Dining Facility Hours

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

Personal ID Training

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

Civilian Job Openings

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

Gas Outage

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

Summer 2010 Operation Battle Blackout

Fort Irwin community partners in energy conservation

BY DAVID CANNADY
Directorate of Public Works

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

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

As energy conservation partners, everyone can do their part.

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

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

IAP
Raytheon

Editor’s note: See page 3 for more on Operation Battle Blackout.
ICE
BY MEREDITH STORM

Customer Service Officer

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

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

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

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

Bob’s Corner

Happy Fathers’ Day

BY BOB LUCAS

Commentator

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

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

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

I often wonder what they talked about in those committees. It took President Calvin Coolidge to proclaim in 1966 to declare the 3rd Sunday of June as Father’s Day. Finally, it took President Richard Nixon to sign Father’s Day into law in 1972.

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

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

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

Editor’s note: You can contact Bob Lucas at bantechbob2@verizon.net
Sgt. 1st Class James E. Jorgensen, center, holds Order of the Spur certificate, announcing his receipt of Cavalry Spurs and induction, from Col. Reginald E. Allen, left, 73rd Colonel and Commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan J. Hunt, 18th Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment, on June 3 at the unit's headquarters while training at the National Training Center in preparation for an Iraq deployment. Jorgensen, an observer/controller for Current Operations, Bronco Team, Operations Group, was awarded the spurs in appreciation of his teaching, coaching, and mentoring of 3rd ACR Soldiers during NTC Rotation 10-07. The Order of the Spur is a Cavalry tradition within the U.S. Army that dates back to the beginning of the cavalry. The order is open to members of units outside of the cavalry serving with U.S. Cavalry units.

Operation Blackout Battle Drill

BY COL. JIM CHEVALLIER
Garrison Commander

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

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

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

Battle Field:
Across NTC:
Starting at 12 noon on the day of an event, through 8 p.m.
• Only use the electricity you require, avoid wasting electricity.
• Turn-off any unused lights, equipment, or appliances.
• Where possible, refrain from making demands on the electrical Sys.

Work Place:
• Turn-off any unnecessary overhead lights / use task lighting whenever possible for your work.
• Completely turn off lights and equipment in unoccupied spaces.
• Set your thermostat to 78 degrees.
• Turn-off all personal desktop printers, use networked printers.
• Turn-off unnecessary LaserJet printers.
• Turn-off computer monitors if not in use.

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

With Fort Irwin’s electricity bills averaging $1.7M per month, our DEFENSE on this resource through wise usage is critical. We must do everything possible to eliminate waste and to use our electricity only when needed. Dollars saved in this manner stay at Fort Irwin to fund operational programs.
Traffic collision. Location: Parking lot of Bldg. #. Police responded to the report of a minor traffic collision. The subject, while driving, struck a parked vehicle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stray animal — rattle snake. Location: Outer Loop Road. Police responded to the report of a rattle snake. The snake was captured without incident.

Domestic disturbance. Location: Mojave Desert housing. Police responded to the report of a civil domestic disturbance.

Drug paraphernalia. Location: AAFES vendor. Police investigated the report of an un-registered animal. A rattle snake was captured without incident.

Larceny of property. Location: Bldg. #. Parking lot. Victim reported that person(s) unknown struck her vehicle with an object, possibly a rock.

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

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

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

Domestic disturbance. Location: Desert Winds housing. Police investigated the report of a physical domestic disturbance.

Smoke. Location: Mojave Desert housing. Fire Department responded to the report of a smoke condition. A record was made.

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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 (Youth)  Monday, 6 p.m.  Center Chapel
- **PWOC**  Morning Tuesday, 9 a.m.  Center Chapel
- **PWOC Dinner**  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**  Wednesday, 6 p.m.  Blackhorse Chapel
- **Choir Practice**  Thursday, 6 p.m.  Blackhorse Chapel
- **Adult Bible Study**  Wednesday, 7 p.m.  Blackhorse Chapel
- **Prayer Men Of Integrity**  Women of Excellence
  - 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7 p.m.  Blackhorse Chapel

**LATTER DAY SAINTS**
- **Sacrament Meeting**  Sunday, 1 p.m.  Blackhorse Chapel
- **Sunday School**  Sunday, 2:15 p.m.  Center Chapel
- **Priesthood/RSE**  Sunday, 3:10 p.m.  CFLC/Bldg 317

**MUSLIM**
- **Prayer**  Friday, 12 p.m.  Bldg 317

**JEWISH**
- **Jewish Service**  Friday, 6 p.m.  Black Horse Chapel

**CHAPEL ACTIVITIES**

**AWANA**
- (3 yrs.-6th grade)  Wednesday, 4 p.m.  Center Chapel
- HS Bible Study  Wednesday, 6 p.m.  Bldg 320
- 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.

**PYOC**
- Protestant Women of the Chapel
  - 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 23rd 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)

**Saturday:**
- 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. — Sunday School (CANCELED during block leave)
  - 1 p.m. — Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Worship Service

**Wednesday:**
- 6 p.m. — Intercessory Prayer; 1900 — Bible study

Center Chapel Recurring Weekday Programs & Services
- Daily Catholic Mass  — Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. (11:45 a.m.)
- PYOC — Protestant Youth, Middle School Mon. (6-7:30 p.m.)
- PYOC — Protestant Youth High School Mon. (7-9 p.m.)
- PWOC — Protestant Women of Chapel Tues. (9 a.m.) and (6 p.m.)
- AWANA — Wed. (4 p.m.)
- MOPS — Mothers of Preschoolers (9 a.m.)
- LifeTeen — Catholic High School Students (9:30 p.m.)

**Operation Helping Hands Food Pantry —**
- Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. closed on main Holidays

For additional information, call Center Chapel at 380-3562

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**Community Happenings**

**GSAB FRG Events**
Following are upcoming General Support Aviation Battalion, Family Readiness Group events:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pet Grooming Available**
Sgt. Fuzzbuddy’s Kennel does pet grooming on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It’s convenient and very affordable. Check them out.

**Multiples Support Group**

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**At the Movies**

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**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 Services conference room. Point-of-contacts are Kahalia Anderson, 380-8344 and Shawn Robinson, 380-4021.

**Skeet and Trap Open**
Skeet and Trap’s hours of operation are Mondays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. while Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Operation closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Range closes half hour before dark. For more information, call 380-4327.

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

**Weight Watchers**
Weekly meetings are on Thursdays, at 12 noon, Bldg. 317 (2nd Street and Avenue E). Sign-up and weigh-in start at 11:30 a.m. Public is free to check out the meeting. More information: call Christine at 298-3438 or getfit@ww-Christine.com.

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

**Youth and School Activities**
Middle School Teen Center Summer Camps
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Bldg. 1313
Week 4 June 14-18: Cooking Around the World (commissary trip, preparing dips and snacks, Mexican Cuisine, Filipino Cuisine, Italian Cuisine, French Cuisine)
Week 5 June 21-25: Experience Technology (robotics, logo design, make a music video, science experiences)

MST 1-6 p.m.
Learn to play sadness, badminton, tie die pillow cases, painting, patriotic wreath, guitar tournament, dodge ball, and much more.
Cooking Club: Banana Pudding, Chicken Salad, Peanut butter cornflake cookies, Cinnamon toasties

**Hours of Operation**
Middle School: Mon.-Fri. until 6 p.m.
Teen Center:
Friday: 6-11 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-11 p.m.
Sundays and Holidays: Closed
More information: Kristin Morgan at 380-3732.
Fort Irwin Community Calendar

Fri., June 18
White Water Rafting Trip
4:30 a.m.
Tickets & Tours, Bldg. 976
Outdoor Recreation, 380-4327

Sat., July 31
Rock Climbing/Bouldering Trip
6:30 a.m.
Joshua Tree National Park
Bldg. 976, 380-4327

Post Exchange Facilities Block Leave Hours of Operation

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

Thu., July 22
Safeguarding Personal Information Training
8:30-10:30 a.m.

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Birth Announcements

JENNINE MILLS, girl, 8 lbs., 2 oz., 20.5 inches, born to Erin and Kurt Arrunategui, Jan. 27, at 5:07 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REAGAN LEE WILLARD-COLTRIN, girl, 8 lbs., 1 oz., 20 inches, born to Kyla Willard and Jeremy Coltrin, May 14, at 4:50 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

OLIVIA MARIE, girl, 6 lbs., 8 oz., 19 inches, born to Yesenia and Francisco Galvan, May 31, at 12:10 a.m.

Editor’s note: Information provided by Patient Administration Division, Weed Army Community Hospital. For more information contact Claudia Beck, Medical Correspondence Section, 380-3165.
Happy 235th Birthday U.S. Army!

In a more-than-half-mile run formation, Brig. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, commander, National Training Center and Fort Irwin, leads the installation Soldiers during a Post Run, kicking off celebration of the U.S. Army’s 235th birthday at Fort Irwin, June 10.
Mildred Vaughn, 1865-1947

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

The first thing you see is the trees. Large and green there must be water here and it must be wet year-round. Next you'll notice the ruins of a cabin, a retaining wall and some wood. There is no sign of the roof other than some tar and some wood. There is an unnamed spring in the place home. As the first O/C team at the NTC, the Green Team realized that with the thousands of troops training here every year the opportunity for cultural and historically significant areas of the desert to be lost to trash, maneuver damage and vandalism would increase with every rotation, and for history to survive the desert would need a friend. To the Scorpions, Mildred Vaughn's grave is one of many notable places we look out for but with the significance of her being the only woman known to be buried at the NTC. However, while Mrs. Vaughn may have been the last woman to be buried here, she was not the first person to live here. According to Dr. Brantley Jackson, the Installation Archeologist, this spring has lured people to its waters for centuries. Arrowheads and grinding stones can be found at the site dating from 1,200 to 2,500 years ago. Without obsidian or some other more easily dated material that's about as accurate as it gets but it ties the ruins to the other more documented sites in the High Desert very easily. While we look at the desert daily, admiring its rugged beauty and thanking heaven we live in a modern world of cars and cool water, it's hard to imagine people on foot or horseback surviving here. The archeology, however, shows that people with seemingly much less have thrived here for generations. What life was like for our desert predecessors we are still learning and what brought each of these peoples to the desert we continue to study. By looking at what they each left behind we can start to put the pieces together and see what they saw in this presumed wasteland. Water, gold, protection and isolation all entice different people to different places. What brought Mildred Vaughn to the high desert we may never know but as long as the Scorpion Team and others like them remain at Fort Irwin, her final resting place will remain clean, cared for and just the way she left it.
SFC Roush, Harmon, Perreno and Gabriel take a break from their police call.

Brantley Jackson, installation archeologist, surveys the valley and ruins.

This is the site of Mildred Vaughn's home.

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Military leaders stress need to share information

BY LISA DANIEL
American Forces Press Service

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

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

“In this age, I don’t care how technologically or operationally brilliant you are; if you cannot build trust [across various military cultures], you are not going to be able to cooperate effectively,” Mattis said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The military leaders also spoke of the need for “interoperability,” the ability of coalition forces to work interchangeably with the same equipment and doctrine. The shift will be a big change for senior officers, Edgington said. “Anybody at the rank of colonel or above — we’ve all grown up in this where..."
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Fort Irwin garrison commander, Col. James Chevallier, addresses 12 new college graduates, along with family, friends and faculty during Fort Irwin’s 14th Annual Consolidated Graduation Ceremony on June 10. The graduates were students from Barstow Community College, Park University, and Webster University, and received honors ranging from Certificates of Completions, Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees.

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BY SANDRA CLARK
Coyote Activity Center Fitness Coordinator

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NTC Protocol Bureau had another exciting rotation, as it welcomed several distinguished visitors both foreign and domestic. Some visitors included the Lebanese Armed Forces Delegation, which came to NTC to observe training for knowledge in developing its own training doctrine.

Representatives from the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) received an orientation to gain a better understanding of the U.S. Army and its training methods. Also, Lt. Gen. Michael L. Oates, Director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, visited the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization and the Joint Center of Excellence here.


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