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Canadian Road March

Canadian Task Force 1-10 Soldiers are currently conducting large road movements along Fort Irwin Road through tomorrow and also on Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Please be courteous and safe as you drive on Fort Irwin Road.

Power Outage

There will be a 6-hour power outage: from 8 p.m. today until 2 a.m. tomorrow, so Southern California Edison can complete a major piece of the utility requirements for the Irwin Town Center. Buildings affected are P-37 Reggie's and Armed Forces Bank 1200-1210 (entire block Normandy, Anzio Street to Salerno Drive) Forum, Head Start, Boy Scouts; 1300 Teen Center; 1313, 1315, 1318 child care facilities.

Enroll in UPL Course

The Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) Course scheduled for March 8-12 is now full. The next UPL class is scheduled for May 17-21. Enrollment packets for the May class are due to the ASAP office in Bldg. 573 no later than May 3. The first 24 Soldiers will be accepted. Please call 380-4034 for more information.

Spouse Job Opportunity

Are you married to an active duty service member or a widow or widower of a service member killed while on active duty? Are you the spouse of a retired or separated service member with a disability rating of 100 percent? If you answered "YES" to any of the questions above, you may qualify for a non-competitive appointment in the Federal Civil Service! Call 380-5165 for more information.

Stop Loss Special Pay

The Army personnel office has announced that a Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay is being offered to dispense special pay to Soldiers, veterans, and survivors of Soldiers whose service was involuntarily extended between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2008. Service members are eligible to receive \$500 for every month or partial month served under stop loss authority. To receive this pay, those who served under stop loss must submit a claim before Oct. 21, 2010. The Army has created an online claim process to apply at <https://www.stoplosspay.army.mil>.

The Army estimates at least 120,000 Soldiers and veterans qualify for the special pay. Currently, less than 20,000 have applied.



Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, National Training Center and Fort Irwin commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Martin E. Wilcox, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment command sergeant major and acting NTC and Fort Irwin command sergeant major, pay their final respects to Pfc. Michael J. Pana, during a memorial ceremony at the Center Chapel at Fort Irwin, Calif., Feb. 12.

Blackhorse Troopers celebrate fallen comrade's life

STORY AND PHOTO BY
SGT. GIANCARLO CASEM
11th ACR Public Affairs

Blackhorse Troopers, other Soldiers and friends gathered to remember the life of a fallen Trooper during a memorial ceremony at the Center Chapel on Fort Irwin, Calif., Feb. 12.

The life of 20-year-old Pfc. Michael J. Pana was remembered by his command team and his friends as one of hard work, dedication and foremost, one of joyfulness.

"We're here today to mourn the loss, and celebrate the memory of Pfc. Michael Pana,"

said Capt. Karl Harness, D. Company commander. "Michael was an outstanding Soldier. Since he arrived in Delta Company, he made a positive impact on us all. He served with honor and distinction; always doing the right thing and setting an example for others to follow."

Pfc. Pana, originally from Jackson, Tenn., was assigned to D Company, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, on Feb. 2, 2009. He attended One-Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky., where he graduated as an M1 Armor Crewman in January, 2009. Pfc. Pana passed away in the early morning of Feb. 7, after a vehicle accident on Interstate 15. He

survived by his mother Eliza Dizon, two sisters Ashley and Elizabeth, a brother Marco, and an aunt Emy Montgomery.

His commander and friends remember Pfc. Pana as someone who brightened up everyone's day said Capt. Karl Harness.

"For me, the one thing I remember most about Michael was that smile he always seemed to have on his face," Capt. Harness said. "Whenever you came to talk to Mike, that smile was there, whether it was on duty or off, he had one of the most infectious and positive personalities and always took a lighthearted and fun approach to life."

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**FORT IRWIN SOLDIERS
CURRENTLY DEPLOYED**

Source: Directorate of Human Resources
National Training Center and Fort Irwin

ICE Program Gives Customers a Voice

ICE Year-To-Date Report Oct. 1, 2009 – Feb. 14, 2010

Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
916th Support Brigade	4	●	75
AAFES	115	●	24
Commissary	29	●	38
Fort Irwin Garrison	3175	●	89
Veterinary Services	34	●	50
DENTAC	321	●	97
MEDDAC	433	●	80

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Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
916th Support Brigade	2	●	50
AAFES	14	●	29
Commissary	6	●	33
Fort Irwin Garrison	332	●	90
Veterinary Services	5	●	80
DENTAC	33	●	97
MEDDAC	39	●	79

Fort Irwin Garrison Organizations

Organization	No. of Comments	Rating	Percent Satisfied
Fort Irwin Garrison	357	●	90
Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation	130	●	90
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	4	●	100
Equal Employment Opportunity	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Human Resources	167	●	97
Information Management	9	●	63
Legal	2	●	50
Logistics	4	●	75
Pinnacle Housing	20	●	95
Plans, Analysis & Integration Office	4	●	0
Police/Provost Marshall	5	●	25
Public Affairs	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Public Works	2	●	0
RCI Housing	1	●	0
Religious Support (California)	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Resource Management Office	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Safety	0	[NOT RATED]	—
NTC HQ Adjunct General Office	0	[NOT RATED]	—
American Red Cross	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Armed Forces Bank 1	1	●	100
Armed Forces Bank 3 - PX Branch	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Community Information Manager	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Landmark Inn	7	●	50
Military Family Life Consultants	0	[NOT RATED]	—
Plans, Training, Security	1	●	100
WIC (Woman, Infants, and Children)	0	[NOT RATED]	—

Rating Key: ● = 86%-100% Satisfied | ● = 65%-85% Satisfied | ● = 0%-64% Satisfied

The following are a sampling of ICE submissions at Fort Irwin in the past three weeks. If the customer requests a response, service providers are expected to respond to the customer within three business days and post follow-up notes in ICE.

AAFES—Main PX

Customer Comment: I just wanted to comment on the pleasant experience I’ve had with a specific employee, Carolyn. She has been consistently helpful and positive

with every purchase we’ve made at the PX. I know the turnover rate is rather high so please do what you can to maintain employees like Carolyn. I look for her when I’m making purchases. Even if there is a long line, her attitude will certainly compensate for my wait. “Thank you Carolyn for being a positive face on Fort Irwin. We need more people like you out here!” **Agency Response:** Thank you for the comment about Carolyn. Carolyn is a wonderful asso-

ciate who tries very hard to work with each customer. It is apparent that she was able to assist you in a professional manner. The team is excited for her and will recognize her for her efforts. Thank you again.

Human Resources—ID Cards

Customer Comment: A service provider was rude to her clients and was also rushing my spouse to take a photo I.D pic-

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WHO WE ARE

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NEWSPAPER AWARDS

2nd Place, 2009 U.S. Army IMCOM-West
Newspaper Competition—Tabloid Category
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Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware
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Defender 6 Sends

Army Community Covenant—what gratitude looks like



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

As our Nation commits to preserving freedom through the uncertainty of deployments and conflicts across the world, Americans give us a special gift—embracing Soldiers and their families with sincere support. It warms my heart to see adults, children, organizations and businesses that represent all walks of life sending care packages to deployed Soldiers and extending special invitations when they return. In a larger way, the Army Community Covenant (ACC) generates a great deal of community support for Army Families while their Soldiers are away.

The Secretary of the Army created the ACC in 2008 to build mutual relationships and strengthen bonds between Soldiers, Families and American communities. It fosters and sustains effective state and community partnerships with the Army to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families. On the ground, the ACC accomplishes two things. First, it recognizes the selfless service of community volunteers, highlighting their great personal contributions. It also shows Soldiers the compassion and support of the American public.

Now in its third year, the ACC kicked off with a series of signing ceremonies affirming the mutual support and trust between the military and local communities. To date there have been more than 450 signing ceremonies.

While the signing ceremonies are the public, outward display of a vital mutual relationship—support from communities helps build resilience in our Families—the Army Community Covenant is a highly beneficial two-way partnership that strengthens ties between our Soldiers and home town America.

The generosity of America's neighborhoods, towns, cities, and counties is astounding. Every day communities devise new ways, both small and large, to demonstrate their appreciation for Soldiers and Families. Adults, children, organizations, and businesses send care packages to deployed Soldiers, offer emergency relief to Families in need, welcome Soldiers home after deployment, and most importantly provide a support network to complement and enhance Soldier well being. From students baking cookies for deployed units, to elected leaders promoting legislation that builds equity in school transition for children of Military Families, each is a gift.

Volunteers from all walks of life devote countless hours to giving back to those who defend our Nation's freedom. Here are a few Community Covenant initiatives to give you an idea of the scope of support that target financial, employment, health, youth programs, training, or other needs unique to a particular garrison or group of Soldiers or Family members:

- Camps focus on fun learning experiences for young people that last a lifetime. Some camp sponsors are private organizations like the 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts, Operation Military Kids; state National Guards sponsor others. Kids form new, lasting friendships with children from a variety of military backgrounds.

- Educator seminars help teachers learn what makes life different for children with parents serving in the military. From frequent moves to deployment and redeployment, military children have a special set of experiences that moves with them, school to school, and that affect their education experience.
- All volunteer Adopt-A-Unit programs support deployed units in-theatre and celebrate returning units with event invitations. These programs also enthusiastically remember those currently deployed through the Yellow Ribbon program, encouraging community members to display yellow ribbons at their homes and offices.
- Financial support programs from states, counties and private organizations take many forms, whether help with property taxes, assistance for Soldiers of all components who deploy in support of the Overseas Contingency Operations, or grants or no-interest loans for emergencies for Reserve Component Soldiers.
- Programs abound to help Families focus on building quality time together. Reduced or free admission to state parks, amusement attractions, and sports events help Soldiers and Families enjoy memorable time together. Retreats for families of fallen Soldiers build strong networks of friendship for those members of the Army Family who have experienced the ultimate loss.
- There are community-based organizations that solicit donations exclusively to fund a variety of programs with 100 percent of all donations going to the designated programs. In-kind donations from community members and businesses entirely fund administrative expenses.

- Education support for Soldiers and Family members through scholarships, continuing education opportunities, or grants helps further both individual and Army readiness through access to education.
- Special programs honor the children of wounded warriors, and Families and children of fallen heroes with personalized, commemorative items like hand-made quilts.

These best practices embody selfless service on the part of Americans around the country, but there are many more. I mention them here as great examples of how citizens endure in their support with lasting relationships in the face of multiple and lengthy periods of military conflict. The Community Covenant website, <http://www.army.mil/community>, is a great resource for Soldiers, Family members, leaders, and community organizations to see best practices from around the country. Follow the latest developments and get ideas for your community by following the ACC on Facebook, and join in the discussion on Twitter, both linked via the ACC homepage.

As the Army reflects the face of America, the Army Community Covenant reflects the face of America's gratitude. It's all about relationships. Go out of your way to thank a Community Covenant partner for their active caring for Soldiers and their Families. Work together with community leaders, private organizations, faith-based groups, and individual American citizens.

Help America help Soldiers by always taking to heart what partnering opportunities may be possible.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Commanding General
Installation Management Command
(Defender 6)

(Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch is also the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management)

Lead 6 Sends

Thanks for successful Canadian Rotation



Brig. Gen. Robert 'Abe' Abrams

Today marks the end of what was a hugely successful Canadian Rotation. I want to take this opportunity to not only recognize and thank our Canadian partners, but to also thank everyone here that made it so. Considering that Exercise Maple Guardian began around New Years, and spanned what would normally be two rotations, everyone here was involved in one way or another. I've said before that it's the people, Soldiers, families, DA civilian and contract employees that make this such a special place and ensures success at our singular mission, "TRAINING THE FORCE." The success of Exercise Maple Guardian proved that to be true. You may not be aware of the fact that Maple Guardian marked the first time the NTC hosted a brigade size element from a coalition partner for a full training rotation. Yes,

we train elements of our multinational partners frequently, but never a full brigade. In fact, this was not only a first for the NTC, but a first for our Army. For those not intimately involved, just let me say that this was no ordinary rotation. This was a Canadian planned and led exercise on top of our infrastructure. This was a cooperative venture between the NTC and the Canadian forces and demonstrated not only our ability to adapt but the professionalism of all involved who had to work together to make the exercise a success.

The success and commitment of everyone here is no surprise of course. After all, you all demonstrate that every day. What should also come as no surprise is the dedication, commitment and professionalism of our Canadian partners who have stood side by side with us

as we have combated terrorism in Afghanistan. Operation SUPPORT, Canada's first response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, began soon after that tragic day. They've stood beside us ever since.

.....so thanks to all here who made this rotation truly successful and thanks to our Canadian partners for their continued support; dedication and commitment demonstrated during Maple Guardian and their confidence and professionalism demonstrated fighting terrorism.

"TRAIN THE FORCE"

Brig. Gen. Robert 'Abe' Abrams
Commanding General
National Training Center and Fort Irwin
(Lead 6)

For more information go to www.irwin.army.mil

Crime Watch

Information provided by Provost Marshal Office

Police responded to Bldg. 265, regarding the report of a spouse abuse. Subject was apprehended and victim was medically treated.

Police responded to Weed Army Community Hospital Emergency Room to the report of a theft of property from an ambulance. Report was taken.

Fort Irwin was notified that a Fort Irwin Soldier died, in a traffic accident, on Interstate 15. The unit was notified.

Police responded to the Desert Winds housing area, regarding a drunk creating a disturbance. Subject was found and apprehended.

Police were notified of the unlawful use of a Government gas card. Subject was apprehended.

Fort Irwin Fire Department responded to the Cracker Jack Flats housing area, regarding a child struck by a car. The event was investigated and the child received medical attention.

During a traffic stop, police observed a gun case in the back seat of the subject's vehicle. Further

investigation lead to the disclosure of loaded firearms in the subject's vehicle. The civilian subject was arrested.

A Fort Irwin Soldier was notified of identity theft. Unknown subject(s) opened a Dish Network account in the victim's name.

Larceny of government property: Somewhere in the Mojave Desert, victim stated that person(s), unknown, stole his Government issued equipment.

Traffic accident: At Weed Army Community Hospital Emergency Room parking lot, victim reported that person(s) unknown had run into his parked vehicle and fled the scene.

Damage to private property: At the Shockwave parking lot, person(s) unknown broke out the rear window of the victim's vehicle.

DUI/traffic accident: At 5th Street, police responded to the report of a traffic accident involving a vehicle that struck multiple parked cars. The driver was apprehended for DUI.

Adopt-a-pet



Name: Caesar
Breed: DSH Tabby
Gender: Neutered male
Age: Approx. 2-years-old
Caesar is available for adoption at the Fort Irwin Vet's Clinic. Call 380-3025 for more information. You can also check out the Fort Irwin section on www.petfinder.com

News Briefs

Security Guard Transition

In accordance with Installation Management Command personnel office, IMCOM must transition its installation access control Contract Security Guard (CSG) force in the United States to a Department of the Army Security Guard (DASG) force in response to Congressional mandates and the anticipated loss of waiver authority in the future. The contract security guard effort was in response to the closing of Department of Defense (DoD) installations following the 9/11 terrorist attacks and non-availability of military personnel to provide access control.

Since the waiver authority has not been extended beyond 2012, IMCOM needs to identify 1735 Contractor Man-year Equivalents (CME) for conversion to DA civilian positions. As a result, IMCOM must gear up an aggressive hiring campaign to meet its FY10 in-sourcing target. Hiring will begin in phases at the installations identified at the following link. Personnel interested in applying for one of these positions should contact their servicing CPAC for information on vacancy announcements: <https://forums.bcks.army.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=100162>

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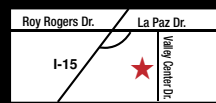


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Worship Services

CATHOLIC

Rosary	20 Min before Mass	Center Chapel
Holy Mass	Sunday—9 a.m.	Center Chapel
Daily Mass	M, T, Th, & F—11:45 a.m.	Center Chapel
Confession	30 Min before Mass	Center Chapel
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday—6:30 p.m.	Center Chapel
CWOC	Thursday—9 a.m.	Center Chapel

PROTESTANT

Isunday School	Sunday—9:30 a.m.	Center Chapel
Chapel Next (SANC)	Sunday—11 a.m.	Center Chapel
Protestant (LAR)	Sunday—11 a.m.	Center Chapel
PEWS (Contem)	Sunday—6 p.m.	Center Chapel
PYOC (Youth)	Monday—7 p.m.	Bldg 317
PWOC Morning	Tuesday—9 a.m.	Center Chapel
PWOC Evening	Tuesday—6 p.m.	Center Chapel
Praise Team Rehearsal	Wednesday—7:30 p.m.	Center Chapel
Protestant-Liturgical		
Worship Service,	9 a.m., Sunday,	Blackhorse Chapel

GOSPEL

Sunday School	Sunday—9:30 a.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
*Sunday School is held every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month		
Worship Service	Sunday—11 a.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Prayer Warriors	Wednesday—6 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Children's Church &		
Choir Practice	Wednesday—5 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Adult Bible Study	Wednesday—7 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Prayer Men Of Integrity/Women of Excellence		
	2nd Wednesday	
	of the Month—7 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel

JEWISH

Jewish Service	Friday—6 p.m.	Black Horse Chapel
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LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sacrament Meeting	Sunday—1 pm.	Blackhorse Chapel
Sunday School	Sunday—2:15 p.m.	Center Chapel
Priesthood/RSE	Sunday—3:10 p.m.	CFLC/Bldg 317

MUSLIM

Friday—1 p.m.	Bldg 317
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CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

AWANA		
(3yrs- 6th grade)	Wednesday—4 p.m.	Center Chapel
Life Teen	Wednesday—6:30 p.m.	Bldg. 320
MOPS	2nd and 4th Wed—9 a.m.	Center Chapel
Edge	Sunday—10 a.m.	Center Chapel

Note: For more information on chapel activities contact the

Center Chapel staff at 380-3562 or the Blackhorse Chapel staff at 380-4088. See back cover for addresses and telephone directory.

AWANA: Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Tim 2:15)

CWOC:	Catholic Women Of the Chapel
PEWS:	Protestant Evening Worship Service
PWOC:	Protestant Women Of the Chapel
PYOC:	Protestant Youth Of the Chapel
CFLC:	Chaplain Family Life Center, Bldg. 320
MOPS:	Mothers Of PreSchoolers, Bldg. 317

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Community Happenings

GSAB FRG Events

Following are upcoming General Support Aviation Battalion, Family Readiness Group events:

HHD, GSAB

Jun 10: HHD FRG meeting; Time: 6 p.m., Location: Bldg. 1200 Forum, Topic: TBD. If you should have any questions please contact Ms. Hunter at 380-7781 or email: hhdfrg507@gmail.com.

AAD, GSAB

AAD FRG has not yet scheduled their next meeting. If you should have any questions, please contact Sherry Martin at (207) 664-8021 or email: aadfrg@gmail.com.

AVCO, GSAB

AVCO FRG meeting has not been scheduled as of yet. If you should have any questions, please contact Ms. Hunter at 380-7781 or email: avcofrg@gmail.com.

1916th Support Battalion

Battalion Ball

Place: Monte Carlo Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

Date and Time: April 1 at 6 p.m.

POC: Company First Sergeant

Battalion Fundraisers:

Movie Night

Place: Sandy Basin Community Center

Date and Time: March 5 at 6 p.m.

This event is open to all in the community please come out and enjoy a free (double feature) movie. Food will be available for purchase. Keep an eye out for the flyer listing the titles that will be shown.

POC: gilbert.draughon@us.army.mil

2nd HET, 1916 SB

FRG Meeting

Place: Sandy Basin Annex

Date and Time: March 9 at 5 p.m.

POC: 2tcfrg@gmail.com

Fundraiser: Drive-Up Spaghetti Dinner

Place: Sandy Basin Annex

Date and Time: March 5 at 4-8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5; includes: Spaghetti, breadstick, side salad and a brownie for desert.

POC: Chelsey at 954-881-9711 or contact the FRG via email 2tcfrg@gmail.com

557th Maintenance

FRG Meeting

Place: BN Conference Room (Bldg. 281)

Date and Time: March 9 at 7 p.m.

POC: 557thfrg@gmail.com

HHC, 1916th SB

FRG Meeting

Place: Crackerjack Flats CC

Date and Time: March 11 at 6 p.m.

POC: hhccssbfrg@gmail.com

Fundraiser: Car Wash

Place: Blue Track/Soccer Field

Date and Time: Feb. 26 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

POC: hhccssbfrg@gmail.com

171st/MCC, 1916th SB

FRG Meeting

Place: Bldg 828

Date and Time: April 22 at 5 p.m.

POC: 171st.mccfrg@gmail.com

DENTAC's Smile Day

Fort Irwin Dental Activity Command (DENTAC) will sponsor Give Kids A Smile Day, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 6, at the Shuttleworth Dental Clinic. For more information, call 380-3173.

For more information go to www.irwin.army.mil

Gary Sinise Concert

Mark your calendar on March 12, as the Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band performs at a FREE concert at Army Field. You asked for a concert, and USO will deliver a great, memorable concert. For more information, call 380-9275.

Family Resiliency Training

Fort Irwin families are invited to 916th Support Brigade-hosted Family Resiliency Training at Sandy Basin Community Center, 3-4:30 p.m., March 17. Learn how to help your family 'bounce back' and understand what your Soldier is learning. Presenters include master resiliency trainer, Fort Irwin librarian, Elmo and Big Bird. There will be FREE snacks and children activities. For more information, contact Angie Parreno at 380-7545.

At the Movies

Thursday, Feb. 25

7 p.m. Closed (PG-13)

Friday, Feb. 26

7 p.m. Nine (PG-13)

7 p.m. The Spy Next Door (PG)

9:30 p.m. Daybreakers (R)

9:30 p.m. The Book of Eli (R)

Saturday, Feb. 27

7 p.m. Nine (PG-13)

7 p.m. The Spy Next Door (PG)

9:30 p.m. Daybreakers (R)

9:30 p.m. The Book of Eli (R)

Sunday, Feb. 28

4 p.m. Alvin and The

Chipmunks (PG)

7 p.m. The Book of Eli (R)

7 p.m. The Spy Next Door (PG)

Monday, March 1

7 p.m. Nine (PG-13)

7 p.m. The Book of Eli (R)

Tuesday, Mar. 2

7 p.m. Closed (PG-13)

Wednesday,

Mar. 3

7 p.m. Closed (PG-13)

This schedule is subject to change at the last minute to accommodate changes in movies and free showings. ID cards are required from all personnel not in uniform when purchasing movie tickets. For more information and movie updates, call 380-3490.

Red Cross Classes

The Fort Irwin American Red Cross Station will host its monthly Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Class on Saturday/Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sunday/Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. In March, class will be held on March 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Mar. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Classes cost \$60 per person. If you are a registered Red Cross volunteer and volunteer at least 20 hours per month, the fee is \$10. Active-duty Soldier's fee is \$45. Family members pay \$22.50. To participate in this life saving course, contact Fort Irwin Red Cross Station at 380-3697.

Annual Mardi Gras

OCSC's Fort Irwin Spouses' Club will hold its annual Mardi Gras at Reggie's, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday. Tickets cost \$12 each and are available at the door. Tickets get you buffet, doubloons for the gambling tables, and entertainment. Festivities include gambling tables, basket auction, silent auction, Bayou Bakery and Gift Shop. Child and Youth Services will offer childcare service (children need to be registered with CYS and reservation). Funds raised at the Mardi Gras will be used to support Fort Irwin community's scholarship and welfare campaigns. For more information, contact Heather Telley, 706-974-8526.

Blood Drive

1916th Support Battalion will host a Post Blood Drive at the Ingalls Recreation Center, 3rd Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mar. 4. Donors will receive Cipotle restaurant (located in Bear Valley Road in Victorville) meal coupon. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Gadd, 380-4356 or Sgt. DaJuan Jackson, 804-931-2676.

Comics on Duty

Have some fun and see FREE SHOW Comics on Duty at Shock Wave, 7 p.m., tonight. Hear Steve Bills, P.J. Walsh, James P. Connolly and Gary Brightwell. Call 380-8646 for more information.

Sweetheart 5K Run/Walk

Saturday is the Sweetheart 5K run/walk. Registration forms will be available at the Fitness Connection, Memorial and Freedom Fitness centers. Registration will also be available the day of the event at the Fitness Connection, 6:30 a.m. All run/walk participants need to be at the Fitness Connection no later than 7 a.m. Run is open to all residents of Fort Irwin and the surrounding communities. For more information, contact Scoop at 380-3457.

Home Run

The Fort Irwin Youth Sports Softball/Baseball Registration is now open for T-Ball, Ages 4-5; Baseball, Ages 6-18; and Softball, Ages 6-18, until March 10. Register at Parent Central at Bldg. 1323 or visit: <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/irwincysms.html>. For more information, call Youth Sports, 380-7044.

Empowering Women

Register now for the 2010 Fort Irwin Women's Conference, to be held on April 9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at Reggie's. The event will be hosted by the Fort Irwin Officers and Civilians Spouses Club and MWR. Enjoy creative workshops, and hear luncheon guest speaker Tanya Biank, author of "Army Wives." Her book inspired the hit Lifetime series Army Wives. Child care is available. Please contact FortIrwinWomensConference@gmail.com or visit www.fortirwinocsc.org for pricing and more information.

Village Mayors Wanted

The mission of the mayoral program is to enhance the quality of life and to provide information and referral to Fort Irwin residents. If you're interested, contact Army Community Service at 380-3776.

Youth and School Activities

Middle School Activities

Thursday—Cooking Club Pretzels, Photography

Friday—Vision Boards, Open Computer Lab

Monday—Intro to Photoshop, Ladybug/Shamrock Bracelet

Tuesday—Newspaper Club, Dr. Seuss Movie Green Eggs and Ham

Wednesday—Mini Lighting, Smart Girls, Ultimate Journey, 4-H

Teen Activities

Friday—Sports Night

Saturday—Keystone Club!

Hours of Operation:

Middle School: M-F until 6 p.m.

Teen Center:

Friday—6-11 p.m.

Saturday—3:30-11 p.m.

Sundays and Holidays—Closed

More information: Kristin Morgan at 380-3732.

Send Community Happenings briefs at least two weeks inadvance of event to the editor, chicpaul.becerra@us.army.mil



Fort Irwin Community Calendar

Thu., Feb. 25

Comics on Duty
7 p.m.
Shock Wave
380-8646

Sat., Feb. 27

Mardi Gras Fund Raiser
6-12 a.m.
Reggie's
Heather Telley, 706-974-8526

Sat., Feb. 27

Sweetheart's 5K Run/Walk
7 a.m.
Fitness Connection
380-3457

Sat., Mar. 6

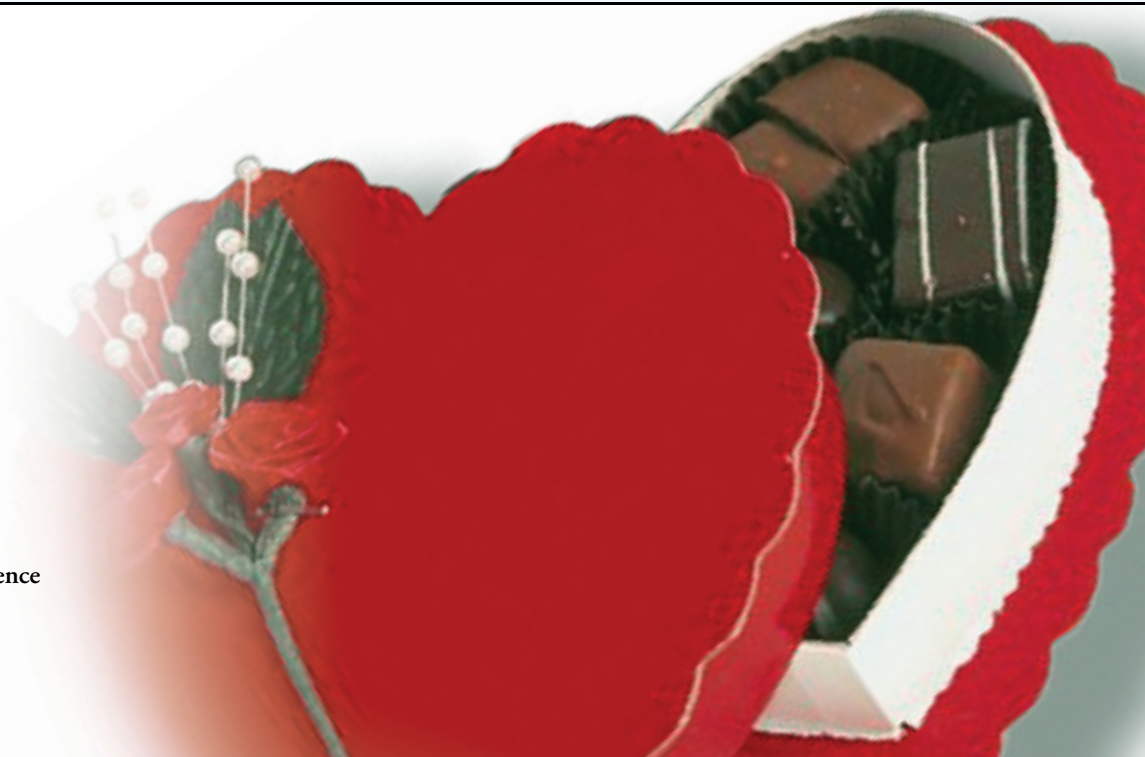
Give A Smile Day
9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Shuttleworth Dental Center
380-3173

Fri., Mar. 12

Lt. Dan Band Concert
7 p.m.
Army Field
380-9275

Fri., Apr. 9

Fort Irwin Women's Conference
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Reggie's
380-6716/5111



Check out these upcoming activities at Fort Irwin

New barracks groundbreaking is today



BY CHARLES MELTON

Garrison Command
Community Information Manager

By Christmas, a new barracks and company operations facility should take its place in the desert landscape, marking an investment of more than \$17 million in quality of life for Soldiers at the National Training Center and Fort Irwin.

The groundbreaking for the new facilities will be held at 3 p.m. today at the intersection of 9th Street and Barstow Road.

The new facility will include company operations space for two 100-person companies, said Capt. Tiffany M. Maraccini, deputy resident engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Los Angeles District.

The unaccompanied enlisted barracks will be a single two-story L-shaped building, which will have an area of 32,000 square feet containing 44 - 1+1E modules for a total of 88 single personnel, Capt. Maracinni said.

"Housing modules will consist of two bedrooms, walk in closets, full kitchen with a dining counter, bathroom and a separate vanity/dressing area," she said.

Common areas will consist of a lobby, chief of quarters (CQ) station, day room, and centralized laundry rooms, she said.

The company operations facility should be completed by November or December of this year and ready for occupancy by Soldiers in early 2011, she said, adding that the unaccompanied enlisted barracks should be completed and ready for occupation by about the same time.

Amenities in the company operations facility include a conference room and eight offices spaces, with a restroom between the two sides, she said. The readiness section will have TA-50 Gear Storage for 100 persons and an arms vault, communications storage, unit storage, a non-security storage, and a mezzanine area that could be used for office, or storage space, she said.

Each barracks room has hard-wired internet and wireless, and a satellite television hookup, she said.

For more information go to www.irwin.army.mil

A large group of students, likely members of a marching band or drill team, are participating in a parade. They are dressed in uniform consisting of grey long-sleeved shirts, black shorts, and grey beanie hats. Many students are carrying flags on poles. Visible flags include the United States flag, a blue flag with a white star, a red flag, and a white flag with the number '916'. The students are marching on a paved street, and a crowd of spectators is visible in the background.

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Canadians: Thank you NTC



(Left) Col. Wayne Eyre, commander of the Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, presents the National Training Center commanding general, Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, with a Canadian coin. The token of appreciation is for support from National Training Center personnel who supported the Canadian rotation, the second longest rotation in NTC history on Feb. 23.



(Right) National Training Center commanding general, Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, presents a certificate of achievement to the commander of the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre, Col. Christian Juneau, left, and the CMTC Regimental Sgt. Maj. CWO Dennis Levesque, right, on completion of the first coalition brigade rotation in NTC history on Feb. 23.

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Coalition Forces train for

BY CHRISTOPHER MCGUINNESS

Antelope Valley News reporter

The narrow street of the village is bustling with life. Merchants call out to passersby in Pashto as they present their wares from carts under the hot desert sun. Men sit outside their homes and businesses, talking and listening to music as women wearing modest clothing and head scarves make their way toward the market.

There is a rumbling in the distance and soon the people of the village can see the dark shapes of armored vehicles approaching the edge of town. While some decide to go inside, many continue to go about their business. Soon the rumble becomes a roar as three of the heavily armed vehicles began to slowly roll down the street.

There is a massive explosion just to the left of the vehicle. People scream as the gunfire erupts from a rooftop above the village. Troops quickly emerge from the back of the transport with guns drawn. There is a second concussion as an improvised explosive device (or IED) detonates in a nearby car throwing a debris and dirt up into the air.

When the smoke clears, there is a man lying in the street with a large gash on his head. He cries out for help as the troops exchange fire with insurgents hiding in one of the buildings.

Welcome to Medina Wasl, where such chaos is commonplace. What sets this small village apart from others is that it is not located in some exotic part of the world, but in the Mojave Desert of Southern California.

Medina Wasl is one of thirteen mock "villages" located at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin California, a remote military base roughly fifty miles from Barstow. The base uses these faux cities, complete with actors and special effects to create a realistic environment to train and prepare troops for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Known as "The Box," the NTC has more than 200 foreign speaking employees, as well as actors, makeup artists and special effects experts who, working along with base personnel have created a startlingly realistic portrayal of a war zone thousands of miles away. Using these resources, military commanders are able to craft scenarios (called iterations) to test and train soldiers in a real time three hundred and sixty degree environment.

"What this allows us to do is to make mistakes. You make mistakes in training so you don't make them over there," said Colonel Wayne Eyre, brigade commander, 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. Currently, the large contingent of Canadian forces is training at the NTC in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan in the Spring. Eyre explained that the re-

sources and environment offer troops a chance to get a taste of what they would see once they are deployed.

"The scenarios are very realistic ... it is as close to reality as we can safely get our Soldiers," Eyre stated.

The realism is the result of several factors. The harsh, rugged terrain and climate is a near perfect match to that of Afghanistan. It is within the more than 1200 square miles of desert that the high intensity scenarios are carried out. The villages themselves are constructed to mirror the style and layout of those in the region as well, featuring mosques, markets, and residential and industrial structures. No detail is overlooked as a walk through any street reveals debris and burnt cars, all placed to create the intense and eerie atmosphere.

While the physical surroundings play a large role, it is those working within them that truly bring the chaos of modern warfare to life. The NTC employs a large number of personnel both civilian and military to bring places like Medina Wasl to life. Afghan nationals, base personnel, and some professional actors play the roles of the villagers, who are sometimes told to act hostile toward troops and form



r combat at Medina Wasl

large, angry mobs during the exercises. United States Soldiers play the roles of the enemy forces and are instructed to “go all out” when battling with troops during the training.

“I usually get up around five in the morning,” said Jessica Urugia who plays one of the villagers in Medina Wasl. “We usually finish up around five or six in the afternoon.”

Urugia is part a small group of actors in the Media Wasl who are amputees. According to Urugia, she and the others come into camp extra early and are fitted with prosthetics and makeup. During the battles, they often portray victims of rocket attacks and IEDs who have lost their limbs. Urugia said she is proud of the work she is doing, adding that her husband’s deployment overseas encouraged her to help.

“My husband is a military person...I want him to get the best training so he can come home safe.”

Johnny Wing, an actor and special effects artist from San Diego wears several hats at Medina Wasl. When he is not using his industry training to help with apply realistic makeup to those playing the

wounded, he uses his acting experience to play a Soldier suffering from head trauma during some of the scenarios.

“It’s been a good experience working out here with these guys. It’s a satisfying job at the end of the day,” Wing said. “It feels like we are serving a bigger purpose.”

Upon visiting Media Wasl and the NTC, it becomes clear that one of the main goals is to create the most accurate and authentic experience possible. The result is startling and visceral, giving troops a taste of what one Soldier described as “the worst possible day you could have in Afghanistan.”

“The realistic effects add to a level of confusion that tests the individual’s battle skills,” said Mehdi Imtaiz, a captain in the Canadian Forces training at Fort Irwin.

Using real pyrotechnics and real weapons equipped with a special laser system (referred to as MILES, or multiple integrated laser equipment system) troops are thrown into each scenario with a mission to complete and no idea when or where they will face attacks from the opposing forces. The result is a training environment that is unpredict-

able, forcing troops to put their skills, knowledge, and physical and mental strength to the test. It is a challenging situation and everyone involved takes his or her role seriously.

“We might play around before, but once we hit the ground, we are all business,” said J.P. Lafrance, a Soldier in C Company of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group. After completing a dismounted patrol scenario in the larger “city” of Medina Jabal, Lafrance explained that he and his peers treat every exercise as a life and death situation, creating an atmosphere that feels disturbingly authentic.

“I spoke with guys who have been deployed,” Lafrance said, “and they see this place and are like ‘welcome to Afghanistan’.”

“I’ve been through those iterations and they are intense,” said one U.S. Soldier who was present at Medina Jabal to observe. “Your heart is pounding even though you know it’s not real.”

The sights and sounds of war are all present at the NTC, offering those who visit a glimpse of the harsh realities and challenges troops face overseas Medina Wasl, Medina Jabal and the other cities and villages used for training are normally closed to the public. However, Fort Irwin and the U.S. Army do allow non-military persons to sign up for tours during the training cycles, which run for several weeks. For more information, visit the base’s website at <http://www.irwin.army.mil/Pages/default.aspx>.

Editor’s note: AVNews reporter Chris McGuinness was embedded with Canadian combat forces preparing to be deployed to Afghanistan.



ture. She did not even give my spouse a chance to take another picture after she noticed her photo was horrible. **Agency Response:** Discussed concerns with the customer. I advised customer that the photo did meet the regulatory guidelines. Customer service refresher will be provided to the section to reinforce the requirements to treat all customers with dignity and respect.

NEC – IT Support

Customer Comment: Kenneth from NEC provided excellent customer service to our offices here at the EEO Offices. He not only conducts himself professionally, but he always does more than what is required. He believes in quality customer service and it shows in his work, his patience, and his willingness to assist. Our offices would just like to say thank you to Mr. Shaw ... his work does not go unnoticed. **Agency Response:** Thank you for taking your time to provide this comment and providing me with a smile for today. It is nice when a customer confirms our feelings about employees.

NEC – New Email Account

Customer Comment: How long does it take to get an email account on post? I've completed all my requirements and certificates in December, and I am still waiting for my email account. Procedures and persons responsible for new email accounts definitely have to be looked at from top to bottom. They ARE NOT providing the service they are being paid for. There is NO reason for it to take two months. Phone calls I make go unanswered and messages do not get a reply. I am not the only person in this situation. I really hope someone fixes this issue to prevent this situation, and the frustration from happening to someone else. PLEASE, someone help us. **Agency Response:** Contacted Soldier and researched the issue. The new account request was never released from his command to NEC.

MWR ACS Community Life

Customer Comment: I am a current Mayor and I would like to compliment Ms Davis for her hard work and support. She always has a

smile and she is the biggest multitasker I have ever seen. I have been associated with several volunteer programs here on post and this program's leadership is second to none. It is a hard thankless job. Ms Isaaks is also a great lady who is here to help everyone. Laura is by far the best program director on this post! **Agency Response:** Thank you for the great comments you gave to staff. They are great assets to ACS and the Fort Irwin community. I am very glad to have them aboard on our team. It is customers like you when satisfied make our work well worth it. Please know that if there is anything you need from us we are here to support you in any way. I also want to THANK YOU for your volunteer service as a Mayor. You are so instrumental in our community.

Reggie's

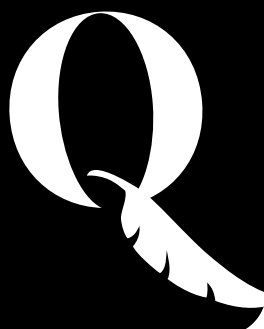
Customer Comment: My husband and I went to Reggie's for Valentine's Day. We really appreciated their efforts to make the holiday menu different from regular day. However,

we were kind of disappointed with the food to cost ratio, but if the food had been good, we would have gladly paid the price for the food, no matter how little or how much there was. We left Reggie's very dissatisfied with our meals. I normally love Reggie's, so this was really disappointing to be so unhappy with our food. The server we had was very nice, but she was spread too thin due to the lack of other servers there, which kept everyone from getting timely service. **Agency Response:** First off, let me thank you for using the ICE system. Reggie's does try to make menu for Holidays such as this that are different. I am sorry that it was not to your expectations. Could you let me know what you had so that the next one, we can try to make it better for guests. I am glad that you are a regular of Reggie's and hope that you will continue to be. Please feel free to call me at anytime with any issues that you may have. As always, we strive to make Reggie's better for all Soldiers and their families.

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Gen. Alexander Haig discusses the strength of the Warsaw Pact at a Defence Planning Committee meeting in 1976.

Army mourns loss of General Haig

BY GEN. GEORGE W. CASEY

Army Chief of Staff

Today (Feb. 20, 2010), our Army Family has lost a great Soldier and Statesman who

selflessly devoted his life's work to the service of our Nation.

General Alexander Haig's service spanned over three decades in the Army. He served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, and-for his gallantry-

received numerous decorations of valor, including the Distinguished Service Cross. Later, General Haig served as our Vice Chief of Staff-a position from which he helped lead the effort to transition our force to an "all volunteer" one.

We honor General Haig for his most distinguished service, and will always remember him as the Soldier who-when the Nation called-never failed to answer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat and her family.

Ban on USB devices in Army remains

BY C. TODD LOPEZ

Army News Service

WASHINGTON—The ban on using USB devices on military computers remains, for now, in the Army—despite a partial lift of the original ban by U.S. Strategic Command.

USSTRATCOM issued a tasking order to services and concerned parties, Feb. 12, that allows the services to loosen restrictions on use of USB and flash media devices. Individual services, however, may continue the ban until they feel their networks are adequately equipped to deal with the threats posed by the portable storage devices.

The official word from the Army Global Network Operations Security Center is "we are currently conducting mission analysis in order to provide guidance for the Army's safe return of thumb drives and flash media."

According to the AGNOSC, there are conditions that must be met prior to the lift of the ban. Those conditions include, but are not limited to ensuring that users are only using government-

approved and purchased devices and that Army networks are properly configured.

The U.S. Strategic Command implemented a ban on USB storage devices in November 2008, to include such things as memory sticks, thumb drives, and camera memory cards. That ban was partially lifted by their tasking order Feb. 12.

The USSTRATCOM commander has "approved a Communications Tasking Order directing that the limited use of memory sticks, thumb drives, and camera memory cards (commonly called 'flash media,') be restored on Department of Defense computers after the verified implementation of certain procedures and operational practices," according to guidance from the U.S. Strategic Command.

The procedures are meant to ensure that malicious code that can be present on USB memory devices is prevented from infecting DoD computers.

"Until all conditions are met, the ban on the use of removable flash drives will remain," said AGNOSC.

For more information go to www.irwin.army.mil





SGT. GIANCARLO CASEM

Pfc. Emery Gettis, Jr., D Company, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, talks about Pfc. Michael J. Pana, who passed away early Feb. 7, during a memorial ceremony at the Center Chapel, Fort Irwin, Calif., Feb. 12.

Capt. Harness said he specifically remembers an event in which Pfc. Pana volunteered to be Santa Claus for the unit's Christmas party.

"In keeping with the Hawaiian theme, it only seemed fitting that he played Santa," Capt. Harness said. "As he came out, the astonished children looked at him with curiosity and challenged his really being Santa Claus. But Michael, being true to himself, took this with a grain of salt, and quickly won over the kids through his great personality and again, that infectious smile."

One of his closest friends, Spc. John Howard, said Pfc. Pana's personality influenced everyone around him.

"He lived everyday to the fullest," Spc. Howard said. "No matter what we were doing, whether it was some of the worse details or just sitting around the office, he was always smiling. His positive attitude influenced the people around him."

While assigned to D Co., Pfc. Pana served as a driver and loader for an M1A1 tank crew. During rotations at the National Training Center, Pfc. Pana served as an Iraqi Police Officer and as an Iraqi National Army Soldier. Pfc. Pana's awards consist of the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (one Oak Leaf cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Global

War on Terrorism Medal and Army Service Ribbon.

"He was commended for his outstanding replication of local national security forces, his steadfast dedication to his work undoubtedly helped save the lives of us servicemen and civilians," Capt. Harness said.

Although Pfc. Pana's Family could not attend the ceremony, his comrades regarded him as their own Family.

"He went from being a battle buddy to someone who I consider, to this day, Family," said Pfc. Emery Gettis, Jr.

At the end of the ceremony, the Soldiers paid their final respects to Pfc. Pana by saluting his picture at the front of the chapel. Some took longer to compose themselves while they said goodbye to their brother. While his Soldiers grieved the loss of their brother, Capt. Harness told them a few words of encouragement.

"Michael is no longer with us, there is one less smile in the world, making it a darker place," he said. "We can drive ourselves crazy trying to figure out why Michael was taken from us, but it is not our place to ask why. We must take solace in the fact that God, in his wisdom, has a greater need for him than us, perhaps it is to make the angels smile."

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WCAP Soldiers shine at U.S. Biathlon World Team Trials

STORY AND PHOTOS BY TIM HIPPS

FMWRC Public Affairs

COLERAINE, Minn.—U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program biathletes 1st Lt. Jennifer Wygant and Sgt. Jesse Downs had impressive performances at the U.S. Biathlon World Team Trials on Dec. 12-13 at Mount Itasca.

Wygant won the women's 7.5-kilometer sprint race on Saturday with a time of 23 minutes, 44.2 seconds. Along the way, she missed only two of 10 shots on the firing range, making her one of the top two shooters of the day.

Wygant was followed by Susan Dunklee (24:00.8) of Baton, Vt.; Laura Spector (24:15.1) of Lennox, Maine; and Tracy Colliander (25:02.9) of Durango, Colo.

Downs finished fourth in the men's 15-kilometer mass start competition on Sunday with a time of 41 minutes, 23.6 seconds. Zach Hall of Anchorage, Alaska won the event in 40:14.3, and was followed by Walt Shepard (40:16.9) of Yarmouth, Maine; and Dan Campbell (41:10.6) of Bozeman, Mont.

Both Soldiers are bidding to make the IBU Cup Team to compete with U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team contenders on the World Cup circuit and continue their quest to make Team USA for the XXI Olympic Winter Games, scheduled for February 12-28 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The Olympic biathlon and bobsled events will be contested in the nearby resort town of Whistler. The biathlon is a combination of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting, from both the prone and standing positions. It was -2 degrees at race time Sunday—without the wind-chill factor.

Downs placed eighth in the men's 10-kilometer sprint race Saturday with a time of 27:39.4. Mark Johnson of Mount Itasca won the event in 26:20.6.

Wygant finished 10th in the women's 12.5-kilometer mass start event Sunday with a time of 45:31. Colliander won the race in 40:56.9.



1LTJenniferWygant8353.jpg: U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program biathlete 1st Lt. Jennifer Wygant skis to victory in the women's 7.5-kilometer sprint Dec. 12 at the U.S. Biathlon World Team Trials in Colerain, Minn. Wygant won the event with a time of 23 minutes, 44.2 seconds.

U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program biathlete Sgt. Jesse Downs leads Dan Campbell up the hill en route to a fourth-place finish in the men's 15-kilometer mass start race Dec. 13 at the U.S. Biathlon World Team Trials at Mount Itasca in Coleraine, Minn.



The Fitness Connection Fitness Class Schedule

Thursday, February 25

Morning

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Afternoon

5:30 p.m. Cardio Craze/Robin
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Friday, February 26

Morning

8:30 a.m. Step/Tamara
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11:45 a.m. Boot Camp/Sandy

Afternoon

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Monday, March 1

Morning

8:30 a.m. Cardio Craze/Tamara
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11:45 a.m. Step/Tamara *30 minute class

Afternoon

12:15 p.m. Zumba/Robin *30 minute class

3 p.m. Yoga/Michell
5:30 p.m. Spin & Core/Sandy
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Morning

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9:30 a.m. Belly Dancing B/Tamara
11:45 a.m. Kickboxing/Sandy

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5:30 p.m. Zumba/Robin
6:30 p.m. Yoga/Robin

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Happy healthy new life

BY SANDY CLARK

Fitness Connection Fitness Coordinator

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