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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 today/Aug. 5 and Sept. 2 in Bldg. 552, Avenue G, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 380-4540/5337.

## In-Processing Relocation

Military Personnel and Finance In-processing Sections have relocated to Bldg. 312, co-located with the AG Replacement. All other Military Personnel Functions remain in Bldg. 561. DEERS and ID Cards section remains in its current location — Bldg. 563.

## DRM Closure Dates

The Directorate of Resource Management Office will close on the following days due to General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEB) Training on Aug. 13.

## 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.

## Legal Assistance Appointments

The Legal Assistance Office has changed the way we schedule appointments in order to more efficiently serve the Fort Irwin Community. Individuals no longer need to wait until Friday at 1 p.m. to schedule an appointment. Appointments may now be scheduled anytime, either in person or over the phone. Legal Assistance services are available for active duty, active Guard Reserve, mobilized service members, retirees and their dependents. Prospective clients must have a valid military identification card. Screening for eligibility of legal services will take place at the time the appointment is scheduled. New clients, who are not able to make an appointment on-the-spot, will be placed on a wait list and contacted as soon as an appointment is available. Individuals with emergency legal issues, as defined by our standing office policy, will be scheduled for an appointment as soon as possible. Your feedback on this new scheduling process is desired and encouraged. To schedule an appointment, stop by the Legal Assistance Office located in Bldg. 288, across from the Main Post Chapel on Barstow Road, or call 380-5321.

## Broadcasting live from INN



SGT. 1ST CLASS ANDREW ROFF

International News Network's Sandra Luz Gallegos and Daniel Turner get live report of a butcher story at Medina Wasl. Read story and view more photos on pages 10 and 11.

## Find your dream job at upcoming Fort Irwin Job Fair

### FMWR

#### News Release

The Fort Irwin Job Fair will take place at Reggies, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are looking for new and exciting employment opportunities, you cannot miss this event. There will be several companies from in and around the Fort Irwin area.

Here are a few tips to prepare you for the Job Fair:

**UPDATE YOUR RESUME:** Make sure that your resume is current and up-to-date before the Job Fair. Revamp your resume to meet your career objective. Update your contact information, add recent work experience, and remove any information that is no longer relevant. Check for grammar, formatting, and spelling.

**BRING EXTRA COPIES OF YOUR RESUME:** You should have enough copies of your resume available to provide to companies that you are interested in. If you make a good impression, employers will have something concrete to remember you by.

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS:** Your purpose at a Job Fair is to market yourself to employers. **See Dream, page 3**

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FORT IRWIN SOLDIERS  
CURRENTLY DEPLOYED

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



# Panel suggests changes in long-term defense planning

BY LISA DANIEL  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A congressionally-mandated panel has recommended broad changes to long-term Defense Department strategies and priorities, including funding a major recapitalization of equipment, revamping the personnel system and expanding the number of people serving in the Navy.

Former Defense Secretary William J. Perry and former National Security Advisor Stephen J. Hadley gave their final report as co-chairs of the Independent Panel's Assessment of the Quadrennial Defense Review to the House Armed Services Committee today. The QDR is a legislatively mandated review of Department of Defense strategy and priorities.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates appointed 12 of the 20-members on the panel in 2009 to assess the 2010 QDR, which was released in February. The other eight panel members were selected by Congress. The panel's report is called "The QDR in Perspective: Meeting America's

National Security Needs in the 21st Century."

The panel found that the QDR did not project out far enough to prepare the military for the long term, Perry said. Rather, he said, the QDR focused primarily on the next four to five years around the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "If I were secretary of defense today, I would have done the same thing," said Perry, who served from 1993 to 1997.

Perry, who served in President Bill Clinton's administration, and Hadley, who served under President George W. Bush, said the panel showed remarkable non-partisanship and was unanimous in its findings.

The panel identified America's four "enduring national interests that transcend politics" as, defense of the homeland; assured access to sea, air, space and cyberspace; a favorable balance of power in western Asia; and overall humanitarian good.

Among the potential threats to U.S. national interests, according to the panel, are radical Islamic extremism and terrorism, the rise of great powers in the

East, tensions in the Middle East and competition for resources.

While "soft power" capabilities of diplomacy and civilian support are important, Hadley said, "the world's first order of concern will continue to be security concerns."

Because of that, the panel recommends a recapitalization of military hardware to replace the wear and tear of nine years of war, Perry said. "This will be expensive," he said. "But deferring recapitalization will require even more expenses in the future."

The panel also recommends a restructuring of forces to build up Navy end-strength and improve the Air Force's long-range strike capabilities. Current Army and Marine Corps ground forces are sufficient for the long term, the panel said.

Today's forces are fully capable of handling any threat that may emerge today, Perry said, but the panel believes a buildup of Navy forces in the western Pacific is necessary to counter emerging threats there, notably Chinese militarization.

U.S. allies in the East "are worried about China and they want

us there working with China, and we are," Perry said. He added, "I do not anticipate any military conflict with China, and if it were to happen it would be a huge failure of diplomacy."

To avoid a potential arms race in Asia, Perry said, the U.S. military needs to maintain a consistently strong force in the region.

The panel's assessment also calls for a reconsideration of managing resources. Gates' acquisition reform plans are "a good start," Perry said, but they don't go far enough.

Defense officials should require dual competition in all production programs, and set a limit of five to seven years for the delivery of all defined programs, Perry said. Historically, he said, all successful programs are delivered in four to five years, and programs that drag on beyond 10 years "are guaranteed to cost too much."

Also, Pentagon officials need to clarify roles within the department's acquisitions work force as to who is responsible for the delivery of programs, Hadley said. "It's a muddy picture, with lots of layering and lots of review without clear authority," he said.

## WHO WE 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

# ICE — Customer Service Corner

BY MEREDITH STORM  
Customer Service Officer

## Fort Irwin "Community FIRST" is Working for You

The Community FIRST Quarterly Issue Resolution process has enabled us to review and resolve your issues continuously throughout 2010. Issues gathered from Soldiers, family members, civilian retirees, and veterans are worked by the garrison directorates and installation organizations. Again this year, the Community FIRST process has saved countless person-hours and achieved higher results in resolving issues.

Community FIRST received a total of 76 issues, of these more than 30 issues have been designated as completed by the appropriate directorate or organization. Some examples of the results or actions are:

- Need Kids Zone/Event Space for Youth Parties
- Re-do flooring at Coyote Activity Center (Fitness Connection)
- Movies on the Green
- Inconsistent Speed Limit Signs
- Dog Park

We currently have 20 active issues to be voted on and 26 issues that were deemed unattainable locally for various reason including funding and priority. Our active and unattainable issues will be continuously reviewed by the Installation Action Council and quarterly focus groups.

If you would like to submit an issue, attend a focus group or for a complete review of the issue status, contact me at [meredith.storm@us.army.mil](mailto:meredith.storm@us.army.mil). The Customer Service Management Service Website is currently under construction, but will soon have all Community FIRST information for everyone to view.

This is just another way to inform you that you have a voice, and we want it to be heard because we listening. Keep sending in your issues, ICE comments, and attending focus groups so we can make this installation better for you and others.

Remember, DON'T get HOT, PUT it on ICE!

## ICE Appreciation

The Garrison would like to congratulate the Landmark Inn. They have maintained a 4.02 respectively in employee/staff attitude out of a possible 5.0, over a 12 week period. This is outstanding performance

in Customer Satisfaction! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

## 3rd Quarter Award Winners

Customer Service Warrior Awards  
Antonio Casiano  
Christopher Stewart  
Carol Barksdale

Service Providers Customer Service Awards  
ASAP  
ACAP  
Military Personnel Division- Transition

Command/Directorate Customer Service Awards  
MWR Family and Recreation Division  
ACS  
Garrison Safety

Congratulations to 3rd Quarter winners and look for the 4th Quarter Customer Service Awards next month. We will be honoring another group of exceptional customer service representatives.

*Editor's note: You can reach Meredith Storm at 380-7639 or at her e-mail [meredith.storm@us.army.mil](mailto:meredith.storm@us.army.mil)*

# It pays to shop the Fort Irwin Exchange

BY TANYA SELDERS

Army and Air Force Exchange Services  
Public Affairs Representative

The Exchange benefit at Fort Irwin is paying dividends in more ways than one.

Soldiers shopping at the Post Exchange (PX), dining at Burger King, and using other AAFES activities last year generated a dividend of \$553,097.

These funds are critical to Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation's (MWR) ability to enhance local programs and facilities, including the Desert Oasis Swimming Pool, Pitch n Putt Golf Course, and Paws and Claws.

"AAFES' dual mission is to provide goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support MWR's programs," said Fort Irwin PX Assistant Store Manager Tonya Ruppel. "As a result, the dollars that troops and their families spend in AAFES facilities generates a healthy return on their investment by directly improving quality of life services."

The dual benefit AAFES provides military families goes far beyond the clothes, electronics or consumables available at the Exchange. In fact, purchases made in the past 10 years have provided more than \$2.4 billion to military MWR programs such as Youth Services, post functions and aquatic centers.

Historically, roughly two-thirds of AAFES earnings are paid to MWR programs. In addition to funding quality of life efforts, AAFES earnings are used to build new stores or renovate existing facilities without expense to the Federal government. Funds to contract these new or replacement facilities also come entirely from sales of merchandise and services.

*Editor's note: For more information or to talk with an AAFES representative, contact Ermonela Virrill, 386-1500 or virrille@aafes.com.*

# Disclosure of personal information

*Is it voluntary or mandatory?*

BY BOB LUCAS

Directorate of Human Resources

Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer

Is it mandatory for an individual to provide the information only if the statute or executive order requires it? A regulation alone cannot mandate that the individual provide the information. If the statute or executive order provides a penalty for not providing the information, then it is mandatory.

The Internal Revenue Code requires that certain personal information be provided and, if it is not, penalties are authorized. Unless the statute or executive order makes it mandatory, then providing the information is voluntary. That is why a Privacy Act Statement is shown to individuals when personal data is being collected on them. This statement outlines what is voluntary or mandatory, but also what will happen if the information is not provided.

The question of whether providing the information is mandatory or voluntary, is different from the question of whether there are any effects of not providing the information. The law may not require mandatory disclosure for individuals to apply for a benefit, but not supplying certain minimal information might preclude the agency from providing the benefit.

The individual must be told what, if any, effects will accrue to him/her for failure to provide the requested information. This allows the individual to make an informed decision as to whether or not to provide the information on the collection form or during an interview. The wording of the statement must be drafted carefully to avoid misleading or appearing to coerce the individual. Managing Privacy Act Information subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 — When not under the continuing control and supervision of a person authorized access to such material it must be, as a minimum, maintained under locked condition.

## Dream, from page 1

and having a professional appearance is the first step. Employers will view your attire as a reflection of how serious you are about finding employment. Here are some things to remember:

### DO

- Dress conservatively and in muted colors (black, navy, gray).
- Have nicely polished dress shoes.
- Ensure hair and nails are well-groomed.
- Wear minimal jewelry.

### DON'T

- Wear wrinkled or ill-fitting clothing.
- Use excessive perfume or cologne.
- Wear too much make-up.
- Chew gum when talking to employers.

**BE PREPARED:** Some employers may ask you questions similar to those in a job interview. Brush up on your interview skills, be prepared to answer questions about your past or current job history, and make sure you maintain your professionalism at all time. Also, ask questions, and show them that you are interested in learning more about their company.

**NETWORK:** Do not just go from table to table handing out your resume. Instead, take the time to talk to employers. Even if you haven't heard of the company or if you think you are not interested in the type of jobs they have to offer, give them a chance to tell you what opportunities they have. You might be pleasantly surprised.

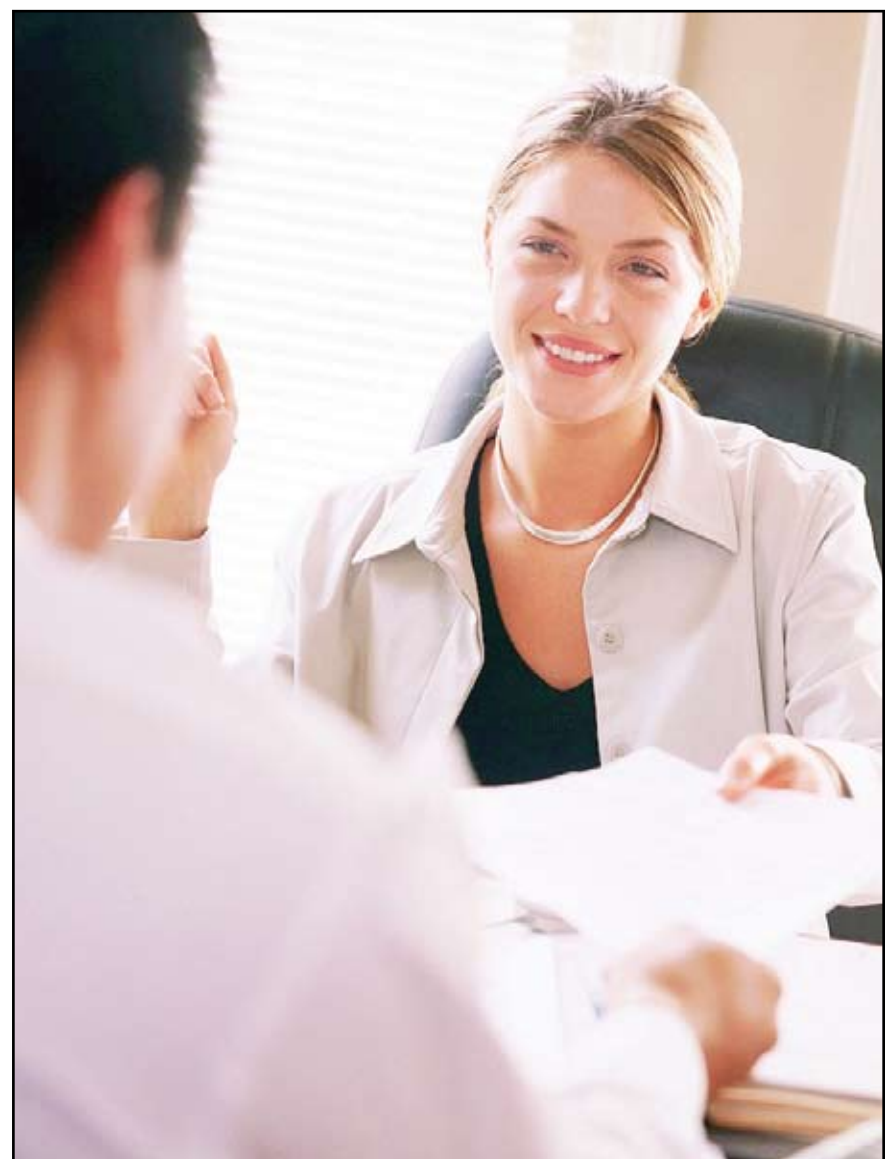
**FOLLOW-UP:** After the Job Fair, follow-up with the companies that you submitted your resume to. One of the best ways to accomplish this is by sending a thank you note. It will definitely make you stand out.

If you would like more information, please contact Silvia Moreno, Employment Readiness Program manager, at 380-5165 or visit website: [http://www.fortirwinfmwr.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=25&Itemid=35](http://www.fortirwinfmwr.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=25&Itemid=35)

If you are responsible for creating, managing, or using Privacy Act information you should:

1. Restrict access to those persons with a "need to know." Only those persons who need the records in performance of their mission may have access to the necessary information.
2. All individuals have the right to access records maintained on them. Third parties may be granted access to information only with the written authorization from the individual on whom the record is maintained.
3. Data output on paper and in electronic formats must be protected. Paper records should be locked in a secure cabinet, desk, or office when not in use. When in use, record need to be covered with DA Label 87 (For Official Use Only), DD Form 2923 (Privacy Act Data Cover Sheet), or turned face down if unauthorized personnel are present.
4. Access to data in electronic formats must also be controlled. Do not leave sensitive data on your computer screen when you are not at your desk. Apply a screen password. Change your password often and do not give out your password to anyone. When not at your desk, remove your CAC and take it with you.
5. Sensitive information must be shredded. Do not put in the general recycle bins. Fort Irwin has a shredder in Bldg. 13 (by appointment only, 380-4540) if you need to use it.
6. Disks, tapes and other media for storing Privacy Act data must be protected.
7. When your computer leaves your control, i.e. property turn-in, make sure all Privacy Act data is removed from the system.
8. When sending personal information through email, ensure the subject line contains either "FOUO" or "Privacy Information Enclosed."

*Editor's note: For more information, contact Robert at: [robert.c.lucas@us.army.mil](mailto:robert.c.lucas@us.army.mil) or call him at 380-4540.*





## Crime Watch

Information provided by  
Provost Marshal Office

**Verbal threats (out of state).** Victim reported that he had received verbal threats, over the phone from his ex-wife.

**Traffic accident — non injury.** Location: burger king drive thru. Two vehicles were involved in a minor traffic accident at the Burger King drive thru.

**Health and welfare check.** Location: Cactus Cove housing. Police investigated the report of a family disturbance and checked the welfare of the residents.

**Found UXO.** Location: Bldg. ####. An HVAC mechanic reported the discovery of a grenade simulator in the ceiling, near the air conditioning ducts.

**911 hang up.** Location: Sandy Basin housing. Police responded to the report of a 911 hang up. Investigation disclosed that a toddler had dialed 911.

**Missing person.** Location: Sandy Basin housing. Police investigated the report of a missing 17-year-old.

**Child endangerment.** Location: Coyote Springs housing. Police were notified that a young child was found wandering the street.

## Adopt-a-pet



**Name:** Sage  
**Breed:** Domestic Short Hair  
**Gender:** Female  
**Age:** 3-months-old

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

## News Briefs

### 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](http://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](mailto:brian.j.bennett1@us.army.mil). Share the news on using USAJOBS.

# Sensational DEALS

**2010 LANCER DE**

MSRP .....\$17,335  
DEALER DISCOUNT.....\$1,647  
FACTORY REBATE.....\$1,000  
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MILITARY REBATE\* .....\$500

**\$13,488**

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\* Automatic

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DEALER DISCOUNT.....\$2,331  
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OWNER LOYALTY REBATE\$1,000  
MILITARY REBATE\* .....\$500

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**2009 ECLIPSE GS**

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MILITARY REBATE\* .....\$500

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

## MUSLIM

Prayer	Friday, 12 p.m.	Bldg 317
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## JEWISH

For information about Jewish activities, call 380-3562

## 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)  
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 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.)  
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## Elmo at Fort Irwin

The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families will perform at Fort Irwin on Aug. 18 and 19. The free traveling USO show, which is exclusively for military families, is back in the U.S. after an around the world tour. Audiences will experience a 25-minute character performance, which includes Elmo and Friends, and receive promotional items and outreach materials. The Sesame Street Workshop/USO partnership debuted its first show in July 2008.

It has traveled more than 50,000 miles to 95 bases in nine countries. More than 150,000 service members and families have been entertained during 237 shows.

## Shine in the Light

Protestant Women of the Chapel will host the Fall Kick Off's Shine in the Light of His Glory, featuring Christian comedian Carol Simpson, at the Center Chapel, 9 a.m., and 6 p.m., Aug. 10. Food, childcare, and friendships will be provided. For more information, email pwoc.ftirwin@gmail.com.

## Pet Grooming Available

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

## 1/11 ACR FRG events

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

**Aug 23:** A Troop, FRG Meeting, 5 p.m., Squadron Conference Room

**Aug 24:** C Troop, FRG Meeting, 4 p.m., Squadron Conference Room,

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

## GSAB FRG Events

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

### HHD, GSAB

HHD FRG meeting has not been scheduled as of yet. 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. If you should have any questions, contact Juli Cummings at (254) 630-2596 or email: aadfrg@gmail.com.

### AVCO, GSAB

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

## 1916th Support Battalion FRG Events

The upcoming 1916th Support Battalion Family Readiness Group meetings are:

**2nd HET:** FRG meeting, Aug. 9, 5 p.m., Sandy Basin Community Center.

**557 Maintenance Company:** FRG meeting, Aug. 10, 6 p.m., Cracker Jack Flats Community Center.

**HHC:** FRG meeting, Aug. 18, 5 p.m., Battalion conference room.

**699 Maintenance Company:** FRG meeting Sept. 1, 6 p.m., Sandy Basin Community Center.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Patrick Rogers at 380-4745. Youth and School Activities

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

## Race Tickets Available

NASCAR Tickets for the Pepsi400 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, Oct 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.

## Breastfeeding Support Group

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. Breastfeeding Orientation is offered every last Monday of each month from 9-11 a.m. In this class, staff teaches basic breastfeeding techniques 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. BFSG is held every Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. Classes are held at the Mary E. Walker Clinic conference room. For more information, call 380-0613.

## At the Movies

### Thursday, Aug. 5

7 p.m. Closed

### Friday, Aug. 6

7 p.m. Grown Ups (PG-13)

7 p.m. Toy Story 3 (G)

9:30 p.m. Knight and Day (PG-13)

9:30 p.m. The A-Team (PG-13)

### Saturday, Aug. 7

7 p.m. Grown Ups (PG-13)

7 p.m. Toy Story 3 (G)

9:30 p.m. Knight and Day (PG-13)

9:30 p.m. The A-Team (PG-13)

### Sunday, Aug. 8

4 p.m. Toy Story 3 (G)

7 p.m. Grown Ups (PG-13)

7 p.m. Knight and Day (PG-13)

### Monday, Aug. 9

7 p.m. The A-Team (PG-13)

7 p.m. Knight and Day (PG-13)

### Tuesday, Aug. 10

7 p.m. Closed

### Wednesday, Aug. 11

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.*

## Relationship Workshops

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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:getfit@ww-Christine.com).

## Soldier Show

The 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show, a high-energy 90-minute live musical production that showcases the talents of active duty Soldiers, will be held at the Freedom Fitness Center, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing and come from unit supply, medical and emergency, animal care, transportation and aviation, legal and law enforcement and other tactical units. The show is assembled in five weeks, and then tours for six months. Soldier Show is sponsored by the G1 Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention Program and the Army Comprehensive Fitness Program. For more information, contact Reggie Roberson, 380-2194.

## Adopt A Pet

Come and visit Fort Irwin's Pet Shelter, open from 2-4 p.m., Monday to Friday. For more information, call 380-3025 or visit [fortirwinfmwr.com](http://fortirwinfmwr.com) and click on the Adopt a Pet Banner for actual pictures of the animals up for adoption.

## Start a Bowling League

Strike Zone has started fall sign-ups for Mixed Handicap League, Scratch League, Youth/Tween and Teen League, Ladies League, and a Lunch League. Have a league that's not on this list? Start your own. Leagues are open to all Soldiers, family members, civilians, and contractors. The Bowling Center has state-of-the-art pro-comp synthetic lane beds and the best pin-setters money can buy. The Strike Zone is USBC-certified and is willing to start a Sport Shot League if the interest is there. Make some friends, enjoy the music, have a cool beverage and a great meal. For more information, contact Sherry Hoerr at 380-4249.



## Youth and School Activities

### Middle School Activities

**Thursday:** Cooking Club Watermelon Agua Fresca

**Friday:** Pool

**Monday:** Create Flower Pots

**Tuesday:** Plant Flowers in Pots

**Wednesday:** Smart Girls Ultimate Journey

### Teen Activities

**Friday:** Movie Night

**Saturday:** Back to School Party

\*\* We are currently revamping our facility, so we have temporarily moved to Bldg. 287. Please call 380.3732 for directions. Welcome to the new sixth graders!

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

**Teen Center:**

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

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

**Sundays and Holidays:** Closed

*More information: Kristin Morgan at 380-3732*

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





# Fort Irwin Community Calendar

**Thu., Aug. 5**  
Safeguarding Personal  
Information  
8:30-10:30 a.m.  
Bldg. 552, Avenue G  
380-4540/5337

**Thu., Aug. 5**  
Veterans Focus Group  
8 a.m.-12 noon  
The Forum, Bldg. 1200  
Meredith Storm, 380-7639

**Tue., Aug. 10**  
PWOC Fall Kick Off  
9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Center Chapel, Bldg. 217  
380-3562

**Wed., Aug. 11**  
Fort Irwin Job Fair  
10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Reggie's, Bldg. 37  
Silvia Moreno, 380-5165

**Wed., Aug. 11**  
Breastfeeding  
Support Group  
1-2 p.m.  
Mary E. Walker Clinic  
380-0613

**Tue., Aug. 17**  
Relationships Workshop  
11:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.  
Chaplain Family Life  
Center, Bldg. 320  
380-4664

**Wed., Aug. 18**  
Sesame Street/USO  
3 & 6:30 p.m.  
Freedom Fitness Center  
380-2194

**Sat., Aug. 21**  
Fort Irwin Soldier Show  
7 p.m.  
Freedom Fitness Center  
380-2194

**Wed., Aug. 25**  
Rising Star Audition  
6-8 p.m.  
Reggie's Ball Room  
380-3509



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# Proper hydration for school age kids

BY MIKE WISE

Garrison Safety Office

Your children's daily water needs will vary depending on their age, gender, physical activity level, the temperature outside, and their health, including whether they have a temperature on a given day. Generally, healthy kids who aren't involved in rigorous physical activity or sports get enough water by drinking when they're thirsty and eating a balanced diet. Check out the nutrition chart below for guidelines on adequate daily water intake for kids from beverages and foods. Then, tap into the tips below to help your kids drink up for good health.

Keep fluids flowing. Offer smaller amounts of beverages throughout the day, rather than large amounts at one time. This keeps kids hydrated, but not so full from fluids that they're not hungry at mealtime. Be mindful of the types of beverages you choose. Beverages with added sugars and calories, but few other nutrients, should be occasional choices.

Make fluids fun. For littler kids, serve beverages in colorful glasses and use crazy-shaped loopy straws.

Let kids pick their own water bottle. They'll be more excited to carry beverages to school, sports and other activities. Tip: To keep

beverages chilled, freeze half the fluid in the bottle overnight and then top off the bottle in the morning.

Use caution when it's hot outside, especially for active kids. In high temperatures, kids don't sweat as much as adults do, so it's harder for them to cool off. This makes them more at risk for dehydration and heat exhaustion. When it's hot out and kids are playing sports — or even just actively playing — head off problems by making sure they drink fluids before, during and after activity. As a guideline, encourage at least 4 ounces of fluid every 15-20 minutes, or whenever there's a break or time-out. Tip: One ounce equals about one "gulp."

Use caution when it's cold, too. Kids who play winter sports or play actively outside in cold, dry environments may sweat more too, especially when wearing lots of layers or protective gear. So, follow the same fluid guidelines as for hot weather.

Slip in watery foods. Serve soups and juicy fruits and veggies like cherry tomatoes, cucumber slices, lettuce, watermelon, oranges, grapes, peaches and strawberries. Sweet treats made with water like JELL-O Gelatin or frozen fruit pops are great, too. Kids will eat up this fun and refreshing recipe for Frosty Strawberry Pops.

Offer flavored fluids. Kids who shun plain water may readily drink flavored beverages. Juice pouches, such as CAPRI-SUN 100%

juice or KOOL-AID Jammers 10, are popular and easily stowed in backpacks. Powdered "on-the-go" drink mixes like KOOL-AID Singles or ready-to-drink bottles are handy options to tempt kids to drink. Can also add lemon, lime or orange slices to water to flavor them naturally.

**Guidelines for adequate daily water intake for kids**

The chart below shows approximately how much water kids of different ages and genders need daily for proper hydration. Water can come from beverages such as drinking water, milk and juice, and from foods. Physically active kids need more water, especially in higher temperatures.

Age Group	Total Water (approx. cups)	Water from Beverages (approx. cups)	Water from Foods (approx. cups)
Children 1-3	5 ½	4	1 ½
Children 4-8	7	5	2
Girls 9-13	9	7	2
Boys 9-13	10	8	2
Girls 14-18	10	8	2
Boys 14-18	14	11	3

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# Army technology expands snake-robotics

BY T'JAE GIBSON

U.S. Army Research Laboratory

ADELPHI, Md. — Development of snake-like technology underway at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory is moving the military toward sending more autonomous systems instead of Soldiers on search-and-rescue missions, a top priority in the most dangerous mission areas.

Army researchers call it the Robotic Tentacle Manipulator, a developmental project that expands on snake robotics research introduced at Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute, an ARL-funded effort through its robotics Collaborative Technology Alliance initiative.

This new work has resulted in the arrangement of the bases of several snakes in a circular array that functions like a team using multiple parts of their bodies to manipulate an object, scan a room or handle improvised explosive devices.

This snake-robot is scalable; it can be built however large or small as a subsystem to a larger platform like iRobot's rugged system

Warrior, which travels over rough terrain and climbs stairs. The number of tentacles or snakes determines the breadth or scope of its search capabilities. The number of links on each of those tentacles supports each snake's length or reach into an area, as well as its ability to crawl, swim, climb or shimmy through narrow spaces all while transmitting images to the Soldier who is operating the system.

The subsystem comes equipped with sophisticated electronic sensors, among them laser detection and ranging, or LADAR, to render 3-D representations of object shapes and physical properties like faces, mass and center of mass.

"The technology is leading to more than just the very tip of the snake being used in the object manipulation effect," said Derek Scherer, a researcher who works within ARL's Vehicle Technology Directorate. "Consider that snakes push off rocks or roots to propel their bodies. We are using this same concept in development."

Scherer said that with increased manipulator dexterity, Soldiers can offload more tasks to the robotic platform. "When the platform is tasked

with inspecting a potential IED threat, the extreme adaptability of the tentacle manipulator will allow the platform to rummage with precision," he said.

Its 'touch sensitivity' allows the snake-robot to balance objects and feel where forces are being applied as it rotates devices.

"It allows it to lift and reposition objects, including IEDs, for examination, and do so in a controlled fashion that is unlikely to detonate any ordnance," Scherer noted. "These same capabilities would improve inspections during cargo and checkpoint missions."

Researchers predict the technology may one day solve the "opening a door" problem, which has been a consistent obstacle in robotics, Scherer said. High levels of articulation in the manipulator could prove to be effective for grasping and rotating different types of door handles using knobs, handles, levers and bars.

"Solving the door problem would greatly improve indoor robot missions," Scherer added.

The developmental hardware includes a large-screen laptop, which presents a simple user interface. Each 24 centimeter tentacle is

directed by a master controller system, which communicates with the motors that are embedded in each of the links found on the tentacles. The motors essentially direct individual tentacle movement and the master controller directs the entire amalgamation of snakes, or tentacles.

"This is a distributed intelligence framework that permits advanced manipulation algorithms to run on a complex but affordable hardware platform," Scherer said.



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**The Robotic Tentacle Manipulator can lift and reposition objects, including IEDs, for examination, and do so in a controlled fashion that is unlikely to detonate any ordnance.**

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Soldiers rotating through NTC learn the skills and importance of proper media engagement. In the complex web of planners, number crunchers, and combat trainers that is Operations Group, or Ops Group as it's called by those who march the hallways of Building 990, is a little organization known as INN. INN, or International News Network, is a simulated, but very real news station providing deploying Soldiers an authentic press experience. Creating media that replicates the press found in combat requires NTC to offer more than just an English-speaking news team. To address this issue, INN has a foreign language element, Al Arabeeya.

"Operations Group strives to replicate the environment that a Soldier will encounter in combat, and the media are extremely valuable in creating that experience," says Lt. Col. Derrick Farmer, director of Instrumentation and Information Systems, Operations Group.

Learning how to interact with news organizations may not be as exciting as lethal combat training or as engrained as physical readiness, but "neglecting this important element while training Soldiers can have a range of negative effects," said Maj. Vance Fleming, Operations Group public affairs officer.

The most harmless may be just a little embarrassment. However, the impact can quickly escalate to a black eye for the Army, or even the entire Department of Defense. In the worse cases, a media engagement gone wrong can embarrass the whole country on today's international stage.

"It's imperative every Soldier learns how to engage the media. We only get one chance to get our message across," Fleming said.

For junior Soldiers, INN media training begins on the first day of rotation — RSOI 1 (Reception, Staging, Onward

Movement, and Integration). Members of the brigade begin the week toiling in comfort through the familiar process of preparing their vehicles and supplies. They are in the staging area known as the Dust Bowl, a seemingly mundane location with no threat of scenario-based training planned all week. Suddenly, they ambushed by an intrusive camera operator and an inquisitive reporter.

"What is your mission? Are you prepared to work side by side with Iraqis? Are they really in the lead?" Sheveen Missouri, the aggressive reporter asks a young sergeant.

Startled, but still sharp, he buys a little time.

"Can I see your credentials, ma'am?" Sgt. DeMint replies. He passes the first test.

Of course, round one is always the easiest. More tests will come. And it won't be just specialists, privates, or even sergeants getting involved. INN trains across all ranks, grades, and specialties, "Familiarizing the lowest ranking Soldier all the way to the brigade commander with media engagement," Fleming said.

The commanders join the fun the next day — RSOI 2. Their first encounter with the INN experience is called "Insight." Insight is an intimate, one-on-one, Barbara Walters-style interview show. The intimidation factor sky rockets for Insight, challenging commanders to overcome several frightening foreign elements, but not the Al Qaeda-type. They've already had years of training on how to handle insurgents and terrorists. These threats are new ... dozens of bright bulbs pouring onto the set, three cameras staring them down, and handful of headset-adorned operators bearing witness to every word.

After a week of Insight for commanders and RSOI, the real training days begin. Soldiers populate the fictional Ghazi and Laylan provinces that make up the box, and the scenario that makes NTC so unique begins to take shape.

Although the events are scripted, the brigade reaction is not. A simple meeting can become an angry crowd, leading to riots in the streets, maybe even turn deadly, forcing the brigade manage the situation. Conversely, a violent event such as an attack on a town can showcase the brigade's ability to defend the people of the host nation. Reporting this dynamic reaction is the most valuable service INN provides.

"The intent of INN is to create an opportunity for a commander to develop and shape his themes and messages, guiding a story in such a way that he either minimizes negative press or capitalizes on the positive to garner local support," Farmer said.

INN does more than just bounce from town to town in the box gathering stories, they actually broadcast them. Two newscasts a day — complete with an anchor, national and international content, and even a sport story or two — are sent via closed circuit network to the forward operating bases. The benefit of the broadcast is twofold: Soldiers get to see how they are portrayed in the media. They can also gain valuable information on their area of operation within the scenario.

"Their news feeds and role players have allowed us to practice our own counter-messaging battle drills and have given us a training opportunity unlike any other,"

Staff Sgt. Robert DeDeaux, public affairs noncommissioned officer-in-charge, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT), said,

On training day 14 the rotation comes to a close with a big press conference in the box. Leaders from all the towns, both provinces and the brigade gather to take part in what is formally called a complex media event. During the press conference the brigade commander fields questions from the press and locals in the crowd. This event is the final opportunity for the brigade commander to showcase his media skills and articulate his themes and messages in a replicated environment before deploying and representing the United States on the world media stage.



SGT. 1ST CLASS ANDREW ROFF

**Training Day 14: A press conference is held by subjects, from left to right, Sheveen Missouri, Ali Ishmil, and Erica Smith**

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SGT. 1ST CLASS ANDREW ROFF

Training Day 14: Media ambush follows the press conference.



HARLAN HUNTINGTON

INN Anchor Erica Smith records newscast in broadcast studio.



SGT. 1ST CLASS ANDREW ROFF

INN's Sandra Luz Gallegos and Daniel Turner do a live report from the village of Medina Wasl.



# Soldier, community college graduate, volunteer, quadrilingual

*What's next for Spc. Alexander Falcon?*

BY GUSTAVO BAHENA  
Warrior Staff Writer

He speaks with a maturity level beyond his age. And he doesn't look his age either. Alexander Falcon, the Army specialist who graduated this past May from Barstow Community College, has a tranquil demeanor that almost makes you envious of his disposition and attitude towards life. Falcon has a zest for higher education as well.

Falcon graduated with summa cum laude honors and as salutatorian after he attained a 4.0 grade point average. His GPA was second highest among the gradu-

ates and he received his associate of arts degree in social science, all the while serving as a preventive medicine specialist with United States Army Medical Department Activity on Fort Irwin and the National Training Center.

It may seem his current academic achievement would be a high point in his life. It could be considered as such, but Falcon has accomplished feats that may be regarded as pinnacles in other peoples' lives. And he is not stopping now in his quest to fulfill other goals.

At his graduation at the Barstow campus, Falcon spoke in front of the audience during the ceremony. He told everyone

there that when he came to the U.S. five years ago, he never imagined that particular moment he was experiencing on stage.

"America is a wonderland," Falcon said. "I used to live in different countries, so I can compare. Anything is possible here. You can do anything you want. If you have clear goals, determination and you're ready for hard work, the sky is the limit."

Falcon was born in the Ukraine and lived there 14 years, during the Soviet Union era. He immigrated to live with his grandparents in Israel, where he lived for 14 years as well. He completed high school in Israel, but did not attend college

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GUS BAHENA

**Spc. Alexander Falcon, a preventive medicine specialist with United States Army Medical Department Activity on Fort Irwin and the National Training Center, speaks four languages, including Hebrew. His advice about succeeding: "If you have clear goals, determination and you're ready for hard work, the sky is the limit."**

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there or elsewhere until he arrived to Fort Irwin. Falcon said that it was actually difficult to live in Israel, because Russian criminal elements had gone to live there as well and the early '90's was a time of high terrorism in that country.

In 2005, Falcon immigrated to the U.S., initially to New York. He enlisted in the Army in 2006, receiving his specialty training at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He spoke about his desire to come to America matter-of-factly.

"I always wanted to be here," Falcon said. "It was always my dream. I always felt that I belonged here. I didn't feel like I went through a big adjustment when I got here. I felt I like a came home. It was love at first sight."

Falcon said that he never considered himself a model student. However, besides speaking English, Falcon also can communicate in Hebrew, Ukrainian and Russian. He attributes his academic success to his commitment and motivation.

"I put a lot of effort," Falcon said. "It's not because I'm super-duper smart, it's because I spent all my free time doing school work."

Kathleen Newton attests to Falcon's work ethic as a student. She instructed him in her class, "Multicultural Mythology," at Barstow Community College at the on-post location. Newton was immediately impressed by the devotion and energy he applied in the course.

"He was a very concerned student about wanting to do all the proper things and get the best grade possible," Newton said. "He was highly motivated. He really wanted to do the absolute best that he could – always wanted to excel, absolutely."

She added that Falcon would stay after class to go over course work, ideas, and even to discuss his academic future. She would advise him that his drive could take him anywhere.

"Someone who has English as a fourth language and is keeping a 4.0 GPA can go anywhere in this country and do anything they wanted to do," Newton said.

Falcon is considering continuing his education in the field of psychology. He has always been interested in providing advice to others— his peers and even people older than he. He feels that he would be helpful in steering people in the right direction. Newton agrees that he's a considerate person.

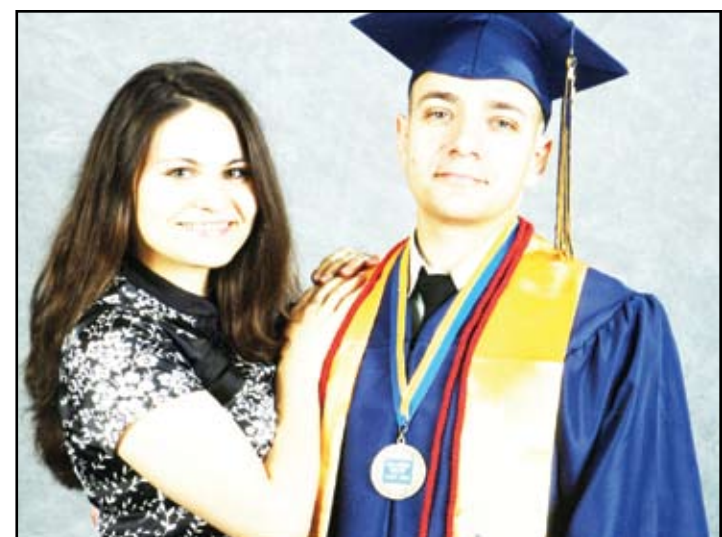
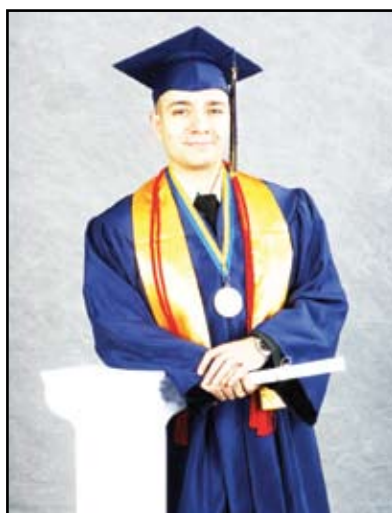
"I think he wants to make a definite contribution to the world," Newton said. "He's interested in psychology. I think he wants to help other people discover what motivates them and how they can contribute as well."

Falcon would love to attend the University of California in Los Angeles in pursuit of a degree bachelor's or master's, in psychology. Attending UCLA is not the only reason for heading to Los Angeles, said Falcon. He has an interest in martial arts and in instructing others in that

skill. He has entertained the thought of running a martial arts school in Hollywood.


If he follows the same rules he applied to his college work, he may just fulfill all his dreams. And he believes anyone can do the same.

"It feels good when you're getting good grades," Falcon said. "It's not something that just special individuals can achieve. Everyone can do it, with determination. My drive was to do my best, to not fail. And when you're trying your best, you usually do pretty good."



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**Spc. Alexander Falcon and his wife, Janna, were recently wed. Alexander graduated this past May with an associate's degree in social science from Barstow Community College. He received summa cum laude honors and was named salutatorian after he attained a 4.0 grade point average.**



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# Mullen: Need for leaders to address suicide

BY JIM GARAMONE  
American Forces Press Service

CAMP RED CLOUD, South Korea — Leadership and the effects it can have to help bring down the suicide rate were among the topics the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff discussed with servicemembers here today.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen spoke to 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers about the stresses the Army is under after almost nine years of war. He took time from participating in high-level meetings in Seoul to meet with more than 200 Soldiers and airmen.

Last month, 32 Soldiers committed suicide — a figure not seen since the Vietnam War when the Army was twice as large.

Mullen said the suicide issue is not going to just magically disappear — it is a tragedy that leaders at all levels must address. “We can’t just keep reading the numbers every single month. They just keep going up,” he said.

Suicides in the military are increasing, the chairman said, because of the stress of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“It is the separation from our families, it is the lack of a support structure in our personal lives sometimes, financial challenges, relationships — we know that,” Mullen said. “The one way to crack that is through leadership.”

Leaders have to look out for and reach out to those Soldiers in trouble, Mullen said.

“We’ve got a lot of programs focused on that, but the only way to really crack that is leadership at every single level —



NAVY PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS CHAD J. MCNEELEY

**U.S. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, answers questions during an all hands call with Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division stationed at U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud, South Korea, July 21, 2010. Mullen is in South Korea with U.S. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to participate in counterpart talks underscoring the alliance between the two nations.**

particularly at the E-4, E-5 and junior officer levels where we know our people best,” he said.

The solution goes to Mullen’s long-held and long-stated position on leadership: That everyone is a leader. He said he has looked on everyone as a leader. “I don’t care how junior you are, everybody must lead,” the admiral said.

Good leadership will ensure a bright future for the U.S. military, Mullen said, noting, “If we lead well and do right by our people whatever it is, we will be in great shape.”

“That means we’ve got to continue to advance, we’ve got to continue to educate, we’ve got to continue to mentor each other,” the admiral continued. “What I ask is that each of you mentor young people coming along. That is the strength of the organization. We take care of each other, we treat people like we want to be treated with dignity and respect.”

The men and women of the military are under great stress from multiple deployments, but relief is coming, Mullen said.

The responsible drawdown in Iraq is proceeding and the number of U.S. servicemembers there will drop to 50,000 by the end of next month, the chairman said. That, he said, will provide servicemembers some relief, and will go a long way to getting the force to a less-stressful rotation schedule of two years at home and one year deployed.

The current rotation schedule is around 15 months at home and a year deployed.

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# VIP Protocol Corner

BY CANDICE JAMOLES  
NTC Protocol Officer

Rotation 10-08 proved to be eventful for the National Training Center's Protocol Bureau. The bureau welcomed a host of very important people, including Lt. Gen. Dana Chipman, Judge Advocate General for the United States Army and officers from the Brazilian Armed Forces in Rio de Janeiro.



Col. Joseph Wawro, NTC chief of staff, shares the mission of the National Training Center with members of the Brazilian Armed Forces.



(ABOVE) Brazilian Armed Forces receives a briefing on a heavy equipment transport (HET) trailer.



(BELOW) Lt. Gen. Dana Chipman, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General, tours Medina Jabal.



(RIGHT) Col. Antonio Aguto, commander, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, briefs Lt. Gen. Dana Chipman on the rotation.



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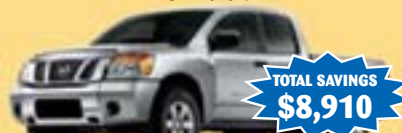


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