to put the pieces together and see what they saw in this presumed wasteland. Water, gold, protection and isolation all entice different people to different places. What brought Mildred Vaughn to the high desert we may never know but as long as the Scorpion Team and others like them remain at Fort Irwin, her final resting place will remain clean, cared for and just the way she left it.



Mildred Vaughn's grave overlooks her home.

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Army Community Service

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

PWS: C.5.15.3,c

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PWS: C.5.5.3 Comp

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Arts & Crafts Center

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

PWS: C.5.4.3,a

Sat./Sun. CLOSED

Tickets & Tours

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

PWS: C.5.8.3

Sat./Sun. CLOSED

Fitness Connection (CAC)

Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

PWS: C.5.14.3

Sat./Sun./Holidays CLOSED

Freedom Fitness Center

Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

PWS: C.5.7.3,a

Sat./Sun./Holidays 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Memorial Fitness Center

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Ingalls Recreation Center

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PWS: C.5.10.3

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Outdoor Recreation

Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sun./Mon/ CLOSED

Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Skeet Trap

Sat./Sun.

Pool (Oasis)

Sat./Sun./Holidays

SAS/YS

Mon.-Fri. (Summer).....

PWS: C.5.13.3,a,b

Early Out Days

Early Out Days

Sat./Sun./Holidays

Middle School Program

Mon.-Fri. (Summer).....

PWS: C.5.13.3,c,d

Early Out Days

Sat./Sun./Holidays

Teen Center

Fri. :5:30 p.

PWS: C.5.13.3,e,f

Saturday :3:30 p.

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Sunday-Thursdays/Holiday

Library

Monday-Saturday.....

PWS: C.7.1.1

Sunday/Holidays.....

Child, Youth & School Services

June 14th-July 4th.....

June 14th-July 4th.....

Kids on Site

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12:30 p.m.-6 p.m.	Sun 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Popeye's	Daily..... 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
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Military leaders stress need to share information

BY LISA DANIEL

American Forces Press Service

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — As U.S. forces increasingly work as part of multinational coalitions, they are part of a cultural shift toward more information sharing and working more closely with allied troops, military leaders gathered here for a conference on joint warfighting said.

Marine Corps Gen. James N. Mattis, commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command, which co-hosted the 2010 Joint Warfighting Conference, said the responsibility will fall on young officers to build trust across the ranks to improve information sharing.

"In this age, I don't care how technologically or operationally brilliant you are; if you cannot build trust [across various multiple participants], you might as well go home," he said.

Air Force Maj. Gen. David M. Edgington, Joint Forces Command's chief of staff, said a cultural change is in the works to change the information-sharing paradigm from "need-to-know" to "will-to-share."

The United States does not have the only military reluctant to share, Edgington acknowledged, but it bears more of the burden

as a leader in coalition operations. "We have the technology and the capability to gather more information and distribute it than other countries," he said.

Sometimes there are legitimate reasons to not share information, particularly when it involves intelligence that could put troops at risk, Edgington said. But often, he added, information isn't shared due only to unnecessary bureaucratic reasons.

Sharing information with coalition forces helps U.S. troops by relieving some of their burden from the fight, Edgington said. To those reluctant to share, he had a simple message: "Get over it, guys. They're going to be fighting with us."

Edgington conceded that sharing information increases the risk of potentially harmful information getting into the wrong hands. "Yes, it's a risk," he said. "But it's all about risk and it's a risk to the other forces, too."

The military leaders also spoke of the need for "interoperability," the ability of coalition forces to work interchangeably with the same equipment and doctrine. The shift will be a big change for senior officers, Edgington said. "Anybody at the rank of colonel or above — we've all grown up in this where

the U.S. is leap years ahead, and we can't afford to do that any more."

Edgington noted, however, that many countries followed the United States in buying F-15 aircraft, and many also joined in the early stages of purchasing the joint strike fighter aircraft, which is still being developed.

French Air Force Gen. Stephane Abrial, NATO supreme allied commander for transformation, spoke of the importance of strengthening the alliance for the future. Building trust that leads to information sharing and improved interoperability of equipment is critical, he said.

The ability for all coalition nations to operate interchangeably "should be hardwired into our DNA," Abrial said. An increasing gap between U.S. military equipment and technology and that of its allies is not being closed quickly enough, he said, and NATO is cooperating with the defense industry to close that gap.

Building trust also should decrease the number of "caveats" or restrictions, some nations insist upon when agreeing to be part of coalition operations, Abrial noted. Such restrictions can restrict troops' involvement in certain operations or prevent information sharing, especially intelligence, he said.

Thank you, Ft. Irwin from the Holland Family



Maggie, A.J., Ciarra
William Holland (not pictured)

Sometimes we forget how difficult it can be to have a sick family member, sometimes some more than others. But when we come across kind and humble people we forget to say thank you. It's been very difficult and stressful for my family, financial and mentally. Temporarily we had to move near Loma Linda Medical for my children's care and my care, but we would have never made it if it wasn't for a few kind souls at Fort Irwin. Starting with Debra McCough at ACS, Debra has taken my family head on and made sure that we had immediate shelter, her and pinade worked together to make sure we got a home right away, nevertheless Debra and the SGT Magratta and his wife provided us with food, clothing and few things to start our new home at Fort Irwin. Debra's unconditionally love and desire to help others is beyond humanitarian to me she's my angel, thank you Debra for everything. One day I met a very kind and humble family the Jensen's, John and Lauri they were not in my husbands company, but it didn't matter to them John and Lauri made sure we had a ride were we needed to go commissary, medical appts. at Loma Linda, they also went thru their things and gave us few things we needed from their own home, what was pretty amazing to me Lauri found out I had a stroke and was transferred to Loma Linda, and she immediately cooked for my wonderful husband and my children came to my home several times to see if they needed anything, you don't see that everyday. To John and Lauri and their beautiful family thank you. In my husbands company thier was PFC Graves and her husband who found out about our family and decided to lend us their car, they had two vehicles and they decided to drop the car at our home gave us the keys and said use as long as you need, to Graves and her husband thank you. My husbands company have been very helpful and understanding such as SGT Major Seymour. Major Seymour made sure we were taken care of. Also the Comander from 2nd HET and the 2nd HET Company thank you so much for everything. I also want to say thanks to Houds and her family, Laura with cool Herbie car thank you for the ride, you went out of your way. I also want to take this time to thank you Dr. Eglot, you made sure I had all the medical help I needed, you are an excellent Doctor, and your care for humanity goes beyond anything I've ever seen, thank you so much. Sometimes you go to a new place and meet new friends at Fort Irwin we gained a family. Thank You for everything. Always remember a kind gesture, a helping hand will be remembered.

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to learn the moves and take your workout to the next level.

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Check the CAC fitness class schedule for dates and times.

Coyote Activity Center Fitness Class Schedule

Thursday, June 17 Morning

6:30 No Class
8:30 Body Shop/Ryndee

Afternoon

12:00 Cycling/Sandy
5:30 Xtreme Fitness/Robin
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Friday, June 18 Afternoon

12:00 Boot Camp/Ryndee
3:00 Yoga/Michell

Monday, June 21 Morning

8:30 Turbo Kick/Ryndee
9:30 No class

Afternoon

12:00 Yoga/Robin

Tuesday, June 22 Morning

6:30 No Class
8:30 Body Shop/Ryndee

Afternoon

12:00 Step/Sandy

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Protocol's VIP Corner

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CANDICE JAMOLES
NTC Protocol Officer

NTC Protocol Bureau had another exciting rotation, as it welcomed several distinguished visitors both foreign and domestic.

Some visitors included the Lebanese Armed Forces Delegation, which came to NTC to observe training for knowledge in developing its own training doctrine.

Representatives from the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) received an orientation to gain a better understanding of the U.S. Army and its training methods.

Also, Lt. Gen. Michael L. Oates, Director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, visited the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization and the Joint Center of Excellence here.



Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams is presented with a gift from the Lebanese Armed Forces Delegation for his hospitality.



Members of JINSA walk the streets of Medina Jabal and interact with role players.



Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, commanding general of NTC and Fort Irwin and Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Martinez greet the Lebanese Armed Forces Delegation prior to dinner at Reggie's.



Lt. Gen. Michael L. Oates, Director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, dines with members of JIEDDO/JCOE inside Reggie's after a day of observation.



JINSA members witness an Urban Mounted Patrol Lane in Medina Jabal.



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