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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.

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.

Audie Murphy Induction

Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Martinez, post command sergeant major, invites everyone to the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club Induction Ceremony of two noncommissioned officers at Reggie's, 1:30 p.m., July 27. Guest speaker is Command Sgt. Maj. Nathan Buckner, 916th Support Brigade command sergeant major, who is also a member of the prestigious organization. Attire is duty uniform for military and casual attire for civilians. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Catherine Harris, 380-8950.

Board Game Day

Play Flames of War, Tide of Iron, or Warhammer 40k with someone. Think board gaming is just about Monopoly and Risk? Don't miss this opportunity to meet and play with like minded gamers in the High Desert of California. Bring your games with you or just drop on by to see what is going on. This event will be held at the Ingalls Recreation Center, Bldg. 361 on July 24, from 12:45 to 7:45 p.m. Minors attending must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, go to http://www.boardgamegeek.com/thread/535605.

Raging Waters Trip

Cool off this summer with the EDGE! program as we take a trip to San Dimas Raging Waters. Trip is on July 23 and is open to youth in grades 6-12. Cost is just \$35 and includes admission, one meal voucher and all you can drink fountain drinks. Register at Parent Central, Bldg. 1323. For more information, call 380-5816.

Tombstone Paintball Park

The EDGE! program will take a trip to Tombstone Paintball Park on July 14. Trip is open to youth in Grades 9-12. Cost is \$30 and includes admission, equipment, paintballs and air. Register at Parent Central, Bldg. 1323. For more information, call 380-5816.

4th of July celebration



CAROLINE KEYSER

Five-year-old Nathan Presser, left, dukes it out with Dameon Bohon, 6, at the inflatable jousting event at Fort Irwin's Independence Day celebration, July 4. "It was fun," Bohon said. See pages 12-13 for story and more photos.

Reduce Electricity Use

GARRISON COMMAND

News Release

Due to the extreme heat storm conditions, the California Independent System Operator (State Projection System) is forecasting that today 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 our peak electricity usage during the critical period of 12 noon to 8 p.m. to support and aid in averting a possible energy emergency.

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 systems.

Work Place

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

Housing

- Defer use of energy intensive appliances until after 8 p.m. Examples: washers, dryers, vacuums, dishwashers, etc.
- Set your air conditioning thermostat to 78 degrees.
- Turn off ceiling fans and lights in unoccupied spaces.
- Ensure all your exterior lights are turned off.

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Exceptional Family Member Program: Fulfilling the Promise to All Family Members



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

Army Families deal with unique challenges associated with military life, especially when it comes to relocation. Not only do Families have to find a new place to call home, they also have to find new health care and childcare providers, enroll children in new schools and activities and build new networks of friends and support. These challenges are not easy for any Army Family, but for Families with special needs, they are magnified.

Families with members requiring special educational and medical services often have to rebuild a complex system of providers and services to support the health and development of their Family members. Families can put an incredible amount of time and effort into creating a network that enables their Family members to flourish, and then, when it comes time to relocate, they have to start again.

The Army does not intend for these Families to go it alone. The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), managed through Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, is a comprehensive, coordinated program that provides community support, educational, medical, housing and personnel services to Families with special needs.

Families who have questions or need EFMP support are encouraged to go to the Garrison Army Community Service and speak with the EFMP Manager.

Soldiers with Family members who have special needs are required to enroll in EFMP, so that the needs can be considered during the nominative phase of the military personnel assignment process. Some Soldiers may be reluctant to identify Family members for this program. They may feel that identifying with the program will adversely affect their career. This is simply not true. Army leaders at all levels must help dispel this misconception.

It is also important for Soldiers and their Families to know that the Army's EFMP does much more than provide information for assignment decisions. The EFMP is one way we can keep some of the most important promises articulated in the Army Family Covenant: providing access to high-quality medical care, educational opportunities and family programs that foster an environment in which Families can thrive.

EFMP is currently serving 16 percent of all Army Families, or more than 70,000 registered Family members. The program has provided critical support to Families since its start in 1979. Over the last 30 years, through initiatives such as the Army Family Covenant, the Army's commitment and promises to Families have become more defined. At the same time, the number of on- and off-post programs and services available to Families with special needs have increased and become more diverse. As a result of the Army Family Covenant promises and the greater array of programs to manage or coordinate with, we are committed to continually seek new ways to enhance our EFMP support to Families.

The number one request I hear from EFMP Families during my installation visits is for assistance in navigating the variety of services and programs available through the Department of Defense, Department of the Army and other Federal, local and State agencies. When Soldiers and their Families move to a new location, they need to know what is available on and off the installation and how to access and coordinate all the services.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act requires all of the Armed Services to provide additional support for Families with special needs. As a part of the Army's response, IMCOM will add 44 System Navigators to the existing EFMP staff at 26 garrisons stateside and overseas. The System Navigators will help Families connect to the local, State and Federal resources they need. The 26 garrisons include Fort Hood, Fort Lewis, Fort Bragg, Fort Campbell and Schofield Barracks, the five installations with the highest number of EFMP Families. The System Navigators will be trained and in place within the first quarter

System navigation is just one of the areas we are looking at through the Army EFMP Strategic Action Plan, which grew out of EFMP Summits held in February 2009 and February 2010. For all of the issues we are looking at — Family member evaluation, enrollment eligibility, information management, coordination of services, new programs and others — our efforts are guided by the concerns of our Families and a focus on improving Soldier and Family well-being and readiness.

One way Families with special needs can communicate their concerns and recommendations is through the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP). AFAP is the Army's grassroots effort through which members of the Army community can identify and elevate significant quality of life issues affecting the community to senior leaders for action.

EFMP is also one of the programs that the Services and Infrastructure Core Enterprise (SICE) is studying to bring about improvements for Army Families. SICE is a collaborative and cross-functional team of more than 15 commands. organizations and staff offices formed to develop solutions to Army-wide challenges. SICE will determine how we can resource installations with the appropriate number of EFMP staff for the most effective and responsive program.

EFMP has provided and continues to provide invaluable service, but this is an area in which we must always seek innovative ways to enhance support to Families with special needs. Soldiers and Families need to know before they depart for a new installation that they will be able to find the services necessary for the health and well-being of all their Family members. This is part of our promise to Families, for the sacrifices they make, and our commitment to Soldiers, whose strength and readiness is rooted in the strength of their Families.

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Welcome to Fort Irwin

My name is Meredith Storm, the Customer Service Officer at Fort Irwin.

My role is to measure how well the services on the installation are meeting the needs of our Soldiers and families, civilians, and our veterans and retirees.

There are over 140 services on post that are here to see that your personal and family needs are being met. Service areas include housing, childcare, retail shopping, personnel services, security, environmental planing, public information, dining and transportation, to name a few.

Service providers here need your help in seeing these services are tailored to your needs.

There are three ways you can help us best meet your needs.

Use the ICE system. ICE stands for Interactive Customer Evaluation. It is an on-line tool, a Web site that can be accessed anonymously to provide feedback to over 140 service providers on post. Your comments and service ratings go directly via e-mail to the manager of the facility you are reviewing. Per Department of Defense Policy

these comments must be read and evaluated for service improvement. And per Army policy, if you request a response to a question or comment, personnel must respond to you within three business days. The leadership here views comments and reports to identify areas that need special attention and data is used to inform command decisions and our business priorities.

I am asking you to access the ICE system at least once per week the entire time you are

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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

916th Support Brigade bids farewell

Col. David Gaffney's next assignment at the Pentagon

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GUSTAVO BAHENA

Warrior Staff Writer

The ceremony held July 1 at the National Training Center and Fort Irwin parade field was an official relinquishment of command, but unofficially it provided the 916th Support Brigade an opportunity to express gratitude to Col. David Gaffney for his leadership.

Gaffney handed the 916th guidon to Fort Irwin and NTC Commander Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams in a gesture that symbolized his command of the unit had reached full circle. Assuming the role of interim commander is Lt. Col. Greg Peterson. Colonel Sherry Bosley will arrive to take charge of the unit Aug. 3. Gaffney's next assignment will be as deputy to the director for Operational Logistics, Joint Staff, J4, at the Pentagon.

In the two years that Gaffney led the 916th, he oversaw the deployment of three company-sized units. Those units are the 699th Maintenance Company, the 2nd Heavy Transportation Co., and the 557th Maintenance Company . The 2HET and 557th presently serve in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Despite having to prepare units for overseas tours, the 916th supported 20 mission rehearsal exercises for units here on training rotations.

"In addition, the 916th successfully completed the FORSCOM \$22.5 million FOB modernization program, which has netted a cost avoidance of over \$7 million thus far," Abrams said. "FOB modernization provides the rotational unit a turnkey operation that promotes a theater-like experience enabling them to fully meet their training objectives/goals with an improved quality of life."

A couple days before the ceremony, Gaffney spoke on the airwaves through 88.3 FM, KNTC, "The Heat," and addressed the listenership with reflections about his time as commander. He mentioned the transformation of his unit from the NTC Support Brigade to the 916th. Gaffney talked about the importance of maintaining a good balance of the unit's mission.

"The transformation really represented how we could achieve at sustaining the National Training Center better, how we could improve the quality of life for our Soldiers, and just importantly, how could we ensure that our war-time requirements to deploy units to Afghanistan and Iraq was done seamlessly," Gaffney said.

Gaffney also spoke about the unique and tight-knit community of Fort Irwin, regardless of its geographic location. He stressed the importance of taking care of military families and meeting their needs. His wife, Dawn, also spoke on the radio that morning and reiterated the magnitude of the mission to support families.

"We recognized that the families of NTC are strong families," Dawn said. "They're faced with many challenges, and trying to support them in their needs and efforts has been one of our goals and one of the things we hoped to accomplish during our time here."

Abrams acknowledged Mrs. Gaffney as having been integral to the success of Gaffney's tenure as commander.

"Dawn has been the strongest supporter and advocate for Army families and is as committed and dedicated to improving their lives as anyone," Abrams said. "Dave and Dawn – thank you for your leadership and your dedication to not only our mission, but to the Soldiers and families of the 916th Support Brigade."



Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, NTC and Fort Irwin commander, Col. David Gaffney 916th Support Brigade commander, and Mrs. Dawn Gaffney take the lead in honoring the flag.



Col. David Gaffney, 916th Support Brigade commander, hands over the unit guidon to Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, National Training Center and Fort Irwin commander.



Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, National Training Center and Fort Irwin commander, left, thanks Col. Gaffney and his family for their service.

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here. Please leave comments that tell us how well you were treated so providers can continue to provide great service and recognize iutstanding staff who go the extra mile for Soldiers and family members and let us know how you think services can better meet your needs. You owe it to yourself, your family and your community.

The other thing you can do is participate in Community First Focus Group when asked. Every two months we ask customers to tell us how a variety of services are meeting your needs or not. Issues generated get defined and

vetted with agencies on post, and are thereafter managed by our Installation Action Council which meets every quarter. Thirty-two decision makers representing all of our commands and constituent groups attend and close issues that have been completed and manage those that have not yet been resolved.

Lastly, once a year IMCOM will send an Annual Customer Service Assessment to you. This survey asks you to rate all the services here in terms of their importance to you, and how well we perform them.

These three "tiers" of feedback help us to better plan and manage the services for you and your family and resolve issues as quickly as possible.

Remember, please leave a at least one ICE comment a week the entire time you are here at the National Training Center and Fort Irwin and we will do our best to improve services where we can

Service you receive here should reflect the service of our Military service men and women give to our nation. For us at the National Training Center that means everyone should be treated with dignity and respect in all service interactions, entitlements earned should not be a struggle to achieve, your community should be safe ad clean, your children well cared for and you should have healthy choices for food and know where to go to have fun.

Please access the ICE system by clicking the ICE logo on the NTC Fort Irwin home page, or Google "interactive customer evaluation" from any computer with access to the internet.

We do look forward to hearing from you.



August is Army Antiterrorism Awareness Month

The Department of the Army has announced intentions to conduct antiterrorism training, education and awareness throughout the month of August. During this month, Army installations, facilities and forces will focus their efforts to heighten awareness and vigilance to prevent and protect Army communities from acts of terrorism.

The Army recognizes that installations, facilities and operational units must be capable of

deterring and defending against the full range of threats — including terrorist attack. By integrating antiterrorism doctrinal principles with constant antiterrorism awareness the Army ensures the safety and security of its people (Soldiers, DA civilians, and family members) while ensuring mission success.

The Army's antiterrorism plans and programs provide the defensive element in a broader com-

bating terrorism program. Effective antiterrorism measures integrate a multitude of security programs which ensure the protection of our people, information, infrastructure, installations, facilities, and forces.

As such, antiterrorism training, education and awareness support the entire Army community and is a critical part of our overall protection.

Crime Watch

Information provided by **Provost Marshal Office**

Disturbance. Location: Shoppette. Police investigate the report of a disturbance between customers.

Loud noise complaint. Location: Calico Estates. Police investigated the report of a loud party.

Vandalism. Location: Cactus Cove housing. Victim reported that person(s) unknown vandalized the victim's residence.

Larceny of private property. Location: Desert Winds housing. Victim reported that person(s) unknown stole the victim(s) pet animal.

Damage to government proerty. Location: Bldg. ####. Victim reported that while on block leave, person(s) unknown, broke into the victim's barracks room and stole the victim's property.

Domestic disturbance. Location: Bitter Springs housing. Police investigated the report of a family disturbance.

Domestic disturbance. Location: Tiefort View housing. Police investigated the report of a family disturbance.

Domestic disturbance. Location: Sandy Basin housing. Police investigated the report of a family disturbance.

Adopt-a-pet



Name: Grumpy **Breed:** Domestic short hair **Gender:** Female **Age:** Approx. 3-months-old Grumpy 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 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 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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Worship Services/Chapel Activities

CATHOLIC

Holy Mass	Sunday, 9 a.m.	Center Chape
Daily Mass	M, T, Th, & F 11:45 a.m.	Center Chape
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 Chape
EDGE	Sunday, 10:15 a.m.	Center Chape

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, Mornin	g 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 Churc	ch &	
Choir Practice	Thursday, 6 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Adult Bible Stud	y Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Prayer Men Of I	ntegrity Women of Ex	cellence
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

Bldg 317 Prayer Friday, 12 p.m.

JEWISH

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

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

AWANA

(3 yrs.-6th grade) Wednesday, 4 p.m. Center Chapel HS Bible Study 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.

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed	AWANA:
(2 Tim 2:15)	
Protestant Women of the Chapel	PWOC:
Protestant Youth of the Chapel	PYOC:
Chaplain Family Life Center, Bldg 320	CFLC:
Mothers of Pre-Schoolers, Bldg 317	MOPS:
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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 Weekday 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.)

Operation Helping Hands Food Pantry —

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. closed on main Holidays

For additional information, call Center Chapel at 380-3562



















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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 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, contact Ms. Hunter at 380-7781or email: aadfrg@gmail.com.

AVCO, GSAB

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

1/11 ACR FRG events

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

July 26: A Troop, FRG Meeting, 5 p.m., Squadron Conference Room

July 27: C Troop, FRG Meeting, 4 p.m., Squadron Conference Room,

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

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.

Strike Zone Breakfast

Strike Zone now offers breakfast starting at 6 a.m. Start your day off right with a great meal.

Race Tickets Available

NASCAR Tickets for the Pepsi 400 are now available at the Leisure Travel Services, in Bldg. 976. Tickets are priced at approximately 50 percent off the gate price. You can also get pre-race pit passes at an even bigger discount. The Pepsi 400 will be held at Fontana, Oc. 10. If you don't want to drive, let us do the driving for you. Sign up to catch a ride with Leisure Travel Services. For more information stop by Bldg. 976 or call 380-4767.

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.

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.

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.

At the Movies

Thursday, July 8

7 p.m. Closed

Friday, July 9

Marmaduke (PG) **Shrek Forever After**

9:30 p.m. Get him to the Greek

9:30 p.m. Prince of Persia: Sands of Time (PG-13)

Saturday, July 10

Marmaduke (PG) 7 p.m. **Shrek Forever After** 7 p.m.

9:30 p.m. Get him to the Greek

9:30 p.m. Prince of Persia: Sands of Time (PG-13)

Sunday, July 11

4 p.m. Shrek Forever After

7 p.m. Prince of Persia: Sands of Time (PG-13)

Get him to the Greek

Monday, July 12

Marmaduke (PG) Prince of Persia: Sands of Time (PG-13)

Tuesday, July 13

7 p.m. Closed

Wednesday, July 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.

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., on Monday/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.

Relationship Worshops

The Chaplain Family Life Center, located in Bldg. 320 behind the Center Chapel, will host a series of mini-workshops on a variety of relationship issues, from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning July 6 through Aug. 17.

Shockwave's July Lineup

Ultimate Fighting Championship: Watch UFC 116 on July 3, and witness the biggest heavyweight battle in history! At Shockwave, Lesnar and Carwin will fight for the heavyweight championship. Show starts at 7 p.m. Cover charge of \$10 will get you into Shockwave for the greatest UFC event of the year. As always don't miss out on the great food and drinks. For more details call 380-8646.

Unplugged: Check out Singer/Song writer Caleb Fritel. Starting July 9, Shockwave will be featuring acoustic nights every Friday during the month of July, from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy great music and appetizers. Visit fortirwinfmwr.com for a sound check of Unplugged Nights. Call 380-8646 for more details. Fridays in July have just gotten better, only at Shockwave.

Dueling Pianos: Dueling Pianos is returning to Shockwave on July 23. If you missed their last show at Shockwave, here is your chance. Show starts at 8 p.m. Opening for Dueling Pianos is Unplugged, so arrive early and listen to singer/songwriter Caleb Fritel boogie on the acoustic guitar from 5-8 p.m. Get your tickets early at Shockwave starting July 5, tickets are just \$10 each. Make sure you join FMWR Facebook page for Dueling Piano ticket giveaways!

Thrash Metal: Shockwave presents Damage Inc., Southern California's Metallica Tribute. Check out the band on July 24, 8 p.m. Remember songs like Enter Sandman & Master of Puppets? Revisit Metallica's greatest songs while chilling at Shockwave.

Family Resiliency Training

916th Support Brigade will host a Family Resiliency Training at Sandy Basin Community Center, from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m., July 21. Focus of the training will include: Learning the five dimensions of resiliency, alcohol choices, understanding the effects of deployments on families, learning what Outdoor Recreation has to offer this summer. Organizations that will be present include Army Community Service, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, and Dr. Seuss. Free snacks, free face painting and free children activities will be available. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Sandoval, 380-3395.

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



Youth and School Activities

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

Week 7: July 5-July 9: Sports Week (Water Polo, Ultimate Frisbee, Frisbee Golf and Skateboarding)

Week 8: July 12-July 16: Night of the Arts (Abstract Painting, Sculpting, Photography and Exhibit)

MST 1-6 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 toasties

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

Tue., July 13

Relationship Mini-seminar 11:45 – 12:45 a.m. Chaplain Family Life Center, Bldg. 320 380-4664

Wed., July 14

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

Thu., July 15

ASAP Civilian Training 8:30-10:30 a.m. Bldg. 573, third St. 380-4153

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

Thu., Aug. 5

Safeguarding Personal Information 8:30-10:30 a.m. Bldg. 552, Avenue G 380-4540/5337



Check out these upcoming activities at Fort Irwin





How do you prevent skateboarding and scooter injuries?

Use Protective Gear.

1. Helmets. Proper and consistent use of a helmet while riding a skateboard or scooter can reduce the risk of the most serious injuries. Riders can use a bicycle helmet that is labeled as complying with the Consumer Product Safety Commission standard or a multisport helmet that complies with the N-94 standard of the Snell Memorial Foundation.

For helmets to provide maximum protection, they must fit

properly. When shopping for a helmet, remember the Eyes, Ears, Mouth formula for a proper fit:

Eyes: The rim of the helmet should be one to two finger-widths above the eyebrows.

Ears: The straps should form a "V" just beneath the ear lobe.

Mouth: The buckle should be flush against the skin under the chin; when the rider opens his mouth, he/she should feel the strap snug on the chin and the helmet hugging the head.

- 2. Padding. Padding is available for the parts of the body that are the most fragile and most commonly injured areas: wrists, knees, and elbows. This padding helps to reduce and prevent the severity of injuries from a fall.
- 3. Basic Coverage. In addition to padding, basic coverage is a good idea. Closed-toe shoes with good grip provide a safe base for the rider. Long sleeves and pants can help protect and against cuts and scrapes.

Practice Common Sense. Talk about these points with your child or teen:

- 1. Remember that there is a risk involved in riding a scooter or skateboard. Take steps to protect yourself by always wearing a helmet and appropriate protective gear;
- 2. Avoid risky situations, such as riding at dusk or at night, riding in or near traffic, or "skitching a ride," which is holding on to the side or rear of a moving vehicle while riding a skateboard;
 - 3. Be patient. Fancy tricks on skateboards take time to perfect. Don't let peer pressure push you to do stunts that you are not ready to do;
 - 4. Ride in a safe environment. Children under age 15 should never ride in the street, at night, or near traffic. Riding surfaces should be smooth and clear of debris or water.

Equipment Check. Boards and other equipment should also be checked before riding to make

sure they are in proper working order. Look for cracks, loose parts, and properly attached gripping on boards.

Provide Supervision. All children need close supervision, especially those between the ages of 6 and 10 when riding a skateboard or scooter. Children under the age of 5 should not use skateboards and children 8 and younger, who are at a greater risk of scooter injuries than older children, should not use a scooter without close adult supervision.

Skateboard and scooter safety

BY MICHAEL W. WISE

Safety and Occupational Health Garrison Safety Office

Skateboarding and non-powered scooters are sports that have become very popular in the past decade. Unfortunately, the numbers of injuries related to these sports are increasing as well. Nationwide, more than 1,000 kids go to the emergency room on a weekly basis for skateboarding and scooter related injuries. Here are some things to know that will keep these sports fun and safe.

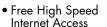
What are the most common scooter injuries?

Fractures and dislocations accounted for one-third of the injuries on scooters. Thirty-four percent of reported scooter injuries were to the wrists, lower arms, elbows and knees. Head and face injuries accounted for 29 percent of all injuries.

What are the most common skateboard injuries?

Sprains, fractures, contusions and abrasions are the most frequent. 74 percent of reported injuries were the extremities. Among those, broken wrists and ankles and long bone fractures are the most common injuries. Head injuries accounted for 21 percent of all injuries.





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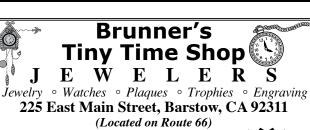
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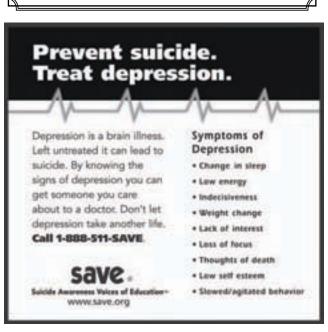
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Valley Enrollment

Silver Valley High School — Cafeteria 7/20/10

8 a.m.-Noon

Fort Irwin Enrollment

Tiefort View Intermediate School (TVIS)

- Multipurpose Room7/21/10, 7/22/10, 7/23/10
 - 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

SVHS staff will be at TVIS

Please bring the following documentation to complete enrollment:

- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Immunization Record

- Unofficial Transcript for high school students or recent report card for K-8 grade students
- The names and phone numbers of 2 emergency contacts (Commander or 1st Sgt acceptable)
- Parents of Special Education students please bring the IEP or 504 Plan for enrollment
- Inter-district Transfer paperwork if you reside outside of the district boundaries
- Physical for Kindergarten or 1st Grade students
- Dental Assessment Screening for Kindergarten or 1st Grade students

In addition to enrolling all your children in one location, you will be able to arrange:

- Transportation for your children
- Medication needed at school
- Meet with School Psychologist if your student is in Special Education
- Pick up paperwork to volunteer at your child's school
- Pick up applications for any vacant classified positions, i.e. Noon Duty Aide, Cafeteria Help, Substitute jobs such as Clerical, Cafeteria and Custodial.

- Receive information on parent organizations for your child's school
- Receive information on orientation and tour of your child's school
- Schedule appointments with the Principal at the time of enrollment for interdistrict transfers
- Meet with District Nurse if your student has any health concerns or specialized procedures i.e.: EPI Pen, seizures, diabetes, etc.

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- 4 Polio (3 doses meet requirement if at least one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- 3 Hep B
- 2 MMR (both on or after 1st birthday)
- 1 Varicella

Children entering 7th grade should have:

• 3 Hep B

- 2 MMR (both on or after 1st birthday)
- 1 Varicella (2 does are needed if immunized on or after 13th birthday)
- Td Booster (recommended)

Physicals

- Kindergarten physicals must be dated on or after 2/5/10
- First Grade physicals must be dated on or after 2/6/09

Oral Health Screenings

- Kindergarten: Date will be accepted up to 12 months prior to enrollment date
- First Grade: If child did not attend kindergarten, they must have screening.
 Date will be accepted 12 months prior to enrollment date.

You will need to show your child's immunization record to register your child for school.







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Tips for a safe summer season

BY RONNEY R. HESTER

Army Substance Abuse Program Prevention Coordinator

The Staff at Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) believe the summer season is a happy and joyous time for friends and families to come together, celebrate and be thankful for all that is good: home from deployments and a welcome reprieve from back-to-back rotations. Unfortunately, the summer season also brings a dramatic increase of drunk and drugged driving.

Every year, hundreds of families are faced with the devastating consequences of someone driving after consuming too much alcohol and using illicit substances. The staff at ASAP are going to offer suggestions on how to have a safe and happy summer season. Remember, it's always okay not to drink, and the use of illicit substances is prohibited. We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

When throwing a holiday party, it is important to remember that you have a responsibility to your guests and that they all have a

safe evening at your party and afterwards. If alcohol is being served, it is important to always offer your guests non-alcoholic beverages and food. You should also have activities such as dancing or games, so as to not make alcohol the main-focus of the party. By offering your guests other activities, you are encouraging them to spend their time socializing instead of drinking.

As host of the party, be prepared to help identify safe and sober transportation for all of your guests. This can be accomplished by identifying designated driver's at your party, ensuring everyone gets to their final destination without any problems, or by simply offering all of your guests a good night's sleep in your home. Ensuring a safe and sober ride home for all of your guests is the easiest way to ensure a safe and happy summer for everyone.

How to have a safe summer party

- Always know who is driving Make sure the designated drivers have plenty of nonalcoholic drinks.
- Serve food especially foods such as cheese, nuts, and meat as these foods help

- slow the body's alcohol absorption rate.
- Obey the law ID anyone you may not know at your party. Never serve anyone who is under 21 or is already intoxicated. If someone is using illicit substances call the military police.
- Focus on fun Have games, music, entertainment or other activities to shift the emphasis from drinking to socializing.
- Know what to look for Signs of impairment can include lack of coordination, aggressive behavior, very talkative, very indifferent, slurred speech and incoherent speech.
- Offer Safe-Rides Whether it is taking someone to their final destination or having a designated driver available, make sure no one leaves the party to drive impaired.

Are great drinks to offer guests and designated drivers. Additional mocktail recipes can be found online.

Sangria

2 24 oz. Bottles of chilled grape juice

1 — 1 liter of chilled club soda

1/2 — Small pineapple (cut bite-size)

1 — Sliced orange

1 — Tray of ice cubes

In a 4 quart pitcher, combine the juice and soda. Add fruit and ice cubes.

Pink Lady

- 1 1/2 Cups Milk
- 2 tb Lemon Juice
- 1 tb Grenadine
- 1 tb Granulated Sugar
- 6 Ice Cubes

Mix all ingredients in a blender. Blend until all ice is gone. Serve immediately.

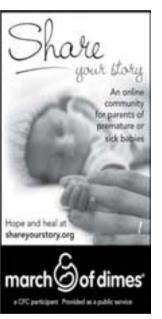
Designated Driver's Delight

- 2 1/2 oz. Orange Juice
- 1 1/4 oz Pineapple Juice
- 1 1/4 oz. Cranberry Juice
- 2 Scoops Vanilla Ice Cream

3 Frozen Strawberries

Mix all ingredients in a blender until smooth. Serve with an orange slice. Mocktails are non-alcoholic drinks that look like cocktails. Mocktails are refreshing and fun.

.See Summer, page 16











Breastfeeding Support Group provides support, assistance

Group to offer monthly Breastfeeding Orientation

BY SONJA MORALES, LPN, CLC

Weed Army Community Hospital **OB/GYN Clinic**

Breastfeeding is an unequalled way of providing ideal food for the healthy growth and development of infants. For this reason, the Weed Army Community Hospital OB/GYN Clinic and Mother Baby Unit are committed to support and assist our breastfeeding mothers. The Breastfeeding Orientation is offered every last Monday of each month from 9-11 a.m. In this class, we provide basic breastfeeding teaching to help you prepare for your breastfeeding baby. As you continue breastfeeding, the Breastfeeding Support Group is there to provide you with ongoing assistance and support. The BFSG is held every Wednesday from 1-2 p.m., starting July 14. Currently, the BFSG is being held every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m., except the second Tuesday meeting at the Behavioral Health conference room. Both classes are held at the Mary E. Walker Clinic conference room. For more information, call 380-0613.







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Fort Irwin celebrates Fourth of July with ...

Food, games, fireworks

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CAROLINE KEYSER

Warrior Volunteer Writer

Food, fun and fireworks were all on the agenda when the Fort Irwin community gathered to mark the 234th anniversary of America's independence at the post's Independence Day celebration at Army Field.

There were more than a dozen activities and games, including a video arcade, strength meter, rock climbing wall, and a variety of cooking and eating contests. Hawaiian dancers, a hypnotist and several bands and DJs also provided entertainment, and those who wanted a break from the High Desert heat could cool off with water tag and water slides.

The theme of this year's celebration was "Old Fashioned Fourth of July," and in keeping with that theme, patrons could enjoy traditional American picnic fare such as barbecued ribs, cole slaw, corn bread and shaved ice.

The annual celebration is an important way to show Fort Irwin's Soldiers and families that their contributions are appreciated, said Jackie Hoggins, director of marketing for Fort Irwin Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"This is FMWR's way of saying 'thank you,' to our Soldiers and their families," Hoggins said.

One of the biggest changes to the celebration this year had to do with where the electricity to power it came from, Hoggins said. While many patrons were decked out in red, white and blue, there was another color featured at the celebration — green. For the first time, parts of the Independence Day celebration, including the main stage sound system and front entry lights, were powered by solar panels provided by Energy Acumen, an alternative energy company that sponsored the event.

"It's a way for us to showcase all the green initiatives going on across post," Hoggins said.

The event had a record turnout for the third year in a row. Hoggins estimated that at least 3,000 people attended, and she credited the large number and wide variety of activities with drawing so many community members.

"It's a family-friendly event, but we also tried to have things for single Soldiers and couples without children, like the jousting and eating contests," she said.

Kelle Jones, who was spending her first Fourth of July at Fort Irwin, attended the celebration with her 18-month-old daughter Rhinannon Contreras. Jones said the celebration was a fun break from everyday routine.

"We're enjoying it," she said.

Lt. Col. Allan Presser, a U.S. Navy chaplain stationed at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, came to Fort Irwin to attend the celebration with his five-year-old son, Nathan.

"We're having a lot of fun out here,"



(ABOVE) The Fort Irwin community was treated to a 30-minute fireworks show that concluded festivities at the July 4 Independence Day celebration at Army Field.

(RIGHT) Seventh-graders Lexy Brown, left, and Lauren Wakefield, admire a display of earrings in a vendor booth at Fort Irwin's Independence Day celebration.

(BELOW) Train rides were one of many kid-friendly events at Fort Irwin's Independence Day celebration, July 4.



(ABOVE) Six-year-old Eddy Zhu hits a golf ball at the puttputt event at Fort Irwin's Independence Day celebration.







(ABOVE) Pvt. 1st Class Grover Harvell, Delta Company, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, takes aim at a basketball game in the arcade section of Fort Irwin's Independence Day celebration.



Nicole Flippen, with her daughter Amara Flippen, 18 months, gets ready to try her hand at the ring toss game at Fort Irwin's Independence Day celebration July 4 at Army Field.



(ABOVE) Capt. Mark Jones, U.S. Army Air Ambulance Detachment, helps his son Tyler Jones, 4, climb the rock wall at Fort Irwin's Independence Day celebration July 4 at Army Field.

(RIGHT) First Sgt. Douglas W. Wolff, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, shows off the certificate he received for winning first place in the Rib Bone Sucking barbecue sauce contest. Wolff concocted his secret recipe himself.



(ABOVE) Kelle Jones and Rhiannon Contreras, 18-months, enjoy a shaved ice during Fort Irwin's Independence Day celebration July 4 at Army Field.

Independence Day celebration honors ...

Purple Heart Medal recipients

Celebration recognizes Fort Irwin's Sgt. Ricardo Flemate

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GUSTAVO BAHENA

Warrior Staff Writer

"The Fourth of July celebration is probably the most American of our holidays, because it is a celebration of the freedoms and independence that we share and defend as Americans," said Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, commander, National Training Center and Fort Irwin.

Abrams spoke those words July 4 at a public ceremony held at Rancho San Bernardo, Calif., for an audience that included more than a dozen combat veterans wounded in action while serving in conflicts, past and present.

"As we celebrate our independence and freedom today, let's always be mindful that freedom is not free," Abrams said. "It was paid for at a very high price in human life and injured, as demonstrated by our grand marshals today, all of whom were wounded in action, defending our rights in the spirit of service."

The grand marshals Abrams mentioned were the veterans and service members who would be riding atop vehicles in a parade that afternoon. The honorees had the distinction of having received Purple Heart Medals for combat injuries.

Participating in the events that day was Sgt. Ricardo Flemate, a team leader with



Sgt. Ricardo Flemate, a team leader with Fox Troop "Fury," 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, rides in a July 4 parade in Rancho San Bernardo, Calif. Flemate was honored as one of several parade grand marshals — all veterans with Purple Heart Medals.

Fox Troop "Fury," 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was wounded in action in August 2008 while serving in Afghanistan with Viper Company, 1st Bat-

talion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Earlier in that combat tour, he received an Army Commendation Medal with Valor for actions he performed that helped save the life of fellow Soldier, Pfc. Jermaine Decker.

Flemate said he was honored to have been recognized alongside veterans of past conflicts. It was also significant to him that his wife, Ivette, and daughter Mia, 16 months, accompanied him to the celebration.

"I am very proud of him," Ivette said. "I am very proud and honored to be here to celebrate with everybody and just enjoy this time with him."

Flemate said he was able to relate to a poem that Abrams read during his speech. The poem, "It is the Soldier," follows:

It is the Soldier, not the minister, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.



National Training Center and Fort Irwin commander, Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, third from right/ back row, is joined by veterans of past and current conflicts during an Independence Day celebration at Rancho San Bernardo, Calif., July 4.



National Training Center and Fort Irwin commander, Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, speaks during a July 4th ceremony in Rancho San Bernardo, Calif. The bell in the foreground was rung once for each of the 13 original colonies.



Joshua Roter, 15, of Simi Valley, Calif., puts on gear provided by Cpl. Scott Tipton, a gunner for an M2A1 Bradley Fighting Vehicle (seen in the background) during a static display event at Rancho Bernardo, Calif., July 4. Tipton is part of 1st Platoon, Fox Troop "Fury," 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.



Crewmembers of an M2A1 Bradley Fighting Vehicle wave during a parade at Rancho San Bernardo, Calif., July 4. The Soldiers are from 1st Platoon, Fox Troop "Fury," 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.



A mounted color guard of the Horse Detachment, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, leads a parade during a July 4th celebration at Rancho San Bernardo, Calif.

Red Cross recognizes post volunteers

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHICPAUL BECERRA

Warrior Editor

The Fort Irwin Station of the American Red Cross, led by Stephanie Luce, station manager, and Sue Jones, honorary advisor, recognized 48 volunteers during a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon at Reggie's, on June 29.

Keynote speaker was Jason Marshall, station manager of 29 Palms Station of the American Red Cross, who shared with the audience on his beginnings, career, and experience with the American Red Cross. Col. Joe Wawro, NTC and Fort Irwin chief of staff, expressed his thanks to Fort Irwin's volunteers and noted that volunteers are an important component of the Red Cross.

Col. Wawro handed awards to those recognized which included Silky Isaacs of Army Community Service and Sgt. Giancarlo Casem of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, for Good Neighbor Awards; Carly Bader and David Wade for Exceptional Volunteer Service for Health and Safety Programs; Kari Updike for Certificate of Recognition for Extraordinary Personal Actions; Kathleen Newton for Special Citation for Exceptional Volunteer Service; Yienessa Warren for Outstanding Youth Volunteer; and Andrea Mohr for Volunteer of the Year.

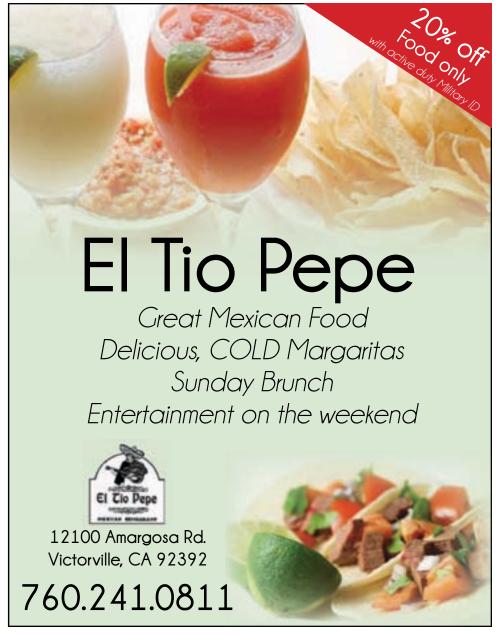
The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principals of the International Red Cross Movement. It was founded in 1881 by visionary leader Clara Burton. The Red Cross provides relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The Red Cross is not a government agency as it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

(ABOVE) Kari Updike receives Certificate of Recognition for Extraordinary Personal Actions from Col. Joe Wawro, NTC and Fort Irwin chief of staff.

(LEFT) Col. Joe Wawro thanks Carly Bad er and David Wade as they are recog nized for Exceptional Volunteer Service for Health and Safety Programs.

(BELOW) Yienessa Warren is recognized as the Red Cross' Outstanding Youth Volunteer.







Summer*, from* page 10_

How to be safe at a summer party

- · Decide beforehand who will be the designated driver or who will get partygoers to their final destination.
- · Make a pact with your friends that if someone drives while intoxicated that
- will call the Military Police. While this may be hard to do, it will help deter anyone from leaving the party drunk.
- Leave Early—Statistics show that the highest percentage of drunk drivers are on the road between 12:30 and 3 a.m.
- Be extremely cautious and observant when driving, even if it is early. Remember that
- many people begin drinking early during the summer season.

Safe drinking tips

- Eat before and during drinking.
- Before you celebrate, designate; identify

- a responsible driver or let guests know you will be getting them to their final
- Don't chug your drinks; drink slowly and make your drinks last.
- Alternate between alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks.
- Remember the word HALT: Don't drink if you're Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired.
- Drink responsibly, stay in control of yourself.
- Remember, it's ALWAYS okay NOT to drink.

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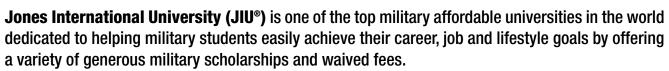
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FBI seeks possible local area victims

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

News Release

The FBI has arrested a former Fort Irwin Soldier in Fairbanks, Alaska, for possession of child pornography.

Joseph Scott Szymanski, 23, was arrested in Fairbanks on June 14 after he was charged in a federal criminal complaint with possession of child pornography, according to FBI reports.

Szymanski who was a Soldier here, from July 2006 till October 2008, was living in Alaska after he separated from the Army in December 2009.

According to the complaint, Szymanski allegedly possessed pornographic images of children that he had access to while he was living at Fort Irwin.

In May, a memory card was found in government quarters that contained pornographic pictures of children.

According to investigators, Szymanski was known to babysit for the parents of children here and may have been involved in various youth activities. Szymanski was identified as a suspect through furniture and other items seen in photos on the memory card.

Investigators in the case believe that Szymanski may have sexually abused children who have not yet been identified and seeks the public's help in identifying any additional victims.

The FBI has the lead and are continuing to investigate the case with Fort Irwin Criminal Investigation Division (CID) support. At this time no other allegations regarding Szymanski have been reported to Fort Irwin MPs or CID. Szymanski has been remanded to federal custody and will be transferred to California to face prosecution.

Anyone who believes that their children may have been victimized by Szymanski is urged to call FBI Agent Jeffery Stiff at (951) 248-6582.



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I believe if you step out of your box and explore all that is out there you will be surprised at just how fast not only your body will change, but your mind will open up to endless possibilities. Exercise doesn't have to be boring; getting fit and healthy can be loads of fun. You just have to open your mind to what's out there.

Take your fitness routine outside. Why not go for a bike ride with the kids, a long walk, a slow jog, or push yourself through a vigorous hike up and down hills. Being outside can renew your sense of self; making you feel free to explore all the possibilities of being fit and healthy; giving you the drive and determination to excel in all that you do.

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Afternoon

12:00 Cycling/Sandy 5:30 Xtreme Fitness/ Robin Sandy Ryndee

Friday, July 9

Morning

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Afternoon

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

Monday, July 12

Morning

8:30 Turbo Kick/Ryndee 9:30 Yoga/Kimberly

Afternoon

3:00 Yoga/Robin 5:30 Cycling/Ryndee 6:30 Body Shop/Sandy

Tuesday, July 13

Morning

6:30 No Class 8:30 Body Shop/Ryndee 9:30 Belly Dancing B/Ranai

Afternoon

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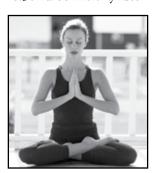
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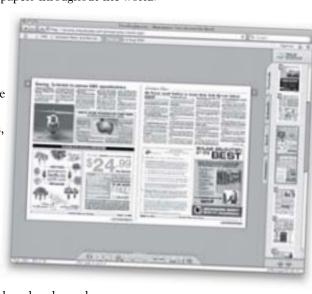
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- Townhomes
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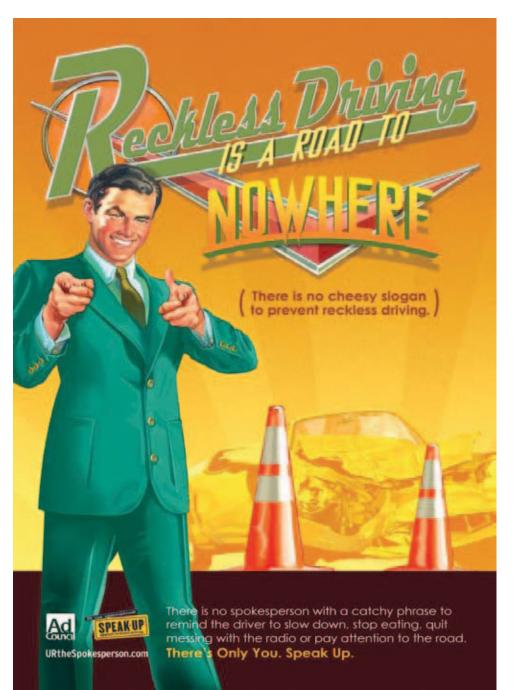




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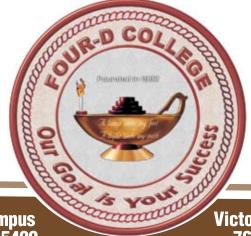


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