

# The Mounted Rifleman

3d Armored Cavalry Regiment

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### On the Cover

Troopers from Sabre Squadron lead the Regiment into Gunnery Training.



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# A Message From the 71<sup>st</sup> COL Of the Regiment

In September, several of our troopers, the Regimental Command Sergeant Major, and I had the opportunity to attend the annual reunion of 3d Cavalry Group World War II veterans. Much has changed since those heroes fought to defeat fascism and Hitler's murderous Nazi regime. Technology, for example, has made our air-ground, combined arms cavalry team much more effective and lethal on the battlefield. As we listened to the stories of those veterans, however, we were struck by the similarities between their experience and our Regiment's mission today. We arrived at the reunion on 11 September, the anniversary of the murderous attacks on our nation in 2001. We talked about how the troopers in the 3d Cavalry today had answered our nation's call to service after the 9-11 attacks just as the veterans of the 3d Cavalry Group answered our nation's call to service after the 7 December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. They, like you, dedicated themselves to protecting the freedom not only of the American people, but of all civilized peoples. Iraq is one battleground in the Global War on Terror just as the fight against Nazi Germany was one campaign in a global war against totalitarianism. Our enemies of today, like the enemy that Brave Rifles veterans fought in WWII, are determined to destroy our way of life and everything we value. These Brave Rifles veterans triumphed over the menace of fascism just as we must triumph over the terrorists and murderers who continue to brutalize innocent civilians and want to deny the Iraqi people the peace and safety they deserve. We left the reunion inspired by these veterans who asked us to carry a message back to all of you. They asked us to tell you that they are proud and thankful of your service. They wanted you to know that while our mission is certain to be tough and will entail sacrifices; your service will bring with it a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment. The words that President Franklin Roosevelt spoke to the troops who fought in World War II seem equally appropriate today.



To some generations much is given. Of others much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny. Like our Brave Rifles veterans, we are part of an endeavor larger than ourselves. We have a rendezvous with destiny. We must do all we can to prepare for the fight that is ahead of us.

As you know, we are conducting intensive training across the Regiment. We will continue to direct all of our efforts toward one purpose: being ready to fight and win in Iraq. Our priorities remain the regeneration of combat power, the integration of new troopers and leaders into our teams, and training to develop the skills necessary to accomplish our mission in Iraq. Between now and Thanksgiving, we will continue gunnery training, convoy live fire training, platoon and troop external evaluations, and Brave Rifles Stakes. After Thanksgiving break, we will focus on services, after operations maintenance, and weapons training, and preparation for deployment to the National Training Center in January. We have to work hard and efficiently in the short

time available between Thanksgiving and Holiday Leave to ensure that we achieve the highest degree of combat readiness before we enjoy a well deserved break.

We must build combat readiness at all points in the Regiment. This puts a premium on junior leader initiative and maintaining the highest standards in everything that we do. Because time is short, we must ensure that training and maintenance are well planned and achieve the highest degree of concurrent activity. We cannot afford to waste a minute. We will focus our training on mission essential tasks, assess our weaknesses, and establish clear training objectives at all levels. We must plan all of our training in detail and master the basics. We will conduct all training under conditions that replicate combat in Iraq as closely as possible. Maintenance activities aim to ensure that all of our equipment is ready for the fight. Success in sustained combat is the objective of the Regiment's maintenance program and maintenance must be integrated into everything we do. Leaders must plan all activities in detail so we can give our troopers the courtesy of a predictable schedule and maintain balance between our professional responsibilities and our personal and family lives.

For those soldiers and families who are new to the Regiment, we welcome you and know that you will strengthen our team. You should know that you are joining one of our Army's elite combat formations. You will find service in the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen challenging, and rewarding.

During the last year, our Regiment far exceeded our reenlistment goals. After receiving our deployment order for the mission in Iraq, 485 soldiers reenlisted to stay with the Regiment. On behalf our Army, I want to thank those troopers who decided to continue service to our nation in time of war. Our nation needs you and we are grateful for your decision.

To all our military spouses, I want to express our thanks for all you do to make possible the service of your soldier. You are a member of the Brave Rifles family. I encourage all of our spouses to become active in family readiness groups so we can support one another as we prepare for and conduct our important mission in Iraq.

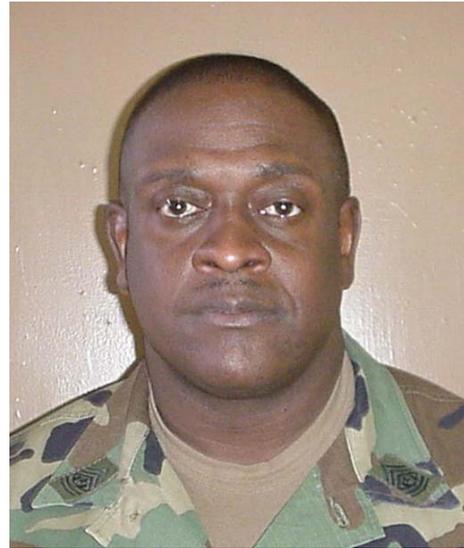
Brave Rifles!



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## **A Message From The Regimental Command Sergeant Major**

Greetings, as you know the Regiment remains extremely busy. I have had the opportunity to observe some outstanding individual and collective training from all units. I am proud to say that we are well on our way to ensuring our success in Iraq. Leaders please prepare and continue to send our soldiers to NCOES while the opportunity still exists. We must ensure safety is first in all that we do. Everybody is a safety officer and should all make on the spot corrections immediately before something bad happens. Each unit has great BOSS representatives and they have some good ideas. They represent the voices of the single soldier so please support them where you can. We all have battle buddies so this means somebody knows what's going with every soldier in the Regiment, and we need to look out for each other especially during off-duty time. The Regiment needs each of you so please don't let your buddy do something dumb which you could have prevented. Continue to train hard and safe so we can reach that combat readiness plateau before we deploy. I truly appreciate what you do everyday and even more for what you will do in the near future.



**BRAVE RIFLES!!**

**RCSM John Caldwell**





# RETENTION BULLETIN



I would like to congratulate more than 200 Troopers that reenlisted to stay with the Regiment, from 30 August to 20 September.

On August 30, a message was released for a Selective Reenlistment Bonus and Location Selective Reenlistment Bonus, Milper Message Number 04-246. According to the message, any soldier qualifying for a bonus (either in the reenlistment window or not) could be discharged for immediate reenlistment, in order to receive a bonus for their grade and MOS, if it is listed under their current unit or a Unit of Action.

Under current Retention and HRC guidance, a unit that is scheduled for deployment will be fenced from reenlistment movement options 6 months prior to expected earliest arrival date. As of 2 September 2004, Career Counselors are no longer authorized to reenlist a soldier for a movement option unless the report date is after the expected re-deployment date for the Regiment.

I would encourage any Trooper still interested in the 10K A zone or the 15K B zone bonus that they see their Career Counselor before the funds are exhausted and HRC rescinds the message.

Another important fact about the Regiment deploying is Stop Loss. In the near future, stop loss will be in effect and any soldier who still has an ETS date before 30 July 2006 will automatically have a Stop loss ETS date adjusted to 30 July 2006. If you have any questions whether you can receive a bonus or will fall under stop loss, please see your Squadron Career Counselor. Your career and service to country is important to us. We can help.

POC for this is SFC Ahern, Senior Career Counselor @524-0160.



# TIGER SQUADRON

## A Message From the Commander Tiger 6

“An Army is a team. It lives, sleeps, eats, and fights as a team.” Exemplifying General George Patton’s famous words, Tiger squadron has spent the last month training its team of teams. The Leadership Training Program at the National Training Center (NTC) and the Tiger Stakes field exercise were two events that focused on the development of teams and their cohesiveness, honing their professionalism and lethality.

Tiger Squadron leadership, along with the rest of the Regiment’s leadership, flew to Ventura, California from the Colorado Springs Jet Center on August 23. After a pleasant flight on Planet Airway, buses took the stalwart leadership to Ft. Irwin where they would undergo seven days of dynamic training at arguably the world’s foremost military training site. The leadership was oriented with the training area and met with the officers who run the NTC rotations. They were also given a contemporary battle scenario for which the Squadron’s leadership was challenged to plan operations that would be efficacious in defeating the many obstacles in the given scenario. After carefully formulating the plan, the leadership executed it in a simulated battle. Finally, the leadership conducted an after action review in order to find the weaknesses and strengths in their performance. Once the work was wrapped up, some of the leadership had the chance to engage in a team-building exercise known as Operation Las Vegas. Many of the Squadron’s and Regiment’s finest celebrated a job well done on the famous Las Vegas Strip before returning to Ft. Carson.

Although this article was submitted while Tiger Stakes was still in progress, it can be said that

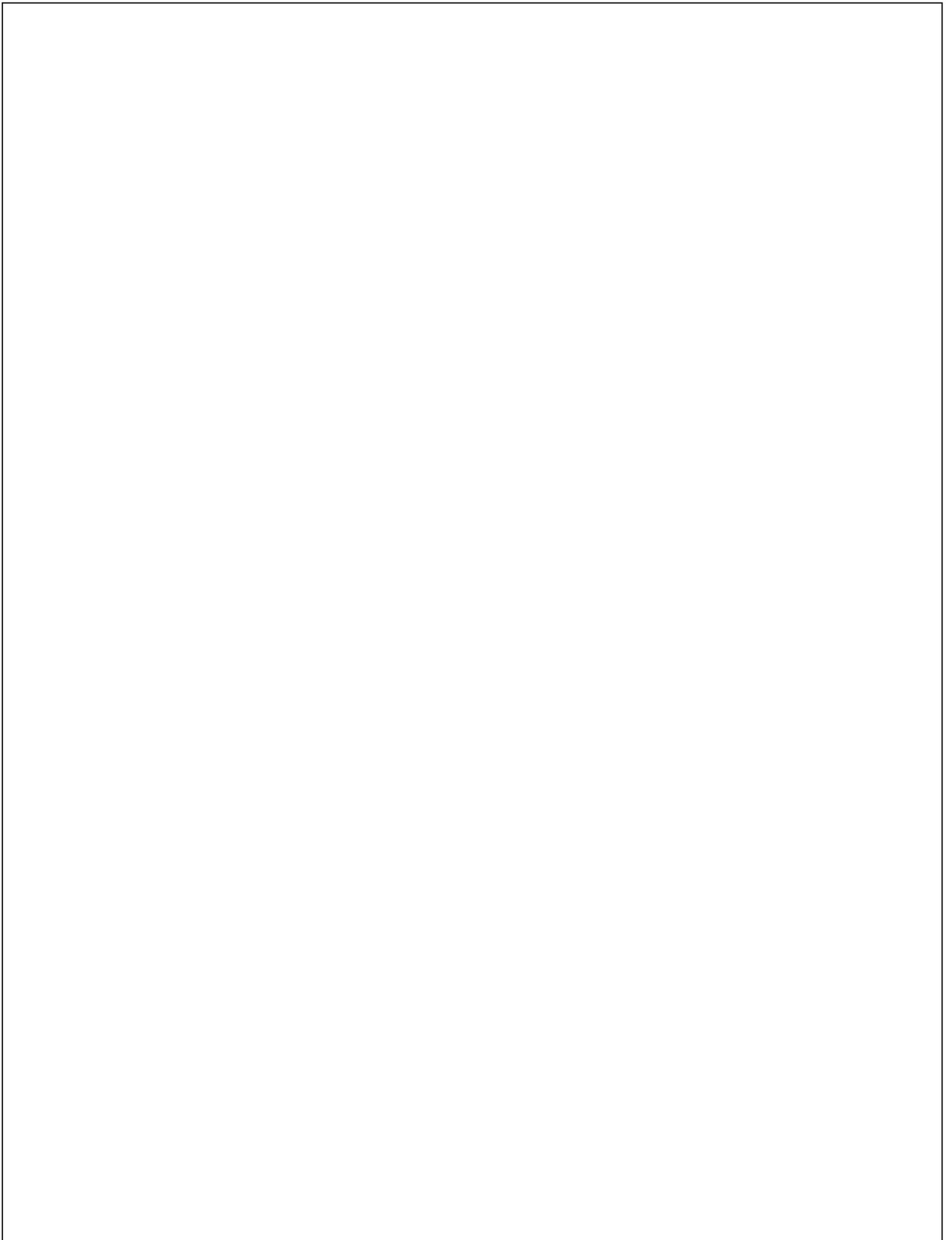
Tiger Stakes was a success. Teams at all levels were put to the test. CPT Chad Roehrman, Headquarters Troop Commander, illustrated the efforts of his troop teams with respect to the larger Corps team with these words, “Roughrider was and will continue to live by the motto ‘Fifty-two hundred scouts working for the Corps.’” No one was left out of Tiger Squadron training. From cooks to mechanics, personnel administrative center clerks to scouts; they were taking buildings with speed and precision at the MOUT site, trudging across the barren Ft. Carson hills under the burning sun, and forming tactical assembly areas in the biting cold of the night. Teams also trained on weapons assembly and disassembly, calling for fire, and reacting to ambushes. All of this training honed soldiers’ battle techniques so that when faced with the fog and friction of real world battle soldiers will perform with focus and clarity making their teams all the more pernicious.

At company level, commanders have exercised their initiative by conducting creative training in order to prepare for upcoming exercises and ultimately deployment. Dragon Company conducted a live reflex fire range that trained soldiers on close quarter marksmanship and basic marksmanship fundamentals. LT Sanabria, as the Officer in Charge, and SSG Reigle, as the Safety Officer, conducted the realistic training on 9 September. The range exercise consisted of soldiers moving and shooting as they would be required to do in current real world contingency operations. SGT Anderson, of Dragon Company, constructed 30 target stands for the exercise with the expectation that they could withstand the unforgiving Dragon Company

firepower. A total of 57 soldiers from Dragon Company fired 10,800 rounds, leaving the target stands mutilated and the soldiers with a proven sense of confidence in their weapon.

LTC Reilly  
Sabre 6







# SABRE SQUADRON

## **A Message From the Commander** LTC Christopher M. Hickey

Greetings, soldiers and families of the 3d ACR! I am writing this in the midst of Sabre's gunnery qualification downrange at Ft. Carson. As our troopers perfect their fire and maneuver skills in the shadow of the Rocky Mountain Front Range, we are all reminded of the importance of maintaining our warrior mentality even now in the comfort of our home station. The crisp, clear mornings and breezy autumn days are the perfect environment for Sabre's troopers to train as a team and sharpen the spear for battle. This is a time for us to reflect on the grandeur of this nation and the importance of our job as an Army in protecting the freedoms we all enjoy. To be a trooper in this finest Cavalry unit in the world is an honor and a privilege; it is therefore our responsibility to carry the torch of that honor and pride, unflinching, as we march toward the future.

With great enthusiasm we will continue our team building in October with more training on the squad, platoon, and troop levels. The battle-ready combat teams that will emerge from this training will be better prepared and better synchronized to fight and win during our rotation at the National Training Center this winter. These teams will also be ready to enjoy some important family time during the holidays that quickly approach.

Recently, Sabre Squadron said goodbye to fifteen officers and First Sergeants, all of them proven heroes and leaders from Operation Iraqi Freedom. The vast majority will continue on in service to the nation, and we hope to see a few of the young captains return in the spring upon completion of the Captains' Career Course. To those who are moving on to other units, I wish the best of luck; to those who hope to come back at some point in the not-too-distant future, I can only say that we eagerly anticipate your return to the Brave Rifles. I thank all of you for your service to Sabre Squadron during difficult times. You will not soon be forgotten.

Congratulations go out to 2LT and Mrs. Marken Orser, 2LT and Mrs. Doug Armstrong, and 1LT and Mrs. Jed Richards, all from the 43d Combat Engineer Company, who were married in the month of August. Also congratulations are in order for one of our departing heroes from Operation Iraqi Freedom, 1LT K.C. Hughes. He and Samantha will celebrate their marriage on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, just before they leave the Sabre family for Ft. Knox.

In closing, as the sun sets on another day of gunnery, I cannot help but to reflect that today was a fine day for soldiering, and great day to be a Trooper. Tomorrow will surely be the same. As we continue to train our crews and develop Sabre Squadron into a unified and unstoppable combat team, we cannot forget what an honor it is to serve our country in the noblest of professions. Sabre Ready! Ai-ee-yah!

## Forty-Third Trains to Win

1LT Kurt White, EN

1LT Andrew Scott, EN

The 43d Combat Engineer Company continues to set the Regimental standard in realistic and challenging training. At the end of August, Sapper's 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon and the Assault and Obstacle (A&O) Platoon headed down to Pueblo Reservoir to conduct annual training on its RB-15 boats. The training incorporated traditional drills such as a river shore assault, boat turnover, and river reconnaissance with drills developed directly from the company's experiences in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), to include river security operations, patrols, and search missions. It was a tough, long day of training, but the squads and platoons learned a great deal and had a lot of fun in the process.

At the beginning of September, the 43d successfully completed a major training objective in conducting its Sapper STX lanes down range at Ft. Carson. After completing preliminary weapons and demolition qualifications in July and August, the Sappers went to the field for four days beginning on September 7th in order to test their ability to operate on the squad level. This year's training took on a different form than the traditional Sapper STX in order to better prepare the soldiers for a return to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The basic format consisting of graded lanes through which each squad would rotate was retained; however, some of the conventional Engineer tasks were dropped while many Operation Iraqi Freedom-based tasks were added.

Conventional and OIF tasks were integrated throughout each of the 7 lanes, providing challenging and realistic training for the squads. Each squad was responsible for conducting an obstacle reconnaissance, conducting minesweeping operations, conducting a route reconnaissance and route clearance, creating a road crater, emplacing hasty obstacles, employing a Mine Clearing Line Charge (MICLIC), and establishing a hasty LZ. While trying to accomplish these tasks, they also had to secure their areas of operation from Iraqis (civilians and/or enemy) on the battlefield. The realistic situations presented by these "Iraqis" (played by OIF veterans from the A&O platoon) forced the squads to interact with local leaders, gather information and intelligence from human sources, quell civil disturbances, conduct cordon-and-search

operations and clear buildings; all while simultaneously conducting traditional Engineer tasks.

The emphasis for Sapper STX 2004 was on finding solutions to problems that arose during each of the lanes. Although the lane graders continued to ensure that the squads were tactically and doctrinally proficient, they left much room for the implementation of different techniques, providing the given technique made sense, worked, was within the ROE, and proper troop leading procedures were followed.

Although the training forced the squads to think, act, and react quickly on a changing battlefield, the squads and squad leaders excelled in this environment. SSG Medrano led 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon to Top Sapper Squad honors. The training conducted during Sapper STX 2004 was challenging for the all involved, and will be invaluable when the Company returns to Iraq with the Regiment next Spring.





# THUNDER SQUADRON

## A Message From the Commander Thunder 6

Over the last several months, the 3d Squadron and the remainder of the Regiment have experienced a large amount of turnover. Many of our veterans have moved on to new jobs, primarily in TRADOC to benefit trainees with their combat experience. At the same time, we have welcomed to the unit many new troopers and their families from throughout the Army. As a result of this large turnover, we are beginning what will be an extremely important training period over the next few months to prepare for our upcoming deployment. I would like to thank in advance the troopers and, more importantly, their families for all the hard work they will put in during this period of high tempo.

As those of us know, our loved ones sacrifice as we train and I want to emphasize how important it is that we support our Troop and Family Readiness Groups (TFRG). The TFRGs are a great source of support for our loved ones and perform a vital readiness function for the Squadron. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all of the hard work that the TFRG leaders, members, spouses, and other volunteers do on behalf of us. I strongly encourage each of you to participate to the extent possible. Building a strong support network now will greatly benefit our families whenever we deploy.

Our training over the next months will consist of ensuring that our new troopers and leaders incorporate the lessons learned of our previous deployment and to train our new Troopers. In addition, we will reinforce our individual and collective skills through a series of events that will culminate in Rifles Challenge in November. This event will evaluate the Squadron at the Troop and Platoon levels. What is important is that each unit learns to operate as a team and those with experience in Iraq or other deployments share that information

with their teammates. We will only be successful in future operations if we have confidence in our equipment, our leaders and work together as a cohesive team - the upcoming training will provide us with that opportunity.

In September there are two events occurring Army-wide that I would like to emphasize. The first, the Voter Registration drive, will end soon and it is essential that as many troopers and their family members as possible register for the upcoming presidential election. The privilege to vote is one that many Americans take for granted, but one that we in the military should take full advantage of. The U.S. has freed over 50 million citizens in Afghanistan and Iraq, providing them the opportunity to take part in a democratic process. I urge each of you and your family members to register and to take part in our elections.

The second key event, the Combined Federal Campaign, begins at the end of September and is aimed at raising money for charities and non-profit organizations. This campaign will last for three weeks and it is a great opportunity for those of us in the Army to give a little back to many of those great agencies that are available for our families and country in times of need. Many of us have taken advantage of the aid and comfort provided by these agencies and this is our chance to thank them with a well-deserved donation. The Squadron's Key Person will contact each Trooper in order to provide them the opportunity to support an agency of their choice.

Thank you, for your hard work and dedication to the mission.

Brave Rifles,  
Thunder Six



# LONGKNIFE SQUADRON

## A Word From The Commander Longknife 6

September (like every other month ) is busy for Longknife Squadron as we prepare to make the transition from individual level training to a collective training focus, while simultaneously maintaining aircraft and ground equipment and integrating many new personnel to the Squadron. Our primary focus from a training prospective has been preparation for aerial gunnery starting in late Sep. At the same time, we continue to attack maintenance, particularly Reset of all aircraft and regeneration of ground equipment. Our Renegade Troop is about mid way though Longbow Fielding at Fort Hood, TX and doing well. We continue to build our TEAM and have made several key leader changes in September, to include Stetson Troop Change of Command. Finally, we continue to work hard to balance time between families and work. The Squadron is doing well and on track to take on the challenges ahead. As always, I am proud to be a part of this great TEAM.

Longknife 6

## Lonknife Update

Longknife Squadron's focus during September has been to continue preparing for future operations and staying combat effective. The Aero Scout Troops, Nomad, Outlaw and Pegasus, continue Readiness Level Progressions and preparation for aerial gunnery to include Helicopter Gunnery Skills Testing and pre-gunnery checks on aircraft. "We have trained all of our



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aircrews for gunnery ...and all are anticipating putting bullets down range.” according to Outlaw 6. HHT’s III/V Platoon continues to provide support for the Kiowa by establishing weekly Forward Arm and Refuel capability in the field...“hot refuel”. HHT has also been focusing on training for a live fire convoy to be conducted during the Squadron’s upcoming FTX in November. Renegade is at Fort Hood conducting unit training for Longbow Apache fielding and doing well...they return to Fort Carson fully trained in Dec. The Striker Platoon, in conjunction with 13<sup>th</sup> ASOS, is conducting joint “fires” training with the Air force at Nellis AFB...that’s in Las Vegas by the way. Tomahawk Troop continues to do what they do best...fix/maintain aircraft to support a demanding flight schedule.

On the 13 Sep, CPT David Picard relinquished command of Stetson Troop to CPT Michael Ross. CPT Briah Carey, the Squadron S-2 handed over the reigns of S-2 business to CPT Jennifer Blum. Longknife is also losing two of its 1SGs this month, 1SG Glenn Rowe from Pegasus and 1SG Eric Peckham from Outlaw. Each of the Troops has seen a lot of Troopers come and go in the last few weeks. Each new soldier will hit the ground running here at Fort Carson as the training schedule gets more intense in preparation for next year. The Longknife Team would also like to congratulate SGT Camancho and his wife on their new baby boy





# SUPPORT SQUADRON

## **THE BRANCH DETAIL PROGRAM** **By 1LT Michael Allard**

The Branch Detail program that many officers are involved in has both positive and negative aspects. It is an interesting challenge for an officer to master both the combat related tasks and the combat service support related tasks. It does however provide units with officers in support units that understand the challenges and the focus of the combat units that they now support. These branch detailed officers arrive at their new support units with combat focused knowledge that is usually not prioritized for the officers that are only trained for the support mission. This knowledge is invaluable to spread throughout the support units considering the new battlefield that now faces units that are deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan.

My own personal experience in moving from Tiger Squadron to Muleskinner Squadron has already begun to prove these ideas. With the focus of RSS being on combat training, techniques like standardizing M2 and MK19 training to the standard set forth in the Light Cavalry Gunnery manual has been able to quantify the training Gun Truck crews participate in. Also, utilizing practice gunnery techniques such as chair drills prior to going to a gunnery range has helped the crews be better prepared to search for and identify targets. While these are small steps, I think they will begin to prove their worth when we deploy again next year.

Although there are many positives to moving from a combat arms unit, there are also some negatives. Transferring from a combat arms branch to a service support unit requires that the officer be very flexible and able to handle the new challenges offered by a service support unit. The biggest change that I have noticed is that the support mission never stops. It is harder to focus on training and organizational maintenance when your mission is to

support all of the combat arms units. When I was a Tank Platoon Leader, our focus was always on vehicle maintenance and combat related training. Now as the XO of Maintenance Troop, it is more difficult to focus on our vehicle maintenance and combat training, as we need to continue to support the line squadrons with CL IX parts and small arms repair. The challenge is to strike a balance that will both allow us to accomplish our mission and prepare our soldiers and vehicles for the impending deployment.

Overall though, I would have to say that I have enjoyed the fact that I have gotten to experience the aspects of being a combat arms and combat service support officer. In spite of my initial reluctance to leave the world of combat arms, I am enjoying the fact that I now have the opportunity to succeed in another field. Service support units have a “no fail” mission. Without timely support and logistics, the combat arms units will not be able to fight and win. Therefore, I believe that any lessons that I have learned and can impart to my new unit and their soldiers that allow us to accomplish our mission are justification for the branch detail program.

### **An Investment... In Family Readiness**

The key leaders of the “Muleskinner Squadron” recently participated in a day-long deployment readiness seminar. Held September 1<sup>st</sup> from 0830 until 1700 at the Elkhorn convention center, both civilian and military agencies were invited to speak on various readiness concerns ranging from Leadership and family readiness to legal issues related to deployment and, most importantly, identification of Military and Community resources to support the Trooper and Family both in garrison and while deployed.

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It was noted the discussion held was not all one way. Arranged cleverly in to three small groups, the key leaders of the squadron rotated within the rooms of the Elkhorn, listening and sharing lessons learned from previous deployments and experience. Often a speaker's comments were augmented by a trooper's personal experience or a subject matter expert's operational knowledge. ACS' Kent Thompson, Army Family Team Building's Nancy Montville and Building Strong and Ready Families' Kim Garza were the morning's discussion facilitators and all did more than just lecture during the morning session. They presented "what if" situations to the Muleskinner audience that required thought and while no answer was completely correct, the replies definitely left an impression as to how to best deal with certain issues.

Lunch was a catered and was preceded by a quick and informative financial briefing by Al Batey. Representing a nationally recognized financial planner, Mr. Beaty offered some wise suggestions on future planning. During the lunch, the featured guest speaker, COL Saffold, Assistant Division Commander-Support, 7ID, imparted his thoughts on two basic themes: Teamwork and Iraq. He challenged leaders to build teamwork through familiarity and advised newcomers and veterans of earlier OIFs that the conditions in Iraq are not what they left behind.

The Afternoon session was just as informative and included the American Red Cross, AER and Ms. Pat Randall speaking on Financial Readiness. What also stands out about the squadron's off-site were the spouses of key leaders joining the seminar at this point of the afternoon. From there the Squadron went on to address the topics of Casualty Notification, Relationship Communication by the R-Chaplain and finally the Staff Judge Advocate addressing legal issues associated with deployment.

Joining the Muleskinners as their scheduled allowed, the 71<sup>st</sup> Colonel of the Regiment, COL H.R. McMaster and CSM Caldwell offered their remarks to mark the closing of the formal portion of the seminar. Dinner by the Elkhorn and socializing both within and outside the Troops and Companies rounded out the evening.

Some of the following After Action Report comments confirmed the success and appreciation of the readiness seminar. They included, "Free childcare was very welcomed," and "...that the seminar counts as this month's FRG requirement was good time management."

All in all, the Muleskinner Leadership's vision of family readiness was greatly served by the Off-Site Seminar. The allocation of a duty day underscored the importance and willingness of the Command to insure Mission Accomplishment and Trooper Care.



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# CHAPLAIN

## WE ALL HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SUCCEED

Paul didn't stand a chance. That's what most people thought. A poor student, stupid, dyslexic, frequently expelled from school, and already several grades behind the kids with whom he started – yes, everyone seemed convinced that Paul Orfalea didn't stand a chance.

His mother believed in him. She believed in him even though the “experts” predicted his failure. “Maybe he can enroll in a trade school and learn to lay carpet,” one junior high school administrator pronounced. Paul's dad believed in him, too, even though the kids called him “Kinko,” because of his curly hair.

Finally came graduation day. Paul managed to graduate with a “D” average. Paul also went on to survive the University of Southern California, but showed the same lack of aptitude and promise. The destiny as a common laborer seemed inevitable for Paul “Kinko” Orfalea.

But Paul didn't lay carpet, or work as a truck driver, or slave as a garbage collector. In 1970, Paul started a small copy shop at an old hamburger stand. From that humble beginning, he turned a goofy nickname into an internationally known chain of stores. By the year 2000, Paul Orfalea, at the age of fifty-two, stepped down from his position as CEO of Kinko's. With a personal worth in excess of \$225

million, and with 865 stores and 23,000 employees in his portfolio, Paul “Kinko” Orfalea represents the power of encouraging parents and the refusal to accept defeat. Orfalea dismissed his dyslexia, saying, “God gave you an advantage, so work with your strengths.” We all have weaknesses. Don't focus on them. Focus on your strengths and use them, with God's help, to fulfill your destiny. Saint Paul declared: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

(Caption for Rafting Photos)

1. (First photo) Soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACR battle the rapids of the raging Arkansas River during the chaplain's Spiritual Fitness Training retreat on August 6, 2004. The chaplains of the regiment routinely conduct retreats and training events for both single soldiers and married couples. Contact your unit chaplain for information on such events.
2. (Sequence of photos) What's so spiritual about white water rafting? These 3<sup>rd</sup> ACR soldiers who participated in the chaplain's Spiritual Fitness Training retreat through the Royal Gorge on August 18, 2004, certainly can testify that rafting brought them closer to God.





## Your Unit Ministry Teams

### **Regimental Chaplin**

CH (MAJ) David Causey

526-8890

338-1536

### **Regimental Chaplin NCOIC**

SFC Tim Metcalf

526-6890

651-9261

### **1<sup>st</sup> Squadron UMT**

CH (CPT) Bowman

526-5513

200-3909

SGT Crum

524-2847

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron UMT**

CH (CPT) Benimoff

526-2938

351-1955

SPC Seng

526-2938

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron UMT**

CH (CPT) Hamrick

526-0741

338-5245

### **4<sup>th</sup> Squadron UMT**

SGT Chalcraft

526-8671

229-6347

### **SPT Squadron UMT**

CH (CPT) Moras

526-1232

494-6959

SGT Mooney

526-1232

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## **3D ACR IN THE NEWS**

From the show [Children Held Hostage](http://www.oprah.com/ChildrenHeldHostage), <http://www.oprah.com/>

The Oprah Winfrey Show:

He was just a 14-year-old when he gave up his family, his friends and his country for something he believed in. Later nicknamed "Steve-O" by the American troops he aided, this Iraqi teenager approached a U.S. checkpoint in Husaybah, Iraq, telling the American soldiers that his father was an officer under Saddam Hussein and that he knew where enemy cells were located. All he wanted in exchange was for the American soldiers to pretend to arrest him. The soldiers handcuffed him, put a sandbag over his head and brought him to the headquarters of the border checkpoint.

First Sgt. Daniel Hendrex and Capt. Chad M. Roehrman led Dragon Company in Iraq and say Steve-O became invaluable to American forces. Over several months, Steve-O went on 20 missions with Dragon Company and identified mujahadeen who were trying to gain access to their base. "Steve-O just happened to look at pictures of several high value targets," First Sgt. Hendrex says. "He started calling them by name. He knew where they lived, how they were connected. He turned out to be one of the greatest informants we had."

Word quickly spread that Steve-O was assisting the Americans. There was a bounty on his head. His mother had been shot and killed. "We did everything that we possibly could to keep him protected, covering him so people couldn't identify him," Capt. Roehrman says. For five months Steve-O lived with the company and became very close to many of the soldiers. The bond the company had with Steve-O would prove unbreakable, and the soldiers' No. 1 priority became the teen's safety. "I just wanted him to know how much he had meant to us and this company would never give up on him to get him out of harm's way," First Sgt. Hendrex says.

**Oprah:** How did you get the courage to go to the American soldiers?

**Steve-O:** [My father] asked me to be with the mujahadeen, to kill Americans, and I [didn't] want that—because I saw the Americans were good.... They didn't come to harm us. They helped us.

Steve-O is now in the U.S., as his mother has been killed and he is unprotected in Iraq with other family and friends. First Sgt. Hendrex says he's working to get Steve-O medical attention for wounds inflicted by his own father, as well as funds for an education.

Picture: Translator Mounir Habib, Capt. Chap Roehrman, First Sgt. Daniel Hendrex, Steve-O, and Oprah.



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# SAFETY

In a few days (11 October), we will observe Columbus Day, commemorating Christopher Columbus's first landing in the new world in 1492, the genesis of a brave new nation.

This time of year also marks the beginning of a new fiscal year. Holiday weekends intensify the potential for accidents, especially for drivers and other off-duty recreational activities. Late night weekend travel is one of the greatest threats to all of us, particularly when alcohol is involved. Every year, senseless injuries occur as the result of speeding, unsafe vehicles, and overindulgence in alcohol.



Commanders, 1SG, and supervisors, must be engaged as we all play a critical role in preventing any unnecessary loss of the 3d ACRs most valuable asset--our people. Let's continue the trend in the reduction of motor vehicle mishap fatalities throughout the new fiscal year. During your holiday safety briefings, place particular emphasis on adherence to speed limits, defensive driving, sufficient rest prior to and during long trips, wearing of seat belts, and using proper child restraints. Reinforce the risk management and hazard awareness approach during training. In addition, it is time again to be alert for all winter driving hazards - snow, fog, ice, snow glare, and others. Remind your people to start winterizing their cars to be ready for sudden weather changes.

So here's our first goal for the new fiscal year - let's celebrate this holiday weekend without any loss or injury to any soldier, family member or civilian. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend. "Drive safe.... Play safe.... Be smart out there!

Tricks, Treats, Costumes  
& Safety

As Halloween approaches, I would like to remind everyone that safety should always be a priority. With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, I would like to offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following these safe practices can keep events safer and more fun.



Young children should always go with an adult.



Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.



Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.



Cross the street only at corners or crosswalks.



Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.

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 Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)

 Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.

 Carry a flashlight to light your way.

 Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)

 Visit homes that have the porch light on.

## Back Home

  Let your parents check your treats before you eat them. **NEVER** eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

 **Then DO NOT eat too much, or you may get a stomach ache.**

## Drivers Should:



Drive in an extra caution manner



Keep a keen eye open for children who forget safety rules



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**Planning ahead can help make this Halloween a fire-safe one. Taking simple fire safety precautions, like making sure fabrics for costumes and decorative materials are flame-resistant, can prevent fires.**

### Facts & Figures\*

- Decorations for special events accounted for an annual average of 1,000 home fires, most often involving candles, and causing two civilian deaths and \$6.8 million in direct property damage per year from 1993-1998.
- More than 100 people die each year as a result of their clothing becoming ignited.

### Safety Tips

- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.

- Use extreme caution when decorating with candles, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-O-Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit
- pumpkins well away from all combustible items. Pumpkins can also be illuminated with small, inexpensive flashlights.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.



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# 3d ACR Museum

**The following is a brief summary of historical events involving the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, the 3d U.S. Cavalry, 3d Cavalry Group (Mechanized) and the 3d Armored Cavalry, during the months of August and September.**

October historically is a busy month for the Regiment; having been involved in more than 20 engagements and campaigns dating from 1846 to present. The following is a brief summary of a few of the heroic acts by members of the Regiment.

Captain George McLane attacked a party of Navajo Indians on October 13, 1860 near Cold Springs New Mexico. In the battle three Navajos were killed and one was wounded, unfortunately Captain McLane was mortally wounded and died within seconds. Fort McLane was named in his honor.

Eleven years after CPT McLane's death, Captain Gerald Russell left Fort Bowie with 26 troopers and two civilians on October 22, 1871. While patrolling they found the body of a dead man who had been murdered (and also had his home burned down by the Apaches). The command found the trail of 80 Indians. When they arrived in Horseshoe Canon, (Chirichua Mountains), they were attacked by Cochise's large band of Indians. The command fought the Indians for five hours and remained on the ground for 14 hours; returning to the post on October 26.

According to the historian John Gregory Bourke, CPT Russell tried to ride a horse that other cavalrymen could not. While attempting to ride the horse, the horse jumped into a cellar excavation. Russell's injuries included a partial paralysis of his left arm and leg. When he was promoted to Major and was leaving the command, his men presented him with a gold-headed cane.

A few years later in Northwestern Colorado, 29 September to 1 October 1879, along Milk Creek (near present day Meeker, Colorado) one of the fiercest battles of the Indian Wars was fought. 49 men died (twelve soldiers and civilians—along with 37 members of the Ute nation) in the three day battle, including the commander Major Thornburgh of the Fourth Infantry.

Trouble began to flare at White River Indian Agency, when Indian Agent Nathan C. Meeker, was putting pressure on the Northern Ute Indians to settle down and start farming. The Indians finally rebelled when Meeker plowed up the grassy field the Indians used to pasture their hunting herds.

Major Thornburgh rode south out of Fort Steele (with approximately 150 men) to crush the uprising. Thornburg's command included soldiers and troopers from the Fourth Infantry, Third and Fifth Cavalry. At Milk Creek, near present-day Craig, Colorado (on September 29, 1879) the Ute Indians under their chief, Captain Jack, ambushed the

troops. Major Thornburgh was killed almost immediately. Upon hearing of Major Thornburgh's death, CPT Payne took charge of the remaining force. In the meantime CPT Lawson (Commander, Company E, Third Cavalry) and his men continued to hold the skirmish line in the front of the command. Their withdrawal back to the main unit was covered by LT Cherry of the Fifth Cavalry. As the besieged soldiers established a circular perimeter the Utes continued their attack. It seemed (to the soldiers) as if the Utes had an endless number of warriors and ammunition. By night fall 12 men were dead and more than 20 were wounded. Payne sent our couriers to get reinforcements.

Early the next morning, Company D of the Ninth Cavalry ('Buffalo Soldiers') Commanded by CPT Dodge arrived. There was so much excitement with the broken siege (by the Ninth), that the color barrier was temporary suspended by joy, back-slapping, grins and gratitude that it compelled CPT Lawson to make the reported following speech stating, "You men of the Ninth Cavalry are the whitest black men I have ever seen."

COL Merritt (Fifth Cavalry) and his command (consisting of 350 men—131 of which were infantry, walking behind the wagons) arrived at Milk Creek on October 5, 1879. They had covered and unprecedented 170 miles in just over 48 hours.



## 3d CAVALRY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE#: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

UNIT AFFILIATION (SQDN, OR SEP CO.) \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ LIFETIME MEMBER \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ OFFICER ANNUAL \$7

\_\_\_\_\_ NCO ANNUAL \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ ENLISTED ANNUAL \$3

\_\_\_\_\_ CIVILLIAN ANNUAL \$7

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### **ASSOCIATION USE ONLY**

DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE PROCESSED: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER #: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CARD ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CERTIFICATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE (ANNUAL): \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESTURANT REVIEW

*When you walk through the doorway at Mona Lisa's, the cozy atmosphere surrounds you as soft whispers from nearby tables mingle together. It is easy to see why it was voted "most Romantic Restaurant" in Colorado Springs.*

*At Mona Lisa's, fondue becomes an unforgettable four-course dining journey, where you can really experience something different. Enjoy the unique fondue cooking styles and a variety of tasty entrees. Like tender beef, the freshest Rockport lobster, Cajun alligator bratwurst, duck, shrimp, scallops, salmon and much more. All are available in three different combinations with six special dipping sauces. Along with every entrée, you'll get cheese fondues, breads, savory vegetables, and even a choice of two different fresh salads. As if that's not enough to whet your appetite, you'll also love the Mona Lisa's wide selection of creamy, chocolate fondue desserts.*

*Originating in Switzerland, fondue was a clever way of using up hardened cheese. Fondue is derived from the French verb fondre and means, "to melt." Don't forget that they offer over eighty different types of wine from a well put together list. Reservations are highly recommended, although if you only want to visit the wine cellar, none are required. Starting around \$40 a person (all inclusive), this beautiful restaurant is an enchanting end or beginning to any evening.*

~Caryn Baum

Aerobics & Cycling

**FORREST PFC,  
Building 1843  
526-2706**

\$2.00 per class, unless noted free, sign in and pay prior to class.  
20 class punch cards available for \$40.00.

**Aerobics**

Monday	1200 1730	<b>Free</b> Aerobics Step (75 min)	Robert Gina
Tuesday	1630 1730	20/20/20 Yoga	Liz Michelle
Wednesday	1200 1630 1730	<b>Free</b> Aerobics Body Tone Kickboxing	Robert Cherrie Danielle
Thursday	1630 1730	20/20/20 Pilates	Cherrie Liz
Saturday	0900 1030	Cardio Tone (75 Min) Yoga	Gina Jaclyn

**Cycling**

Monday	1630	Cycling	Liz
Tuesday	0630 0900	Cycling Cycling	Gina Jim
Wednesday	0635 1730	Cycling Cycling	Veronica Liz
Thursday	0635 1730	Cycling Cycling	Red Veronica
Friday	0900	Cycling	Jim
Saturday	0900	Cycling	Annie

# MWR

The following is a list of upcoming events sponsored by the Fort Carson MWR.

EVENT	START DATE	END DATE	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Red Ribbon Campaign	18-Oct-04	31-Oct-04	Various Locations		Virgil Tafoya/6-2501
Make a Difference Day	23-Oct-04	23-Oct-04	IHP/CYS	TBD	Ms. Edinger/6-4495
Multi Pitch Climbing	24-Oct-04	24-Oct-04	APE	custom arranged time	Mr. Brinegar/6-8353
Harvestfest	31-Oct-04	31-Oct-04	Youth Service	TBD	Loren Morris
Veteran's Day Volksmarch	13-Nov-04	13-Nov-04	Spec Event Ctr	0800-1500	Ms. Rudder/4-1388
Military Appreciation Week	15-Nov-04	19-Nov-04	Various Locations	TBD	Ms. Edinger/ 6-2151
Turkey Trot/Turkey Shoot	24-Nov-04	24-Nov-04	TBD	TBD	Ms. Rudder/4-1388
3D Awareness Month (Drunk Drugs & Driving)	1-Dec-04	31-Dec-04	Various Locations	TBD	Mr. Tafoya/6-2501
Holiday Village	2-Dec-04	4-Dec-04	Spec Event Ctr	TBD	Ms. Edinger/ 6-2151
Santa's in Town	9-Dec-04	9-Dec-04	ECC	1600-1900	Mrs. Camp/ 576-6646
New Year's Eve Party	31-Dec-04	1-Jan-05	Xtremes Outdoor Rec Complex	TBD	Mr. Greg Dutton/ 6-7540
Hunter's Education	2,3,4- Nov 04	30-Nov-1,2-Dec	Xtremes Outdoor Rec Complex	5 PM – 9 PM	Outdoor Rec/ 6-2083, 6-5366

Tickets, Information and Registration are available at BLDG 2429 Specker Ave for the following events.

- Rockies Tickets (select games) Sold in sets of two for \$32.00 apiece.
  - Sky Sox general admission \$ 4.25
  - Royal Gorge: Adult \$15.00 – Child \$ 12.50 (ages 4-12)
- Six Flags Elitch Gardens: \$20.00-Individual Ticket or buy 3 @ \$24.00 each and get 4<sup>th</sup> ticket free. Elitch parking Ticket: \$ 8.00

The phone number to call regarding these events is (719) 526-5366

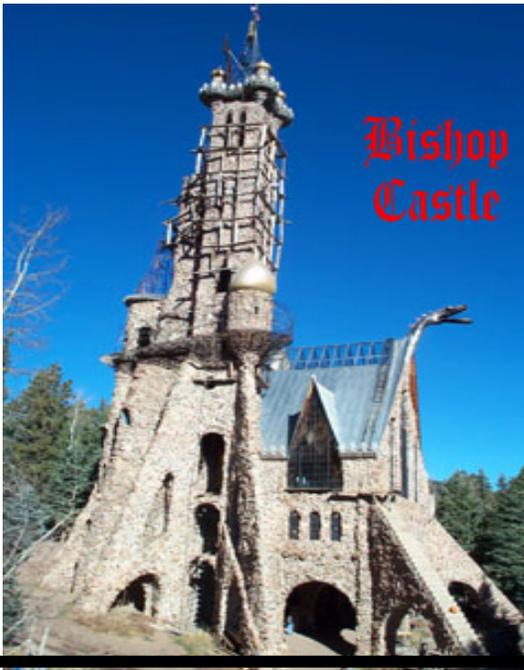
# COLORADO DAYTRIPS

Nestled in the beautiful San Isabel National Forest, just two hours south of Colorado Springs, sits one of Colorado's most intriguing attractions. High in the mountains, amongst the towering trees discreetly protects the castle from unwanted predators. Jutting into the sky just outside of Westcliffe, Bishop's Castle urges visitors to climb the spiraling staircase up the 160-foot towers for a view of some of Colorado's most pristine mountains and valleys.

Inspired by the Medieval Castles of Europe, Jim Bishop has been slowly building this one man work of art since 1969. More than 60,000 tons of rock, iron and concrete guide visitors inside and outside the castle constructed and designed by Bishop. Cathedral ceilings, stained glass and walkways between the two towers remind dreamers of childhood fantasies. The exposed stairways are steep and narrow with narrow steps. In the rear of the building are spiral stairways that are easier to deal with but they are also narrow. There are also numerous catwalks and balconies to take in the beautiful countryside. To top the tour off is the fire-breathing dragon that awaits you on the roof of the castle!

The easiest way to get to Bishop Castle is from I-25. Take exit #74 at Colorado City and head towards the mountains (right off the exit ramp from the north and left off the exit ramp from the south). This puts you on Colorado state highway 165 and it is 24 miles without a turn to the Castle. You will see signs for the castle as you come upon it, and there are usually many cars out front.

Bishop Castle is operated FREE OF CHARGE. Donations are gratefully accepted to continue this creative project. Many thousands of people have toured the castle, but it is an ongoing construction and visitors are asked to accept responsibility for their own safety. For more information call 719-485-3040.



## ~FRG Corner~

*The Family Readiness Group Assistant Program (FRGAP) was started in May 2004 with more than 85 assistants hired at CORPS, Division and BDE levels. This program is here to support Command and Volunteer Family Readiness Leaders. Some of the things I can help with are:*

- *Designing/producing newsletters*
- *Find and schedule meeting locations*
- *Assist with tracking volunteer hours*
- *Researching FRG issues*
- *Coordinate pre-deployment briefings*
- *Coordinate reunion training*
- *Reserve childcare*
- *Help recruit volunteers from FRG membership*
- *Participate in installation mobilization exercises*
- *Provide information on setting up bank accounts and getting EIN's*
- *Assist with award/recognition nominations/ideas*
- *Subject Matter Expert (SME) on information referral*
- *Coordinate guest speakers for FRG Meetings*

*Please contact me for assistance and with any questions. I truly look forward to working with all of you.*

*Caryn Baum  
Building 2352  
Room 112  
526-1759*

## *~FRG Meetings~*

### *SABRE SQUADRON FRG meeting dates*

#### HHT 2/3 ACR

Saturday September 25

10 a.m.- 3p.m.

Waa-Nibe House

AFTB Level 1 will be presented - child care is available

FRG Leaders must be contacted to register

#### Eagle Troop

Thursday October 7

Sabre Room 2nd Squadron Headquarters (Tentative)

## *~FRG Meetings~*

### *SABRE SQUADRON FRG meeting dates, continued:*

#### Fox Troop

Sunday October 3 at Extremes

#### Grim Troop

Tuesday September 28

6:30 p.m.

Extremes (Grim Troop's meetings are always held on the last Tuesday of the month)

#### Heavy Company

Tuesday September 28

6:30 p.m.

Waa-Nibe House (Heavy Company's meeting are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month with the exception of December when it will probably be on the 14th)

Howitzer (Lion) Battery

Wednesday October 13

6 p.m. at the Family Connection

43d Combat Engineer Company (Sapper)

Tuesday September 28

6:30 p.m. at the Family Connection

~Support Squadron FRG Meeting Dates:

RSS FRG Leaders Meeting:

Meeting: October 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 1800 in the RSS Conference Room (FRG Notebook Party, bring your notebooks, dinner provided)

HHT - BULLWHIP

Meeting: September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, 1830 at Veterans Chapel (ice cream social)

Meeting: October 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 1830 at 3d ACR Museum (for tour and short meeting afterward in the RSS Conference Room)

Fundraiser: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, 1000-1400 at the Craft Fair at the Special Events Center

89<sup>TH</sup>-CHEM DAWG

Meeting: October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1800 in the RSS Conference Room

MAINT - BLACKSMITH

Meeting: October 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 1800 at Xtremes Pizza. Finance will be giving a briefing.

MED - SCALPEL

Meeting: October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1800 at the Friendship House

