

Consumer complaints

For those who have complaints for any type of service call consumer affair at Army Community Service. Service complaints can include businesses, companies, organizations, car dealership, automotive repair or any type of services. To file a complaint, call 568-4614 and ask for the consumer affairs representative.

Organizational Day

The 204th Military Intelligence Battalion will host an organizational day Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kelly Park.

Health billboard

The two-sided billboard features messages regarding health promotion and health risk prevention; it will also feature monthly health observances that occur nationally throughout the year.

MOAA anniversary luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America 50th Anniversary luncheon will be held Aug. 12 at the Fort Bliss Officers Club. Guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Charles G. Rodriguez, Texas Adjutant General and National Guard Commander. He is the son of the late El Pasoan and Medal of Honor recipient Col. Joseph C. Rodriguez. A Japanese formal tea ceremony will be held in memory and honor of the late Col. Rodriguez. Members and guest participating in the Japanese tea ceremony are requested to arrive by 10:45 a.m. Reservations are due by Aug. 4. For reservations, call 568-7858 or e-mail elp.MOAA@yahoo.com.

Choir singers wanted

The Protestant Center Chapel One Choir is in need of volunteer singers. All voices are needed. If you would to become a part of the music ministry at CC1, we invite you to join the choir. Choir rehearsal is held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Chapel, 315 Merritt Road. Free child care is available. For more information, call Pauline Jones, CC1 coordinator, at 568-0364.

Noon lecture series

The noon lecture series are held the second Wednesday of the month at the Fort Bliss Museum auditorium. The lecture is from noon to 1 p.m. Bring a lunch and see history come alive. This month's subject is Iraq: Past, Present and Future.

Free cab rides

Sun City Cabs offers free rides home to individuals who have been drinking. For a free cab ride, call 544-2211.

Outdoor Adventures

July MWR Outdoor Adventures has the following trips planned:

Vineyard Tour: Aug. 12

Ruidoso Day: Aug. 19

Casino Day: Aug. 26

All trips include snacks, beverages and transportation. To sign up, call 568-2784.

Vacation Bible School

Bible school will be held through Aug. 4 at the Religious Activities Center, Pershing and Merritt Roads. VBS is Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All children, four-years-old through completed sixth grade are invited to attend. Buses will serve all housing areas of Fort Bliss to bring children to and from VBS. A free lunch will be served to the children each day. For more information or to register, call 568-0360 or 568-0363 or visit the Religious Education Office at Bldg. 449.

Notre Dame student send-off

The Notre Dame Club of El Paso will host its annual student send-off August 6 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 5216 White Oak. All freshmen and current students, families, friends and alumni are encouraged to attend. Brisket, rolls and drinks will be provided participants are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. For more information, call 584-9617.



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Air Force Band of West concert

The United States Air Force Band of the West Concert band will present a concert at the Socorro Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Aug. 3. The performance is free and open to the public. The concert band is a 45-member ensemble which represents the U.S. Air Force by performing music for formal military ceremonies, educational clinics, and public concerts throughout the Southwest. The band is based at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Although the performance is free, entry passes are being provided in advance. Those individuals without entrance passes will be admitted 15 minutes prior to the concert if seating is available. The Socorro Performing Arts Center is located at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda. For more information, call 937-0536 or 568-2497.

Country Junction

Those who are looking for a special gift or keepsake from Fort Bliss visit the Country Junction. They are located at Bldg. 2011 Sheridan Road, between Cassidy Gate and Fort Bliss Elementary School. They have a wide selection of handmade Victorian, American crafts and vintage ware. A portion of sales help support OCSA scholarship and welfare funds, which are dispersed annually to the Fort Bliss and El Paso communities. For more information, call 562-7467, or e-mail FBOCSA@aol.com.

Rock the Fort

For the third year, MWR is pleased to host Rock the Fort Music Fest Aug. 5 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Biggs Park. Once again, admission is free to festival grounds and open to the public. This one-day event was created to show appreciation for all servicemembers and their dedication and commitment. It is also designed to build upon and enhance the positive relationship between the military and surrounding civilian community. Scheduled activities include local bands Paperwork, New Horizon, Brown Betty, and Jamie O'Hara, performing on the Upper Rio Grande at work show stage; as well as food and beverage vendors, free paintball, pedal car races, jumping balloons, dunk tank, slip-n-dip, art displays, car shows, and much more. Microbrew and wine tasting will be available in the shaded Beer Garden at a cost of \$15, which includes 15-2.5 ounce samplings of microbrew beers and specialty wines. Beer Garden VIPs must be 18 if active duty and 21 if a dependent or civilian. Fireworks are scheduled for 9:15 p.m.

For more information, call 568-6741, 568-2784, 569-5715 or visit www.blissmwr.com.

Western Playland tickets

Bravo Cadillac Hummer in El Paso and Chevrolet Cadillac in Las Cruces have a limited number of tickets for Western Playland and the El Paso and Las Cruces Speedways. Interested servicemembers need to pickup tickets at the above locations and show a military ID card. Two tickets per person are allowed. For more information, call Norma Ayala at 778-6633 or the Las Cruces location at (505) 527-3800.

Sun Bowl golf tourney

The Vitalis Sun Bowl kick-off party and golf tournament is Aug. 11. This event is for golfers and non-golfers alike. Both the golf tournament and kickoff party will be held at Painted Dunes Golf Course, located at 12000 McCombs in Northeast El Paso. The golf tournament begins with registration at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and the kick-off party starts at 6 p.m. The party includes a Mexican buffet, music, and dancing, free spirited drinks. There will also be a cash bar. The golf fee will include green fees, carts, range balls, goody bags and prizes. The format will be a 4-person scramble. Sign up as a team or as an individual. For more information, call Bernie Olivas or Trenten Hilburn at 533-4416, or e-mail Ellen.Hughes@ticket@sunbowl.org by Aug. 4.

County fair

The El Paso County Fair will be held Sept. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Park. The festivities support the continuation and expansion of Connections, a specialized mentoring program for children of prisoners. For more information, call 861-7733.

Relocation fair

Army Community Service provides invaluable programs and assistance in times of deployment and peace to the Fort Bliss community continuously. To showcase their services and those of the entire El Paso com-

munity, this vital Army program will again host the Fort Bliss Relocation Fair, Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. With changes underway at Fort Bliss, this may be a new duty station to many. Soldiers and their families are afforded the opportunity to see various businesses, services and products offered and learn about their new surroundings. Organizations such as William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Chapels, MWR, ACS and many more will attend. In addition to information gathering and learning about the El Paso area, guests of the event will be able to participate in various prize drawings. For more information, visit www.blissmwr.com or call 568-1132.

Combatives championship

The post Army combatives championship will be held Aug. 10 and 11 at Stout Physical Fitness Center. Weigh in is Aug. 10 at 6 a.m. For more information, call Mark Dominik at 568-5677 or Joseph Fedak at 568-5995.

Mini golf tourney

There will be a mini golf tourney at Kelly Park Mini Golf Course. Registration is Aug. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. Top four teams will compete in the finals Aug. 23. Teams must be four members from the same battery. For information, call 568-5677 or 568-5995.

Australia special

For a limited time, authorized patrons can purchase a trip to Australia for \$838 through ITR. Spend an amazing five nights in Sydney, Australia's largest and world famous harbor city, home of the 2000 Olympic Games or visit Melbourne, the sporting capital of Australia and home of Aussie Rules Football and Formula 1 Grand Prix. This is a promotional sale, available Aug. 1 through 30 and only through Army, Navy, and Marine Corps ITR/ITT offices.