

Off Duty

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Fort Seldon

The Friends of Fort Seldon will host a day of military drill, living history, and camaraderie at Old Fort Seldon State Park April 7 through 9. New Mexico Frontier Days takes place at Fort Seldon, N.M. Radium Springs, N.M., is 13 miles west of Las Cruces, N.M., on IH 25. Go west on IH 10 and turn right on IH 25 and look for the Fort Seldon sign. Admission to the park grounds is \$3, age 16 and under get in free. For more information, call (505) 526-8911.

Pajama party

The Fort Bliss Youth Services will host a pajama party for middle and high school girls Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Youth Plex, Bldg. 195. Cost is \$1 for CYS members and \$2 for nonmembers. Snacks and drinks will be served. Please sign up early. Call 568-KIDS to sign up or for more information. Bring a friend and have some fun.

Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day will be held at Noel Field May 20. The morning starts off with two fun runs, a 5k and a one-mile. There will be live music, food, drinks, games, static military displays, a car show, a health fair and much more. The event is free and open to the public.

Adult education fair

Fort Bliss will host an Adult Education Fair April 12 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center, Bldg. 11199 at Biggs Army Airfield. Representatives from universities, colleges and trade schools, such as Park University, Webster University, Career Centers of Texas, University of Phoenix, Tri-State Cosmetology Institute, Western Technical, Howard Payne, and the Border Institute of Technology, will be in attendance. This event will provide an excellent opportunity for Soldiers, family members and civilian employees to continue their education. Information on financial assistance, prerequisite classes, and courses will be available. For more information, call 568-2784.

Computer class

SKIESUNLIMITED is offering Home School Computer Classes at the Youth Plex for \$10 per person per class or free to MWR staff on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Every class will focus on something different; see the entire class schedule by visiting the CYS pages at www.blissmwr.com. For more information, call 569-7732.

Teen Center closure

The Teen Center located at Bldg. 635 will be closed for an indefinite period of time due to infrastructure damage. Strong winds caused major damage to the facility and until repairs can be made the Teen Center will remain closed. In the interim, students from middle school and teen youths will be taken directly to the Youth Plex on Chaffee Road.

Stout closures

Stout Physical Fitness Center will be open Friday, but hot water will not be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility's water heater is being replaced. In addition, from Friday through Sunday, the entire facility will be closed to host the 2006 National Masters Weightlifting Championships. To accommodate guests, Milam Physical Fitness Center will open Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday; from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Management apologizes for any inconvenience. For more information, call 568-4508.

Parent workshop

The Fort Bliss School Liaison Services will offer a Parent Workshop Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. or from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Religious Activity Center Pershing Rd. Bldg. 449. Some of the workshop topics include: preparing for a move; southwest cultural diversity; importance of impact aid; Texas immunization requirements; testing and assessment (TAKS/SAT/ACT) TAKS implications for promotion and retention from 3rd and 5th grade, high school and WBAMC -Self Care Class (parent will be eligible to receive the self-care sticker for over the counter medications). Representatives from Army Community Service, Child Youth Services, Exceptional Family Member Program and Center for Career and Technology (vocational classes) will be on hand to speak to the parents and give



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Payday golf scramble

As part of MWR's monthly post payday activities, the commanding general would like to invite all Fort Bliss Soldiers to participate in a nine-hole golf scramble Friday at noon. The cost for Soldiers E-6 and below is \$3 and E-7 and above is \$5. There is no charge for club members E-6 and below, E-7 and above members pay \$1. Carts are \$4 per player. Regular price is \$8 per player. Club rental is \$2.50 per set. A limited number of spaces are available. Prizes will be awarded to the first place team and closest to the pin. Interested individuals must sign up no later than 4 p.m. today. The commanding general endorses the activities to promote team building and camaraderie among Soldiers and to serve as a pleasant departure from the regular workday. While not mandatory, attendance is encouraged. For information, call 562-1273.

out information after the training. Educational resource packages will be given away as door prizes. Childcare will be provided at no charge for families registered through CYS. To register, call 568-9306 or e-mail maura.mccabe1@us.army.mil.

Yoga classes

The Exceptional Family Member Program yoga relaxation classes will be held the fourth Thursday of each month at Stout Gym to promote healthy living from 1 to 2 p.m. The next class will be held today. They will be led by a licensed instructor and include various health topics. Adults and children over 12 are invited to attend. Call 568-7088 to RSVP. Free childcare will be provided for those pre-registered with CYS.

Blood donor roundup

The fourth annual Great Texas Blood Donor Roundup will be through Friday at Stout Gym from 8 a.m. to noon. The Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers Program and STARDAY Foundation will be present. Five donors from each brigade and organization are needed to support this event.

BOSS free daycare

The Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers will offer free daycare Friday from 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. This offer is being extended to single Soldiers E-5 and below with children ages one to 11 years old. To sign up, call 568-6556 or e-mail boss@bliss.army.mil.

Priests needed

The U.S. Army is in critical need of devout and spiritually motivated Catholic Priests to lead the nation's Soldiers and families in their walk with God. To explore a life of service to God, church and country visit www.goarmy.com/chaplain, e-mail chaplain-recruiting@usarec.army.mil or call (800) 222-3735 ext. 61899 or 61082.

Deployment fair

The 2-43rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion will host a family deployment fair and training seminar Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Milam Gym. This deployment fair and training is required for all Soldiers scheduled for rotation to South Korea. Family members are highly encouraged to attend. Information regarding, but not limited to, finance, housing, transportation, Family Readiness Group and medical will be provided. For more information, call 568-6114 or 568-5340.

DSOY competition

The Drill Sergeant of the Year will be announced May 3 at 1:30 p.m. in Soldier Hall, Bldg. 2. The winner of the event will go on to represent Fort Bliss for the 2006 DSOY competition at the Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va. This event is open to the public and all are invited attend.

Museum lecture

The Fort Bliss Museum offers a noon lecture series every second Wednesday of the month. The next noon lecture series will be April 12. The topic is Gen. J. Lawton Collins "Lightening Joe." Collins was one of three generals to command the largest-scale combat units in World War II. He commanded in both the European and Pacific Theaters became Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Korean War. Bring a lunch and see history come alive.

Days of Remembrance

The Days of Remembrance Observance will be held April 20 at Soldier Hall. This year's theme is Legacies of Justice. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Quorey Joseph, 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade equal opportunity advisor, at 568-0815.

Earth Day

The main open house Army Earth Day event will be held April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Fort Bliss Youth Plex Bldg. 195. During the open house exhibitors will be on hand to provide hands-on-activities and environmental lessons. This year's celebrations will bring an Earth awareness program which travels to schools and museums across the U.S. The Earth balloon is an inflatable 19 feet high and 22 feet across scale model of the globe. Structured classes will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit the Earth Awareness Program at www.earth-balloon.com/main.htm.

Warrant officer recruiting

All current and former warrant officers are invited to attend the monthly Sun City Chapter Warrant Officer Association meeting and luncheon. The meeting is held the first Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Fort Bliss Officers' Club, Bldg. 250 Club Road in the International Room. WOA was developed especially for the professional development of fellow warrant officers, so come and share your friendship, knowledge and expertise with other local warrant officers.

Drivers wanted

Drivers and cars wanted for the demolition derby at Lake El Paso. The event will be held April 16 at 2 p.m. A cash prize of \$200 and a trophy for 1st place in the men's division, \$150 and a trophy for 1st place winners in women's and jr. (under 18) divisions. Participants must pre-register by April 10 at the Lake El Paso office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. To more information, call 852-2051 or 852-3382, after 7 p.m. call 852-8942. Easter Sunday there will be a special sunrise service at 6 a.m. under the pavilion at Lake El Paso. Following the service they will have a continental breakfast buffet. There will also be a benefit barbeque from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a big beach Easter egg hunt for children ages 12 and under. The Orgullo Marichi Band De El Paso will perform at the pavilion from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and have a wonderful time. Gate charge is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 12 years old and under 6 years old free. This charge is for the whole day and all events. The military will receive a \$2 discount off the gate charge with proper military I.D.

National Arbor Day Week

National Arbor Day week at Lake El Paso will be held April 24 through 28. Lake El Paso is inviting schools and organizations in the area to come out and help plant trees. A forest ranger will be there to show the children how to properly plant and care for trees. Children participating will receive a certificate and a pass into the lake for them and a parent. For more information, call 852-2051 or 852-3382.

National Government Week

El Paso County will celebrate National County Government Week by opening its doors to the public to show off all the innovative programs and the multiple services it offers to El Paso's families. Under the theme of "Protecting Our Communities; Come Find out What the County Can Do for You," the open house will show attendees how to feel safe and secure in their home and community. The event will be April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 302. Admission is free. For more information, call 834-8235 or visit the county's Web site at www.epcounty.com.

Sun City Soldier

Sun City Soldier is looking for Soldiers with broadcast experience (preferably DIN-FOS trained) to be part of the anchor team.