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'Birds Of Prey' Soldiering On Buckley

Army Intelligence Battalion finds Opportunity on Air Force Base

By 1st Lt. Carla Gleason, 460th Public Affairs

When it comes to unit mascots, the 743d Military Intelligence Battalion located on Buckley Air Force Base doesn't fool around.

Their symbol of pride? A huge cannon with "Birds of Prey" scrawled on the side.

The 743d has been on Buckley since the summer of 1998. The battalion traces its lineage back to 1954 when it was the 720th Administrative Area Unit that fell under Headquarters Detachment Army Security Troop Command at Fort Meade, MD.

In 1963 the ASA Troop Command was redesignated the ASA Support Group and then the ASA CONUS MI Group in November 1977.

It wasn't until 1980 that the group was designated as a military intelligence battalion, and in 1998, the 743d moved from Fort Meade to Buckley Air National Guard Base.

There are 268 soldiers in the battalion that handle everything from communications to information management. Currently, several of the 743d soldiers are deployed to Kuwait, Iraq and Uzbekistan in support of the war on terror.

"Beyond All Boundaries"

Oriental blue and silver are the traditional colors of the Military Intelligence Corps. Black and white/silver denote the day and night continuous operations conducted by the unit. The black dagger symbolizes speed and accuracy, as well as the battalion's ability to provide worldwide communications and intelligence. The gridlined oval represents the global mission of the unit. The delta flight symbol extending beyond the boundaries of the globe symbolizes the unit's mission to exploit space-based assets, and underscores the unit's motto, "Beyond all Boundaries."

Army Announces Contest to Name Book on Future

By Zachary Gildin, Washington (Army News Service)

The Army is holding a competition to see who can come up with the best title for a book about the future Army that will be published in June.

The book, which will consist of six vignettes, is aimed at informing and educating both military and non-military audiences about the future of the Army during the period 2015 and beyond.

Each vignette will focus on a different scenario: Arrival, Skirmish, Hostage Rescue, Battle, Stability Operations and Home Front, and Transition and Redeployment.

The book-naming contest is open to everyone, civilian or military, including family members and retirees. Participants are encouraged to be creative in coming up with a title for the book.

Title proposals, which must be submitted by April 8, should be sent by email to Maj. Doug Zadow at Douglas.zadow@hqda.army.mil. The e-mail submissions should include at least one title suggestion, full name, rank or civilian title, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number.

http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/print.php?story_id_key=7006

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Every Soldier Is A Sensor (ES2)

Source: *Stand-To!*

The individual Soldier is the most capable, sophisticated collector of intelligence in today's Army.

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) defines ES2 as :

* Soldiers trained to actively observe details related to Commanders' Critical Information Requirements (CCIR) in an area of operations and competent in reporting their experience, perception and judgment in a concise, accurate manner.

* Leaders who understand how to optimize the collection, processing and dissemination of information in their organization to enable the generation of timely intelligence.

ES2 comprises the following components :

- a. Change in the mind-set and culture of both leaders and Soldiers.
- b. A network that integrates the Soldier into the overall intelligence framework.
- c. Rapid fielding of new tools to the Soldier level.

While technology will impact the future of the United States Army, its success will continue to be determined by its most important asset, weapon and sensor: the Soldier.

Watch the "[Every Soldier is a Sensor](http://www.army.mil/professionalvideo/movies/sensor.html)" video, part of the Army.mil Professional Video Collection. <http://www.army.mil/professionalvideo/movies/sensor.html>

Army Announces Initiative to Transform the Officer Education System

Source: Fort Monroe, VA (Army News Service)

The Army is preparing to move from pilot programs for the Basic Officer Leadership Course into implementing BOLC in July 2006, senior officials announced.

BOLC – part of a comprehensive initiative to transform the Officer Education System – will be for officers both in the active and reserve components, along with selected special branch officers, officials said.

BOLC's goal is to "develop competent and confident leaders imbued with a Warrior Ethos who, regardless of branch, are grounded in fieldcraft and are skilled in leading Soldiers, training subordinates and employing and maintaining equipment."

BOLC has three phases and is designed to ensure a tough, standardized, small-unit leadership experience that flows progressively from each phase.

BOLC's Phase I is the precommissioning phase and includes training conducted at the U.S. Military Academy, Reserve Officer Training Corps and officer candidate schools.

After lieutenants are commissioned, they go to BOLC's Phase II, the initial-entry field-leadership phase. BOLC II is a rigorous six-week, branch-immaterial course in small-unit leadership and tactics designed to challenge officers physically and mentally, officials said.

Immediately following BOLC II, officers will go to BOLC III, the branch technical phase, to learn the specialized skills, doctrine, tactics and techniques of their assigned branch. Since BOLC III is branch-specific, these courses are taught at the appropriate TRADOC schoolhouse or training center and range from six to 14 weeks. The old style of training is being revamped to make greater use of experiential training, which will enhance the quality and effectiveness of the branch-specific course.

Upon graduating from BOLC III, officers will proceed to their first unit or attend more assignment-oriented training.

http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/print.php?story_id_key=6903

Equipping the Army Reserve for the Fight

"To meet the challenges of the 21st century, we are changing the Army Reserve—how we organize, how we train, how we prepare for mobilization. Most importantly, we are changing how we think about Army Reserve service."

LTG James R. Helmly
Chief, Army Reserve

http://www4.army.mil/USAR/news/word_2004-12-22.php

Mandatory USERRA Poster Now Available

Mandatory posters explaining the rights of employees in the National Guard and Reserve under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) are now available from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

The Veterans Benefits Improvement Act, enacted by Congress last December, mandates that employers provide notice to "all persons entitled to rights and benefits under USERRA." Employers may meet this obligation by posting the notice in a prominent place where employees routinely check for such information.

The poster may be downloaded from the DOL website at:

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/poster.pdf>

DFAS Changes Web Site Address

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service public Web site has changed from <http://www.dfas.mil> to <http://www.dod.mil/dfas> as of March 1.

The current site at <http://www.dfas.mil> will remain available to March 31. After that date, users will be redirected to the root level of the new site.

This move will enhance the performance of DFAS public Web site, provide redundancy to prevent down time and provide opportunity for enhanced features in the future, said DFAS officials.

TRICARE Online Services

If only doctors made house calls. Fortunately, your healthcare program does. TRICARE has launched a Web site with new services and helpful links. TRICARE Online (TOL) provides personalized services for TRICARE beneficiaries worldwide, in conjunction with local military treatment facilities (MTFs).

It's important to note that TOL is not a substitute for professional medical advice. Acknowledgement of a detailed medical disclaimer is required for use of the site.

The site features include online enrollment and appointments, information on claims (i.e., status of payments and copies of explanations of benefits for claims), general health info, and more. Visit TRICARE Online by going to

<http://www.tricareonline.com>.

New Program Offers Subsidized Child Care to Guard, Reserve

By Samantha L. Quigley, American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department has joined forces with national agencies to help Guard and Reserve families in finding and affording child care while Mom or Dad is deployed in support of the global war on terrorism.

"Child care, as you know, is one of the top (concerns) voiced by families as well as by commands on what's needed," said Jan Witte, director of the Pentagon's Office of Children and Youth. Her office monitors the new program, dubbed **Operation Military Child Care**.

DoD, in partnership with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, which administers the program, designed

this initiative to benefit those who do not live near military installations, Witte said.

"We have a contract with NACCRRA to assist us in finding spaces outside the military community for those Guard and Reserve (members) who are deployed and active duty (people) who are not near a military installation," Witte said. "We also hope to assist in reducing the out-of-pocket expense to the service member."

http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2005/20050304_94.html

Family Members Eligible to Receive Pass through Airport Security

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has issued guidelines which allow family members to obtain an "escort pass" which will allow them to escort a military passenger to a departing gate or to meet a military passenger at an arriving gate. All individuals requesting an escort pass should obtain it at the applicable airline ticket counter.

Putting Military Families into the Picture

Operation Photo hopes to raise tens of thousands of used digital cameras from consumers and manufacturers to donate to families of service members by delivering the cameras to **Operation Homefront** www.operationhomefront.net, a non-profit connected with military families. People who donate their used digital cameras, in working condition get a \$25 online gift certificate from www.30minphotos.com to order Kodak photos from their new models, and they get a tax deduction for the donation from **Operation Homefront** too. For more information on donating digital cameras, go to www.30minutephotos.com and click on **Operation Homefront**.

Operation Tribute to Freedom

Operation Tribute to Freedom (OTF) continues to recruit speakers for local and national events. Just as Soldiers vow to never leave a fallen comrade, the **OTF** Team's goal is to never to leave a Soldier's story untold. This is a great way for Soldiers to tell their stories and to connect with their communities. Soldiers sign up on the **OTF** website and are kept in our database to fill future speaking/recognition events in their areas, in coordination with their local public affairs officer. Sign up today! www.army.mil/otf

AAFES Introduces Dollar Store Concept

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service rolls out its new concept for a 'dollar store' inside the exchange. The Dollar Day\$ Program will soon be in all exchanges offering high-quality goods that provide a great value to customers when priced at only one dollar.

"This program is designed to offer customers great merchandise at great prices." The types of merchandise planned for the Dollar Day\$ Store include: hardware, plastics, candy, snacks, stationary, party goods, kitchen accessories, health and beauty items. Stock assortment will also be adjusted for specific seasons like Easter, summer, and back-to-school.

The program was tested at 65 select locations and was extremely successful, McCarter said. AAFES received positive responses from both the customers and the stores. "The Dollar Store concept is one of the fastest growing categories in the retail market," said Larry McMahon, an AAFES buyer supervisor. "This program will help AAFES remain competitive and will give our customers more options."

Soldiers Online Debuts

By Eric W. Cramer, Washington (Army News Service)

A new *Soldiers Online* debuted March 8.

The redesigned Web site's on-line address is: www.army.mil/soldiers.

Gil High, editor-in-chief for Soldiers Magazine, said the on-line version will augment the popular print version of the magazine.

"It will be the one-stop source for Soldiers information – news, features, what they need to do for their career, their family and anything else they need to know," High said.

"You should be able to click on an icon that looks like the cover of the magazine and be taken to the on-line version," High said.

"On-line, we'll have daily updates, a new feature each day from commands throughout the Army, from Morale Welfare and Recreation, Army News Service and other organizations," High said. "It will also link to items of career interest. Our goal is to have it link to things of interest to Soldiers."

With all this data, one could ask why the printed version will be retained.

"The printed product is something people still enjoy," High said. "Not only that, but not all readers will have access to the Internet."

<http://www4.army.mil/soldiers/>

Communications Tool for Army Leaders

By Gary Sheftick, Washington (Army News Service)

A new communications tool for Army leaders marked its 100th edition March 9, 2005 as "*Stand-To*" editors introduced a new online version of the daily information sheet.

Stand-To is available on the Web and through subscription by sending an e-mail to: stand-to@hqda.army.mil and typing "*subscribe*" in the subject line.

About 4,500 subscribers so far receive the newsletter daily. Most generals and Army senior executives already subscribe.

Stand-To focuses on a daily issue or hot topic in its left-hand column. On the right it provides links to both internal and commercial news stories about the Army and the Global War on Terror.

Information contained in *Stand-To* is unclassified and cleared for release. Sources include publicly available, authoritative Army documents as well as input from the Army staff and major commands.

The Association of the United States Army Family Programs Update - Monthly News from Sylvia Kidd, Director of Family Programs

This newsletter is published monthly by the AUSA Family Programs Directorate. If you would like to receive the Family Programs Update by e-mail, please send a message to familyprograms@ausa.org and type "*subscribe*" in the subject line.



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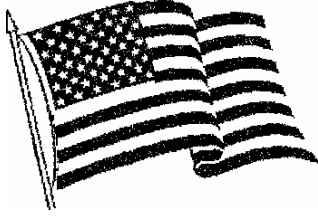
--**Individual**- Current and retired Army and reserve component soldiers, cadets, government civilians, Army family members, concerned citizens

--**Corporate**- Companies that support Army communities

--**Sustaining**- Defense industry businesses

<http://www.ausa.org/membership>

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The United Veterans Committee of Colorado
Cordially Invites you to Attend the
33d Annual Awards Banquet
Sunday April 17, 2005



Radisson Hotel – Denver Southeast
I-225 and Parker Road, Aurora

Grand Ballroom
Reception and Cash Bar – 4:30 PM
Dinner – 6:00 PM

Black Tie Optional, Military Dress, Service Uniform or Business Attire

Guest Speaker - The Honorable Ken Salazar - U.S. Senator

Please Reserve:

- ___ **Gold Table*** **\$1,500 (Table of 10 and full page add in program)
- ___ **Silver Table*** **\$1,000 (Table of 10 and 1/2 page add in program)
- ___ **Sponsor Ticket****\$50 (Dinner and sponsor listing in program)
- ___ **Patron Ticket*** \$35 (Dinner ticket)

* Please list names and entree choice for all expected guests

** Artwork and copy, and sponsor listings must be received by March 25, 2005

For advertising and banquet information (303) 786-9023, (303) 771-7714 or (303) 341-9170

Entrée Choice/Number: Salmon _____ New York Steak _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Total Entrees _____ **Check Enclosed \$** _____

Name _____ **Organization** _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ **Phone ()** _____

PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY APRIL 7, 2005

Please provide all names and entrée choices below or on separate form.

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Please make check payable to: **UVC**
Mail to United Veterans Committee, PO Box 31261, Aurora, CO 80041-1261

2005 Colorado Military Ball

Date and Time

Saturday, May 21, 2005,

Registration begins at 5:30 PM, Social Hour: 6:00 PM, followed by Dinner and Dancing

Place

Hyatt Regency Tech Center, 7800 East Tufts Avenue, Denver, Colorado

(Free parking in the Hyatt garage. Valet available for \$14.00)

Cost Per Person

E-5 and below \$25.00, E-6 to E-9, WO1 to CW5, O-1 to O-2 \$35.00, O-3 and above, and Civilians \$45.00

Retirees refer to retired grade

Attire

Military: Mess Dress, Dress Blues, Class A (white shirt/bow tie), Civilian: Black Tie

Entertainment

After dinner, dance music will be provided by the 101st Army Band in the ballroom and a DJ in the atrium

A photographer will be on hand for complimentary pictures from 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM

Rick Crandall of 1430 KEZW will be our Master of Ceremonies. It is anticipated that Governor Bill Owens will be at this year's event as well.

*For additional information on the 2005 Military Ball, please visit www.coloradoguard.com and click on the Military Ball icon, or call **Rita Lamot**, 720-847-8801.*



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April 17, 2005

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United Veterans Committee of Colorado

May 21, 2005

2005 Colorado Military Ball
National Guard, Reserves, active duty,
retirees and special guests.

AUSA: Voice for the Army – Support for the Soldier