

Off Duty

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Job announcement for an FRG Assisant

The FRG Assistant position opening is posted at www.sri-hq.com/jobcenter.php. Strategic Resources, Inc. manages the FRG Assistant Program contract and accepts resumes via fax and email. The deadline to submit applications and resumes is Monday, Aug. 15. For immediate consideration, please complete the SRI employment application and email to Human Resources (hr@sri-hq.com) or fax to 703-749-3046 (Attn: Human Resources). Reference the job code and desired location: FRGA-Bliss. Include salary history. For more information, contact the SRI Human Resources Department at 703-749-3040. Contact Project Endeavor and the ACS Family Member Employment Services at 568-1132 for help with job search assistance or resume preparation.

32nd FRG potluck

The 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command family readiness group will hold a potluck meeting and family get-together from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the FRG site in Bldg. 2449. For information, call Capt. Scott Helmore at 568-7407.

August Health Care Forum

The August Health Care Forum is 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 25 in the Army Community Service, Bldg. 2450. Topics include TRI-CARE, Children's Issues, and El Paso Critters and Creepy Crawlies. All are invited to attend.

Mandatory motorcycle certification training

Fort Bliss has experienced two fatal motorcycle accidents this fiscal year. The accident investigations revealed both riders were experienced NCOs who recently transitioned to higher class motorcycles. Following the May accident, Maj. Gen. Vane directed implementation of motorcycle certification training for all motorcycle riders on post. The current commanding general directed continuation of this initiative. The training is mandatory for all military personnel (assigned or attached to Fort Bliss) who operate motorcycles.

Based on the commanding general's guidance from the last readiness review, motorcycle registration for Fort Bliss Soldiers is mandatory. All Soldiers, NCOs, officers and civilians who operate a motorcycle must attend the motorcycle certification course. Contact James Hill, Installation Safety Officer, at 568-7772 to schedule training.

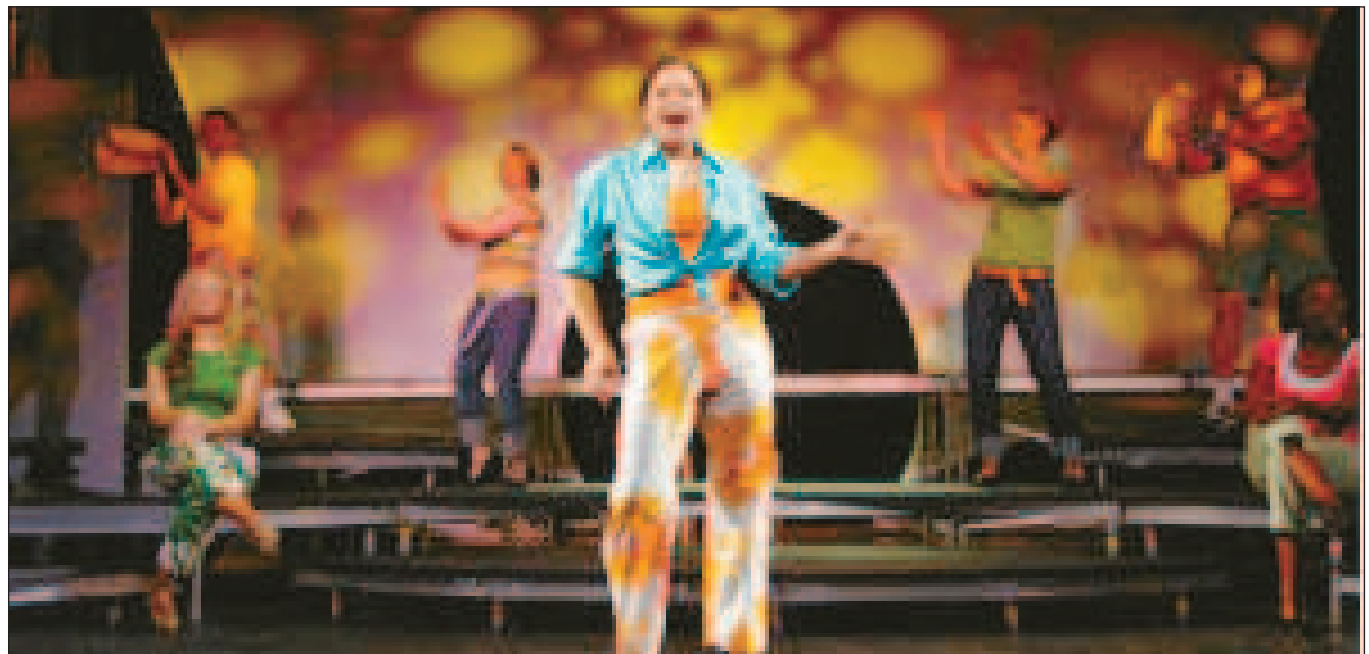
New sick call procedures at VA Clinic

The El Paso Veterans Affairs Health Care System have made the following changes: Walk-in sick call is now sick call by appointment; patients call the telephone linked care at 569-6158, listen to the menu options, and choose the option to speak to a registered nurse. The TLC phone line is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The patient will receive advice for self-care, instructions to go to the emergency department, or call 911, and, if needed, receive a same day sick call appointment.

Operation Santa Claus

Operation Santa Claus is holding an open house the week of Aug 15.

Stop by the OpSanta Warehouse inside building 1123. Help kick off the 48th season helping the children of El Paso and Fort Bliss. The open house hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact OpSanta at 568-1010 to arrange a time to visit the open



Army Soldier Show takes 'Operation America Cares' on the road

The 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show comes to Fort Bliss on August 19 at 7 p.m. and August 20 at 2 p.m., at Soldier Hall, Bldg. 2, to perform "Operation America Cares," 2005 Soldier Show, a 90-minute song and dance production that expresses the importance of giving deployed Soldiers a touch of home. After three shows at Fort Belvoir, the 19-Soldier troupe is scheduled for 102 performances across the U.S., South Korea and at Camp Zama, Japan. The six-and-a-half-month tour will end Nov. 13 back at Fort Belvoir, home of the Army Entertainment Division, one of more than 50 programs provided to Soldiers and their families by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

"The message of the show is that it doesn't matter how tough we are and

it doesn't matter how fit to fight we are, Soldiers are still human and longing for the familiar and America's affection," Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado said. The cast and crew will attempt to bring his vision to life with musical genres rhythm and blues, new rock, country, gospel, eclectic new wave/new age, patriotic and newly arranged movie themes. Calling the show "our gift to the American Soldier," Hurtado stresses his desire to leave audiences with a sense of newfound knowledge.

"It's not just about singing and dancing; it's about each audience member getting something out of it – being entertained, being moved, being inspired," he said. "We want to give them something to think about until next year – lift their spirits and grow their minds."

The 2005 Soldier Show will focus on how Soldiers deal with the stresses of war and long deployments, Hurtado said. In one scene, a crate stuffed with

recreation kits arrives from the Army's MWR headquarters.

"The show is really going to focus on how we take 'home' to the deployed Soldiers," said Hurtado, who performed in the Soldier Show from 1986 through '89 while on active duty.

While DVDs and CDs can help Soldiers combat stress, nothing boosts morale quite like personal contact from home, Hurtado said. The reinforcing feeling that everything is OK often makes a world of difference.

"I would say the popularity of the show has grown exponentially and it has a different face now," said Hurtado, who has built upon the "Heart of a Soldier" theme of last year's show by sticking with a military storyline. "We're going to continue with our efforts to not just humanize the Soldier to the American public, but to show the different facets of a Soldier."

For more information, call 568-6741.

house. Stop by and find out what OpSanta can do for you and what you can do for those less fortunate.

62nd Army Band concert

The 62nd Army Band is planning a concert for the month of October and invites all active duty military, family members, or DoD civilians that play a musical instrument to join us. If interested call 568-7001/2263, or e-mail Staff Sgt. Gallas at catleen.gallas@bliss.army.mil.

Recycling Center needs mascot

Come up with a new mascot and win a prize. Prizes will be awarded for 1st through 3rd places. Open to all Fort Bliss youth age 14 and younger. Contest deadline is Aug. 10. Drop off your ideas at any Child and Youth Facility. You can write us a note, drop us a line, draw us a picture, but enter today. For more information, call 568-6384.

Excalibur Steppers

The Excalibur Steppers are looking for new members. Ages five to fifteen are invited to come out and join. Practices are Monday through Friday. The Tuesday and Thursday practices are at Stout Gym from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Monday, Wednesday, and Friday practices are held at a private residence in northeast El Paso at 7:00 p.m. To become an Excalibur Stepper, students must maintain a "C" average. For information contact Everett Lewis, 568-3585 or 564-9199.

4-1 Cav./1-44 AMD MWR specials

Are you new to post? We've got you covered. Fort Bliss Officers' Club has

Welcome nights every Friday at 4:30 p.m., and Champagne Sunday Brunch every week beginning at 10 a.m. Fort Bliss Bowling Center has \$1 games and free snacks every Thursday through August. During August bowl three games, get one free; free game with purchase of snack bar special; and \$1 games Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Centennial Banquet and Conference Center: Pub Welcome Nights every Friday at 4:30 p.m.; Karaoke on Wednesday and Friday nights in July; Specialty night buffets every Tuesday at 6 p.m.; and party in the Metro Station every Saturday beginning at 10 p.m.

All Fort Bliss Soldiers and Family members are welcome. For information on these and other specials, visit www.blissmwr.com and click 4-1 CAV.

CERT training schedule

The El Paso Police Department is offering free Community Emergency Response Training through December at the Police Academy, 2300 Scenic Drive. The courses will be held on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as follows: Aug. 16 through 18, Aug. 20, Sept. 13 through 15, Sept. 17, Oct. 11 through 13, Oct. 15, Nov. 15 through 17, Nov. 19, and Dec. 6 through 8 and Dec. 10. For information contact 562-4263, ext. 28.

Toys for Tots

The 4th annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament will be Aug. 25 at the Lone Star Golf Club. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start.

It is a four-person scramble: \$260.00 per team or \$65.00 per person, plus a new unwrapped toy (worth at least \$5.00). Fee includes green fee, cart, lunch, and goodie bags. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, the straightest drive and specialty holes. All proceeds go towards buying toys for underprivileged children in the El Paso area. For information, contact Gunnery Sergeant Faulkner, Staff Sergeant Gallegos, or Staff Sergeant Bacon at 566-8697.

El Paso Airport travel advisory

Summer travel has begun and airlines are recommending passengers get to the airport an hour and a half before departure. The early arrival time expedites the screening process conducted by the Transportation Security Administration. Early morning and early afternoon are peak travel periods. For TSA new summer travel tips, visit www.TSA.gov, or contact Liz P. Bellegarde at 240-3347.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day

The Onate Trail Dog Fanciers Association will join with the American Kennel Club and other AKC affiliated clubs nationwide on September 17 celebrating Responsible Dog Ownership Day. The club and their dogs will be at Carmike Cinemas to discuss and promote how to provide good pet care and their requirements. Information on the different types of dog breeds will be available and the public is invited to "Meet the Breed"; meeting the club's dogs up close to find out what breed might be a good pet for their family. Also available will be information and handouts about the various