

# Off Duty

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## Adopt a Soldier

Each year hundreds of Soldiers in Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bliss spend Thanksgiving Day far from home and family. Over the past thirty plus years, what would be an uneventful day has become a very special holiday, thanks to many El Paso area families. The Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Soldier Program matches Soldiers with civilian and military families on Thanksgiving Day. The 1st Battalion, 56th Air Defense Artillery, invites El Paso families to share their homes and Thanksgiving holiday with a Soldier on Nov. 24. Interested families should contact Sgt. Luz Carrillo or Spc. Ortiz Luna at the battalion headquarters by calling 568-2504 during normal working hours. When you call, we will need your name, telephone number, and the number of Soldiers you are willing to host in your home. Call no later than Monday, Nov. 14. The Thanksgiving Home Visitation Program will begin at 8 a.m., Nov. 24, at Stout Gymnasium, Bldg. 2930. Host families are invited to join for a brief opening ceremony. Following the ceremony, families will be introduced to their Soldiers for the day.

## Sergeant Major Association

The El Paso Sergeants Major Association will celebrate its 14th anniversary on Saturday; the celebration will take place at Biggs Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The association invites all active and retired sergeants major and command sergeants major to come out and participate in this event. For more information, contact Karen Beamon at 568-8875.

## Dave Roever to speak

Dave Roever, a Vietnam disabled veteran, will be the guest speaker at the Team White Sands Disability Awareness Month Observance 11:30 a.m. Oct. 31 at the Post Theater. Roever, who was burned beyond recognition while serving his country, has overcome physical adversity and brings a perspective of combat-tempered heroism that adds value to his message of hope, optimism and patriotism. Tickets for the event are \$5. For tickets, contact Ingrid Caesar or Ulli Dunn at (505)678-4134.

## Unit funds

As soon as possible, unit fund representatives must turn in new assumption of command orders, DA Form 1687 signature card and alpha roster in order to receive their FY06 allocation of MWR funds. The allocation is based on unit strength with each unit receiving \$2.50 per Soldier. For more information, contact the unit fund advisor at 568-7506 for details or stop by Bldg. 1743 on Victory Ave.

## Red Cross CPR

The American Red Cross will offer CPR classes Saturday Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hilos de Plata Center, 4451 Delta Drive. The course is normally \$40 but is being offered for only \$10 as an incentive for more people to learn essential skills. For more information, call 592-0208.

## Health workshop

Concepts and Methods in Health Research will offer a workshop Oct. 31 through Nov. 4. Registration and networking begins at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop starts at 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Stanton Professional Bldg. 1100 North Stanton, Suite 401. Lunch will be provided. To register, contact Pat Rios at [prios@cbhr.org](mailto:prios@cbhr.org) or 577-0970 ext. 10. RSVP is required by Oct. 28 and the presentation is in English. If translation is needed, advise with RSVP. Some sessions will need a calculator.



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## Post-wide yard sale

Fort Bliss will host a post-wide yard sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 29, in all housing units here, Biggs, Beaumont, Logan Heights, Hayes and 801 housing which is located off Martin Luther King Blvd. Those who want to participate in the yard sale may simply display their items during the designated times; no formal permission is required. This event is open to the El Paso, Juarez and surrounding communities. All guests entering Fort Bliss property will be required to have a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, valid car registration, safety inspection sticker, and will be subject to vehicle search. Military police will not allow yard sale shoppers in the housing areas prior to 7 a.m. All Fort Bliss residents are encouraged to participate. For information, call 568-6741.

## Win a night out

Win a free car rental for the whole weekend (a PT Cruiser convertible) and dinner at a local restaurant. Write a 300 word or fewer essays about why your parents and grandparents deserve a night out on the town. The contest is open to all children under the age of 14. The car rental will be available Friday Oct. 28 and will need to be returned Oct. 31. Submissions are due no later than 5 p.m. Oct. 26. Submitted essays should not exceed 300 words. Each submission must list the name, age, grade, school, home address and phone number of the entrant. Submissions must be mailed to [HYPERLINK](mailto:HYPERLINK) "mailto:lgarcia@elpasocvb.com" [lgarcia@elpasocvb.com](mailto:lgarcia@elpasocvb.com) or uploaded via the Internet at [www.visitelpaso.com](http://www.visitelpaso.com). All contest winners will be announced live on KVIA Channel 7's Weekend Morning Show Oct. 29 between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. For more information, call Laurie Garcia at 534-0615.

## Haunted house

The American Legion Post #58 has erected a haunted house just in time for the Halloween festivities in order to provide area children a safe place to enjoy this scary holiday. The haunted house will be at 4724 Vulcan Ave. Oct. 28 through 31 from 7 to 10 pm. For more information, call 568-9069 or 274-7837.

## All-Army wrestling

A free wrestling clinic will be offered by the All-Army Wrestling Team Oct. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Stout Gym. This is a great opportunity to learn new techniques and hone skills for the next high school wrestling season. High school coaches register with Staff Sgt. Ortiz or Karen Zweifel at 568-2833 or 568-2005 to confirm your team's attendance and headcount no later than Oct. 25.

## Disability luncheon

In honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month there will

be a presentations, display and awards luncheon Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Centennial Club. The luncheon fee is \$11. For more information, call Malcolm Walker at 568-1489, Martin Wagner at 5698-1788 or Sylvia Gomez at 568-2288.

## Library hours

Now the Community Library is open late to serve the customer better. New hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 8 p.m. The library is closed Sunday, Monday, and Federal Holidays. For more information, call 568-6156.

## Warrant officer recruits

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky. will brief on qualifications and application procedures to all Soldiers interested in becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers. The briefing is for Soldiers considering applying to become a Warrant Officer in any MOS. All Soldiers are encouraged to attend. The briefings will be held at Bldg. 2, C-Wing, room 125, Oct. 24 through Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Skaggs at (502) 626-0484, DSN 536-0484, or go to [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant). Local points of contact are Chief Warrant Officer Reed at 568-6157 or Chief Warrant Officer Burton at 568-1300.

## Warrant officer info

The office, Chief of Air Defense Artillery is assisting Soldiers in putting together packets in preparation for the upcoming warrant officer selection boards. Openings are available for military occupational specialty 140A, Command and Control Systems Technician, and MOS 140E, Air Missile Defense Technician/Tactician (Patriot System Technician). Air Defense is seeking applicants from career management fields 12, 25, 35 and 95 for the 140 series

MOS. Information on prerequisites and sample packets can be found at [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/). Call 568-6157 or 568-1300 for any questions or additional information.

## Sewing classes

SKIESUNLIMITED is offering sewing classes Nov. 1 through 30 at Logan Child Development Center, Bldg 3500. Classes will be Tuesday and Wednesday for 7 years and up 4:30 to 5:20 p.m. and for ages 12 and up from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for eight classes. Classes will consist of sewing safety, basic knowledge of sewing, straight stitching, measuring fabrics, bias of fabrics, putting plaids together, creating a simple pattern for a pillow, making a pillow, no supplies needed, everything will be provided. For further information, call Elvia Walker at 568-3759 or Gabriele Johnson at 569-7732.

## Halloween classic

The 2005 Men's and Women's Halloween Basketball Classic is slated for Oct. 28 through 30 at Logan Heights Physical Fitness Center. This double elimination tournament is open to both military and civilian teams. Teams will consist of twelve players with one non-playing coach. First, second and third place team trophies will be awarded, as will first and second place individual awards. The entry fee is \$200 per team, which includes t-shirts for all members. Registration and checks, payable to IMWRF Fort Bliss, may be mailed to: Fort Bliss Sports Office, Stout PFC, P.O. Box 6100, Fort Bliss, Texas 79906. Entry deadline is Oct. 24. For more information, call Nate LaCour at 568-8730 or Joe Fedak at 568-5995.

## Renovations

Renovations have begun on Bldg. 1743. These renovations will increase the size of the area used by CYS and Central Registration and Enrollment. The renovations will provide additional office space