

Off Duty

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EFMP events

The Exceptional Family Member Program October support group meets Oct. 30 from noon to 2 p.m. at the ACS Bldg 2494 Ricker Road. Childcare will be provided for parents who are registered through CYS and place reservations at 568-1343. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Bring your friends and neighbors and learn more about what EFMP can do for you. For those who have questions or concerns about EFMP, call 568-1343 and speak to an EFMP Coordinator or call 569-1854 for enrollment, update and assignment coordination concerns.

FBOC advisory council

The Fort Bliss Officers' Club will host an advisory board meeting Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. at the club. For more information, call 568-7013.

Hallelujah festival

The "Hallelujah Festival", a Christian alternative to Halloween, is Oct. 31 from 6 to 8:20 p.m. at Center Chapel Four Bldg. 2498, corner of JEB Stuart and Ricker Roads. The activities begin with worship especially for children at 6 p.m. The festival features a large variety of game booths, moon jump, giant slide, cake walk, costume judging of biblical costumes and other activities for the entire family and prizes and candy galore. Hot dogs and chips will be served free of charge starting at 6:15 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and have a great time. For more information, call the Protestant Religious Education Office at 568-0360.

Adopt-A-Soldier program

The Soldiers of the 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade invites El Paso families to take in Soldiers for the 2006 Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Soldier Program. For the past 30 years, hundreds of Soldiers in Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bliss spend Thanksgiving Day far from home and family. 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 Thanksgiving Day.

The Thanksgiving Home Visitation Program will be at the Stout Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 2930, Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. The adoption process includes a brief opening ceremony, introductions between the families and their adopted Soldiers, then off to a festive, enjoyable time for all. Interested families should call, 568-1744, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call no later than Nov. 13.

Food Bank run

Army ROTC at New Mexico State University cordially invites the community to participate in their fourth annual Community Food Bank Run. The purpose of the run is to fill the shelves of the Community Action Agency Southern New Mexico Inc. The run is Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The course is about 1.7 miles and it is run at a gingerly pace. Past participants include Army and Air Force ROTC from NMSU and the public schools as well as city, county and state law enforcement officers and fire fighters. This year they are also actively recruiting the University's Greek Society and the general public to participate. For more information, call 646-1090 or 646-4030.

Holiday bazaar

The Noncommissioned Officers Wives Club hosts a two-day bazaar Nov. 4 and 5 at Stout Gym. Cost is \$1. For more information, call 851-2311 or 590-7202.

Sun Bowl brunch

Reservations are being accepted for the Brut Sun Bowl game and brunch Dec. 29 for the commanding general's group. The section blocked off is the same as in years past. Seats are limited and reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis. A bus departing from the Officers' Club is being provided to take participants to and from the game. Payments are being accepted in the form of cash or credit cards, for the Sun Bowl game. Payment for the tickets will be accepted Dec. 15. Player information will be sent out as it becomes available. Seating is available in section 21, between the 30 – 40 yard line at \$50 per person, and section 20, between the 20 – 30 yard



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Ghost Stories

Bring a pillow and blanket to join MWR for "Ghosts of Fort Bliss" Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the historic Fort Bliss Officers' Club. Listen as noted author Ken Hudnall tells spooky and suspenseful tales of ghosts and unexplained events which have occurred on post throughout history. Following the tales, participants will take a walking tour of Bldgs. 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13 and Pershing House. This special night includes a campfire buffet dinner of barbeque brisket, smoked chicken, potato salad, vegetables, garden salad and a s'mores chocolate fountain. Tickets are \$14 for members, \$17 for non-members and children over 7 years are \$8, under 6 are free. For reservations, call 568-7013. Hudnall has written more than 29 books covering topics as broad as unsolved mysteries, lost treasures and ghosts along the southern border to cutting edge fiction that has the unique tendency to predict occurrences in the real world. His new book, which details Biggs Airfield and Bldg. 2, will be unveiled during the event. For more information, call 569-5715.

lines at \$40 per person. Additionally, reservations for the "Sun Bowl Brunch" at the Fort Bliss Officers' Club, from 9 to 11 a.m. are being accepted. The cost for the brunch is \$11 for members, \$13 for nonmembers, \$13 for children and \$6 for children ages 7 to 11 years old. Children six and under eat free. To reserve a ticket, call with your name and telephone number for your group. Tickets are made payable to FBOC. To reserve a ticket for the Sun Bowl game or for more information, call Terri Sirois at 568-6056.

Veterans Day parade

Veterans from throughout El Paso will descend on downtown Nov. 11 for the annual Veterans Day Parade. The parade starts at 10:45 a.m. at the corner of Myrtle and Florence Streets and winds through the downtown area. The best viewing is at San Jacinto Plaza. Numerous veterans' organizations from the area will participate. Fort Bliss Soldiers, the 62nd Army Band, a Patriot Launcher, Avenger and military police will be part of the parade. The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy will provide an all-service color guard; the 108th Brigade will have a battery of marching Soldiers and a Patriot Launcher from 2-43 Air Defense Artillery, plus an Avenger from 2-6 ADA. Area high school JROTC and bands will also participate.

PT fun run/walk

William Beaumont Army Medical Center hosts its 3rd annual WBAMC hospital commander's and physical therapy fun run/walk Nov. 3 at 5:30 a.m. at McKelligon Canyon. The distance is 2.5 miles and gates open at 5 a.m. All military and civilian employees are welcome. Prizes and awards will be awarded. Registration or entry fees are not required. For more information, call 569-2181.

Framing Bliss sale

Framing Bliss offers 25 percent off the second full custom frame job of equal or lesser value now through Nov. 15. Frame must be

purchased at Framing Bliss. The shop also has great Halloween village houses and Thomas Kinkadee Christmas trees and ornaments at 20 percent off during this time. For more information, call 568-5563.

RV Park usage expanded

Active duty military and retirees can now sponsor their family members or friends, who want to utilize the Fort Bliss RV Park, on a space available basis. The park is equipped with 73 pull-through full-hookup spaces, complete with electricity, water and sewer conveniences, and is a home away from home. While utilizing the facility, guests can also entertain during their stay. A family room complete with kitchen extras, TV, and free WIFI access for computers. It also features a stair stepper, bike and two treadmills, which keeps guests comfortable, in addition to the laundry area, public restroom and shower facilities and small playground. Two outside pavilion areas with built-in grills are provided for parties or small get-togethers. A doggie walk is available; however, patrons may walk their pets wherever they wish. Management does ask they pick up after them as a courtesy to others. The highly-used center also offers convenient RV storage for 290 vehicles, at a nominal monthly fee. Individuals interested in using the park can expect to pay the daily rental rate of \$15; however the RV Park does accept Golden Age cards for discounts in addition to reductions for minimum week stays. The RV Park office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. After hours, a night host is on site to assist late arrivals. For more information, call the Fort Bliss RV Park at 568-0106.

Environmental forum

The next bi-monthly environmental forum is Nov. 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Bliss Museum and Study Center, Bldg. 1735. Agendas to be discussed are: (1) Environmental Program Assessment System, (2) solid waste management recycling, (3) (ASB) Lead

and Asbestos, (4) (OSJA) illegal dumping. The target audience is Environmental Compliance Officers but everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Stan Green at 568-7041.

New taxi service

AAFES, the Post Exchange and Sun City Cab have inaugurated an exclusive taxi service for Fort Bliss Soldiers, family members, Department of the Army civilians and anyone who wants to use their service. Sun City Cab has dedicated 50 taxi cabs to the new operation, along with a consistent fare and service structure. Taxi stands on post are located at the Post Exchange, Commissary, Centennial Club, Officers Club and WBAMC. This taxi service is available 24 / 7 by calling 544-2211. A fare card is installed in all taxi vehicles, so passengers using the service on post know the cost of the taxi ride. These fares are designed with a discount in mind for more than one passenger as well as those traveling alone.

Bliss barbeque

Morale, Welfare and Recreation host a barbeque Bliss cook-off Nov. 4 from noon to 5 p.m. at Biggs Park. Take part in the cook-off competition, listen to live music, visit the motorcycle show or watch the children play at the jumping balloons. Vendors will be on-hand selling food and drinks. Participating teams must register early at www.blissmwr.com, entry deadline is Oct. 27. Entry is \$30 for military teams; \$50 for open teams. Open teams must have at least one ID cardholder on the team: retiree, family, National Guard and Army Reserve are accepted. Teams cannot have more than six individuals, one team cook and up to five assistants. Categories include chicken, pork ribs, pork, beef brisket. Awards will be presented for first through third place in each category of meat in both military and open divisions. A grand champion and reserve grand champion will be awarded to the two open teams which score the highest number of points for the four categories. Military teams