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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

This month, on Tuesday February 23rd we are pleased to add Shay Saucedo to our list of Professional Development speakers. Shay is an Army veteran [as is her husband] who works for the US Congress as the Constituent Services Manager for the 8th Congressional District here in Sierra Vista.

After her visit, we'll know what her job encompasses, what she can and can't do for her constituent's.

On Tuesday, March 23rd, Carol Capas, the Public Information Officer for the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, will be with us, at the SV Elks Lodge [from 1130-1230] and we'll find out that she's available 24-7 to the news media, while still responsible for supervising the Counties 911-Program and the Sheriff's Radio Dispatchers.

Let's not forget to let Don Newcomer that you're coming by calling him at 520-456-1018 or email dmnewc1@outdrs.net, no later than Friday, March 13th.

LOOKING FOR AN OLD MILITARY BUDDY

Military.com has a new tool to assist veterans with locating old military acquaintances. Military.com's Buddy Finder is a fast and easy way to find old military friends from training or combat. To use Military.com's Buddy Finder, go to: <http://www.military.com/buddy-finder/>.

"MENTORSHIP"

As professional officers we should be *mentoring* the influx of new warrant officers coming into the Corps and support the junior warrant officer deployed in the War on Terror and those providing disaster assistance. One of the way you can provide *mentorship* is to join the Warrant Officer Forums on Warrant Officer Net <<https://forums.bcks.army.mil/default.aspx?id=51485>> and also sign-up for the weekly Warrant Officer Network <http://www.usawoa.org/downloads/WONETsampleWeeklyNewsletter.pdf>.

HELP WANTED

We still have an opening for a Director – Public Affairs. This key position is responsible for:

- Army Media Coordination on Ft Huachuca
- Press Releases locally and limited Tucson
- Website Coordination with Webmaster and Staff

Like all other chapter positions, it is designed to be shared so no-one is over-worked and then become "burned out". Those interested need to talk to Joe Gill and the appointment then to be confirmed by the EXCOM.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The USAWOA Scholarship Foundation (USAWOA SF) was created in 2003 to assume funding responsibility and administration of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA) Scholarship Program. The Foundation is pleased to provide this service to the family members of USAWOA Members in good standing.

The goal of the USAWOA SF program is to make financial awards to the most deserving candidates. Decisions are made by a selection committee and are based on the whole-person concept. Over the years, USAWOA conducted various fund raising events. Substantial portions of the proceeds were set aside for the scholarship program. The Foundation does likewise and also explores other fund raising opportunities. The Foundation awards scholarships of not less than \$1,000 each to deserving and qualified applicants selected by the screening committee. Some separate, specific scholarships may also be awarded. Entities or individuals externally fund these scholarships. A separate application is NOT required for these specific scholarships.

Application packets must be received between January 1st and May 1st, of each year in order to be considered for that year's program. Completed application packets should be mailed directly to: USAWOA Scholarship Foundation, c/o USAWOA, 462 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235.

Applications for scholarships are accepted from the children (natural and adopted) and dependent stepchildren, under the age of 23 years (seniors in high school or above), of members in good standing in the USAWOA (must have been a member for a minimum of six months). Spouses of members in good standing are also eligible and may apply for scholarship assistance in educational endeavors.

Applications must be complete at the time of receipt. No "partial" applications will be accepted. All applications must be received at USAWOASF by the 1st of May each year in order to be considered. Awards are announced during the first week of July. Names of selectees are posted on the USAWOA SF Home page as soon as possible after the announcement of the awards. For more information see: <http://www.usawoa.org/WOASF/ScholshpProgFactSheet.htm#ScholarshipsAvailable> <http://www.usawoa.org/WOASF/ScholshpProgFactSheet.htm#OtherScholarships> <http://www.usawoa.org/WOASF/ScholshpProgFactSheet.htm#ScholarshipWinners>

I Wear Red
On Friday

To Support
Our Troops

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Geetwo won't tell us the year of birth, but has freely given us the month and day of most of our chapter members. Starting this month, we will list all so we can wish them a Happy Birthday.

For February, our best wishes go out to:

CW2 Thomas W Hofmann 02; CW5R Lon D Castleton 04; CW3R Gregory Gluck 06; CW4R Craig T Sieting 12; WO1 Dirk Ballou 13; CW4R Max D Dohring 17; CW3R Harry C Brown 22; CW2R Carolyn B Weaver 23; CW2R Eric A Kline 25; WO1 Michael S Keber 27.

Geetwo was unable to find the birthdays of the following: CW3 Mark J Bryant Sr, CH (COL) Tom Day, CW2 Kevin J Pyne, CW2R Thomas M Reardon, WO1 Thomas A Speciole II, CW4R Maynard M Uhlig, CW4R Walter T Johnson, WO1 Joina Rodriguez.

If you want to be remembered, on your birthday, email the month and day to azsilverchapter@cox.net.

GET THE 2010 GI BILL GUIDE

Your GI Bill Rate for 2010 is more than \$49,000. Take these two steps to understand and use your benefits:

- friendly schools that offer credits for military service;
- and get the 2010 GI Bill Guide to learn how to use your benefits.

<http://tracking.military.com/cgi-bin/outlog.cgi?url=http%3A%2F%2Fedu%2Emilitary%2Ecom%2Fgibill%2F%3FESRC%3Darmy%2Da%2Enl&code=100125WRAH07&eml=ea558c5459c90819c43a522c48f64704>

LAST U.S. WORLD WAR I VET TURNS 109

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va.-America's last surviving World War I veteran marked his birthday on February 1st with family and close friends, noting that he has much to be thankful for as he blew out 109 candles.

Frank Woodruff Buckles, who lives on Gap View Farm near Charles Town, was born Feb. 1, 1901, in Harrison County, Mo.

He's often said that he knew he would have a long life, but he never expected to become the very last "doughboy" — after all, there were 4,734,991 Americans who served from 1917 to 1918 during the Great War. Now there is one left.

Family spokesperson and biographer David DeJonge said Buckles was excited about his birthday party, and he is looking forward to at least a few more.

"He said, 'I don't think 115 is any different from 109,'" DeJonge said.

Buckles has a birthday wish that he's waiting for Congress to do something about — he wants to see the dedication of a World War I memorial in Washington, D.C.

Check out his website at: <http://www.frankbuckles.org/>.

FALLEN HEROES ON DISPLAY AT ARLINGTON

Photo credit Kaitlin Horst, Arlington National Cemetery Public Affairs

By Kaitlin Horst, Arlington National Cemetery Public Affairs

Eric Herzberg, father of Lance Cpl. Eric W. Herzberg, and Beth Belle, mother of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, study a collage of portraits done by Michael G. Reagan on exhibit at Arlington National Cemetery's Visitor Center. The project, more than 2,000 portraits, has been a tribute undertaken by the artist for heroes like Herzberg and Kirven, both interred in Arlington's Section 60.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, Va. -- The Fallen Heroes Project by portrait artist Michael G. Reagan is now on display at the Arlington National Cemetery Visitors Center.

The project, which debuted on Tuesday, Jan. 19 before a small gathering of family members of the fallen, is a poster series displaying collages of portraits that Reagan has hand-drawn for the families of fallen servicemembers from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A combat veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and a portrait artist for more than 30 years, Reagan began drawing portraits of fallen servicemembers a few years ago after receiving a request for a custom commission from the wife of a Soldier killed in Iraq. Since that time, he's drawn more than 2,000 portraits free-of-charge for families who have lost a loved one in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

An internationally-acclaimed portrait artist, Reagan has drawn approximately 10,000 portraits including 1,500 autographed portraits of celebrities like Oprah Winfrey, professional athletes, U.S. presidents and other heads of state. However, in honoring the memory of our nation's fallen by sharing his portrait-drawing talent with their families, Reagan has found his passion.

"We are honored to have Michael Reagan's work on display here at Arlington," said Arlington National Cemetery Superintendent John C. Metzler Jr. "We hope this display will raise awareness of Michael's project and his desire to provide his special portraits to the families of our fallen."

The Fallen Heroes Project is supported by the Michael G. Reagan Portrait Foundation and will be on display at the cemetery's visitor's center for the next several months.

TROOPS TOUCHED BY YOUNG VICTIMS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI (WTOC) - More than 100 troops from Savannah are in Haiti helping victims of last month's earthquake.

Page | 3 They have seen firsthand the damage done to Port-au-Prince and its people. We traveled with the soldiers and witnessed how the youngest victims touched the hearts of hardened soldiers.

The faces, from young to old, moved the Ghostriders to help. Troops from the 10th Transportation Company spent their first days in Haiti at the University of Miami medical tent hospital at the Port-au-Prince airport.

"This is heart wrenching," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lamar Wilson. "We already wish we could do more. There are just so many people that need aid that it's unbelievable. You can see around the room. It is touching."

"I walked in and the first thing I got was a wave and a smile," said Sgt. Chase Archer. "That tells a lot about these people. If they can smile and all, I'll be down here."

"I've seen a 1-month-old child, left here by the mother three days ago and she's only been back once since then. I walked about with him for 45 minutes and I didn't want to put him down," said Sgt Archer.

"It calms my nerves from seeing so much death on that side where I can see a smile on a child's face and that brightens my day to see their eyes light up and we're able to heal some of the wounds that are internal," added Chief Warrant Officer 3 Wilson.

"This is a different side of the Army than some soldiers have seen before," said Capt. Stephen Lambe. "They've known Iraq and Afghanistan. We deploy over there and it is a combat situation. This is different."

The troops expect to remain in Haiti for several weeks.

NEED TO FIND A NEW GATE

Starting at 1500 Sunday 07 February, the Main gate will cease to be a 24/7 gate and will only be open from 0500 to 1900, starting on Monday 08 February with just one lane to go off the Fort.

Starting on Sunday, at 1500, the East Gate will become a 24/7 gate with 2-lanes in and out.

There undoubtedly be confusion for awhile [until we get used to the change and by June when the Main Gate construction is complete, we can go back to our old habits.

B-TROOP LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



In the summer of 1886, B Troop, 4th Cavalry Regiment rode into history. It was then that their name became associated with the famous Chiricahua Apache chief, Geronimo. B Troop was In the summer of 1886, B Troop, 4th Cavalry Regiment rode into history. It was then that their name became associated with the famous Chiricahua Apache chief, Geronimo. B Troop was credited with the capture of Geronimo after a 5 month campaign throughout New Mexico. The troop is also credited with campaigns in the Indian Wars and at Little Big Horn as well as participation at Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chickamauga.

Today, the U.S. Army honors this historic unit as it performs throughout the western United States, mounted on McClellan saddles and dressed in 1880's Army blue and gold wool uniforms. Their mounts are bay-colored horses chosen for their endurance and ability to withstand the weight and rigors of extended cavalry duty. The troop rides complete with sabers, carbines, and single action Colt 45 revolvers.

B Troop, 4th Regiment U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) is comprised of active duty, reservists, and retired soldiers and civilians who volunteer their time to train, ride and execute the 1880 Manual of Cavalry Skills.

Most of us remember the movie with John Wayne in *The Horse Soldiers* based on the famous Civil War event described as the Grierson Raid. The leader, of that raid was Ben Grierson, who has an important street on Ft Huachuca named him for him because he stayed in the Army after the war and commanded, among others *the 10th U.S. Cavalry* here in our southwest.

To promote the heritage and traditions of the U.S. Army in the Southwest during the period of the Indian Wars and support recruiting, community relations, and official/nonofficial ceremonial functions. Through appearances at social, cultural, and other activities, B Troop advances the interests of the U.S.



To learn more about B Troop and to apply for membership, call (520) 538-2178. The next training class starts on Tuesday 9 February continuing every Tue and Thursday through 28 May.



LOWE'S EXPANDS MILITARY DISCOUNT



Lowe's announced that they are expanding their support of the Military with a year round ten Percent Discount for Active, Reserve, Retired and Disabled Military Personnel and Immediate Family Members. For information see:

http://www.lowes.com/cd_Press_106394277

ARIZONA VETERAN'S PLATE



\$25 initial application fee/ \$25 annual renewal. Applicant must be a veteran and provide a copy of a DD214, 215, 2 (retired), 2 (reserve) or 1173; or provide an original statement of honorable service from the US Department of Veterans Affairs or the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) or any one of the following cards: American Legion, Disabled American Veteran, Military Officers of America, Veterans Administration Medical, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, Active duty or Inactive duty.

\$17 of the initial and annual renewal fee goes to a special fund to benefit veterans in Arizona. May also be issued to the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an eligible person who has been issued this plate.

Special Plate Application (form #96-0143) is required. May be personalized with maximum of 5 characters. Also available with a disability symbol.

Available for motorcycles. May be personalized with maximum of 4 characters. Also available with a disability symbol.

2010 VETERANS SUMMER SPORTS CLINIC



Setting your course for the future is the theme for the 3rd National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic to be held in beautiful San Diego from September 18 - 25, 2010.

We're seeking recently injured Veterans to participate in this rehabilitative event. Help us get the word out to potential Veterans and volunteers. Applications for Veteran participants see: http://vaww.sandiego.va.gov/home/ssc_home.asp or email Tristan.heaton2@va.gov or call 858-642-6426.

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