

# Off Duty

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## Construction to slow traffic

In support of the Inner Loop Project, there will be a reduction of traffic lanes at Biggs Army Air Field Main Gate. Traffic to/from Biggs via the main gate will be reduced to one lane inbound and one lane outbound. It is recommended that personnel requiring access to Biggs use alternate routes available. Access from the Northeast can be gained by entering Chaffee Gate and utilizing the Tactical Vehicle Overpass to gain entrance to Biggs. Access from East El Paso can be gained via Gate 26 (Founders Gate off of Walter Jones Blvd). The hours for Gate 26 are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. The hours for Chaffee Gate are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

## Filipino-American celebration

The Filipino-American Association of El Paso, the Philippine Nurses Association of El Paso and the Filipino Pastoral Ministry are celebrating The Centennial of Filipino Migration to the United States Saturday at Kelly Park. The celebration will have a program showcasing Filipino dance and culture from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a Holy Mass and the Santa Cruzan at 5:15 p.m. with the Fiesta Dance Celebration to follow. For more information about this free event, call Socorro Montague at 630-5104.

## Spring Bling

The El Paso Museum of Art will host Spring Bling today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the El Paso Museum of Art, One Arts Festival Plaza. Singles pay a \$5 donation at the door and pairs pay \$8. For more information, call Kimberly McCarden at 532-1707 ext. 66.

## ACS closure

Army Community Service/Family Assistance Center located in Bldg. 2494 will close Friday at 1 p.m. for fumigation. For financial emergencies between the hours of 1 and 4:30 p.m., call 549-1142.

## Bike giveaway

At the 2006 ROT Rally in Austin, Texas, the ROT will give away a chopper built from the ground up to salute Soldiers. Soldiers can be nominated for this award. For more information about who is eligible and how to nominate someone, visit [www.rotrally.com](http://www.rotrally.com). Deadline for nomination is Saturday.

## Gate closure

The Carroll Street Pedestrian Gate school gate will close May 25. At this time, no resources are available for summer school gate manning.

## Sun City Fiesta IV

The Roy P. Benavidez-Robert Patterson "All Airborne" Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. invites all paratroopers, family and friends to attend Sun City Fiesta IV. The festivities will take place from June 30 to July 5. In conjunction with the local fiesta attendees will also help celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the 82nd Airborne Division. For more information, call Rick Trevizo at 821-5773 or Bob Chisolm at (505) 874-1004.

## Uncle Sam Jam

Fort Bliss MWR and the El Paso Diablos are pleased to host Uncle Sam Jam July 3 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Cohen Stadium. Admission is free to festival grounds and open to the public. Parking is free to all vehicles with military ID stickers; others will be assessed a \$3 fee. Activities are scheduled throughout the evening for children and adults, including a show by Turn the Page, a Bob Seger tribute band, performing at 8:15 p.m., preceded by local opening acts beginning at



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## Military Night at the Diablos

**Military Appreciation Night at the El Paso Diablos returns with free tickets May 31. Tickets are available at the Public Affairs Office Bldg 15. First pitch is at 7:05 p.m. at Cohen Stadium. See the home town Diablos battle the St. Paul Saints. The 62nd Army Band will perform on the concourse. Tickets are free on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call at 568-4320.**

7:15 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m. Food and beverage concessions will be available; no outside refreshments are allowed. For more information, call 568-6741, 568-7533 or 568-8087 or visit [www.blissmwr.com](http://www.blissmwr.com) for the latest information.

## Gospel service

The gospel service of Sage Hall is inviting church choir members, musicians and church members to join them in a music workshop and concert featuring Carzelle Smith, of Hugo, Okla. The workshop will be conducted May 31 through June 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Sage Hall, Bldg. 311. The Workshop will conclude with a concert June 3. The concert is open to the public and begins at 6 p.m. in Sage Hall. For more information or to sign up, call 821-4267 or 568-6707.

## Golf benefit

The Faith Christian Academy will host the 8th Annual Blue and Gold Golf Benefit June 15. The event will be at the Vista Hills Country Club Golf Course, 2210 Trawood. Registration is at noon and a shot gun start is at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from this tournament benefit students who would like to attend Faith Christian Academy but are not financially able. For more information, call Elena Delman at 594-3304 or 740-8786.

## Youth bowling league

The Fort Bliss Youth Bowling League is now accepting registrations for its summer league, May 23 through Aug. 15. League bowls every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Cost per week is \$6 for children 8 years and older and \$4 for ages 7 and under. All

participants will receive trophies at the end of the season. For more information, call J.R. Culp, 328-9282 or go to the Fort Bliss Bowling Center.

## NAGE meeting

The local union will have a short membership meeting for all general schedule appropriated fund employees stationed at Fort Bliss, serviced by the Fort Bliss Civilian Personnel Office May 25. Everyone is welcome to a free luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a brief forum to discuss the upcoming national elections and items of interest taking place nationally and locally. Union Hall is located at Bldg. 633 at the corner of Taylor and Pleasanton Roads. For more information, call Betty Diaz at 568-5007, Frank Schoch at 568-0235, or Greg Villasenor at 568-6788.

## Mentor information

A mentor information and training session will be held July 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for members of the community wishing to make a positive difference in the life of a child. A light lunch will be provided and training is free. Those interested in mentoring are encouraged to call for complete details and location for this event. For more information, call 861-7733.

## NBA Trophy Tour

The NBA Trophy Tour hits Fort Bliss June 1 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stout Gym. The customized tour will provide an exciting finals-themed experience to military personnel and their families. During the stop of the 2006 Trophy Tour, the NBA

and Toyota will bring a fleet of finals-themed vehicles, including the specially designed Toyota Tundra "Trophy Mobile," the Larry O'Brien Trophy, an interactive NBA-themed activity center, and NBA players or legends. NBA players will be present to sign autographs. For more information, call 568-4508.

## Tennis classes

Tennis classes are now being offered at the Fort Bliss Tennis Club and Fitness Zone. Classes are sponsored by the United States Tennis Association. Beginner's classes are held Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and intermediate sessions are Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Classes are taught by teaching professional, Robert Jack. All classes will be held at the Fort Bliss Tennis and Fitness Center, Bldg 262 located near the Fort Bliss Officer's Club. Late sign-ups are welcome. Cost is \$20 per session and a session consists of four lessons. Tennis racquets and balls are provided at no additional cost. The next session will begin June 5 through 28. For more information, call 539-0300.

## Stout Field closure

Stout Field will be closed until June 7 to over seed and top dress the field. This closure will not affect use of the track. Patrons are asked to refrain from field usage. For additional questions, call 568-5995.

## 101 Days of Summer

The Fort Bliss Bowling Center will host 101 days of summer, May 27 through Sept 4. Children in grades kindergarten through 12th can pick up a game card that entitles them to one free game of bowling