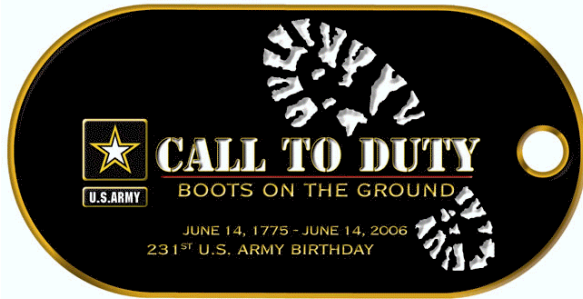


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Happy Birthday to the United States ARMY!



U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Denver
is hosting a
231st Army Birthday Celebration
June 14, 2006, 1200 Noon

West Steps of the Colorado State Capitol Building
Reception follows on site.
Dress is duty uniform, business casual.

This annual event is the celebration of the 231st U.S. Army Birthday. Expected attendees are Governor Bill Owens (Invited to Speak); John W. Hickenlooper, Mayor of the City and County of Denver, US Army Recruiting Battalion Commander LTC Jeffrey M. Brodeur, hosting; Maj. General Robert W. Mixon, Ft. Carson Commander; Aides to the Secretary of the Army, Charles de Wetter, of Texas; John S. Edwards, of Utah; and Judith A. Legerski, of Wyoming; and other area high ranking military officials and the media.

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98th Army Reserve Birthday Message

Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly

On April 23, the Army Reserve turned 98 years old. But instead of being an aging relic of the 20th century, the Army Reserve is, at the ripe old age of 98, a changed, responsive and still-changing force, increasingly ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Birthdays are about change, maturing and progression.

We've taken 10 Regional Readiness Commands (RRCs) and realigned them into four Regional Readiness Sustainment Commands (RRSCs), allowing more manpower to be put back into the fighting force. We have established operational and functional commands to reduce the number of non-deployable headquarters. We have created Army Reserve Expeditionary Force (AREF) packages that support the Army's Force Generation Model (ARFORGEN).

We are no longer a strategic force that will stay "in reserve" until needed to supplement active force during a time of major conflict. The Army Reserve is an operational, inactive-duty force, integral to the world's best Army, complementing the joint force with skill-rich capabilities.

Read entire message:

<http://www.armyreserve.army.mil/ARWEB/NEWS/WORD/20060419.htm>

Denver Centennial Chapter to Host AUSA Region VII Meeting 2007

Look for details in future Newsletters and on the Web: <http://chapters.ausa.org/denver/events/>

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress authorized a new flag to symbolize the new nation, the United States of America. The first official 13-Star Flag lasted for 18 years. Each star and stripe represented a colony (state). Today, there are 50 stars representing the states and 13 alternating red and white stripes representing the 13 original colonies.

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Army to award campaign participation credit and streamers for global war on terror



WASHINGTON – The Army will begin recognizing the heroic contributions of its units toward the Global War on Terror June 15 with the award of campaign participation credit to units that served and/or are serving in the theater of operations supporting the GWOT.

Three new streamers will be awarded to those units who qualify: one for service in Afghanistan, embroidered "AFGHANISTAN;" one for service in Iraq, embroidered "IRAQ;" and one for service in other such geographic regions as Kuwait, Qatar or the Horn of Africa, embroidered "GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM."

This brings the total number of campaign streamers displayed on the Department of Army flag to 178.

"The award of campaign participation credit and the three new award streamers to those units who qualify, that have supported or are supporting GWOT, is a way to recognize the tremendous contributions those units have made," said Col. William Johnson, Chief of the Army's Military Awards Branch.

This is the first time since the Kosovo Defense Campaign in 1999 that the Army has awarded campaign participation credit and streamers to eligible units.

More than 616 unit awards have been processed for GWOT to date, and 497 have been approved. To receive campaign credit, eligible units must submit applications.

(Source: Army News Service)

https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/awards/Campaign_Streamers/CampaignStreamers.htm

General Officer Announcement (Army Reserve)

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced May 11, 2006, that the President has nominated Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Jr. for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general with assignment as chief, Army Reserve/commanding general, United States Army Reserve Command, Washington, D.C. Stultz is currently serving as the deputy commander/deputy chief of Army Reserve for Operations, Readiness, Training, and Mobilization, United States Army Reserve Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.

(Source: DoD News)

Father of Montgomery G.I. Bill dies at 85

ARLINGTON, Va. – Former Mississippi Congressman Gillespie V. "Sonny" Montgomery, a retired National Guard two-star general and one of the Guard's most important congressional advocates during the second half of the 20th century, has died.

Montgomery was 85 when he died May 12 at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in his native Meridian, Miss., after a long illness.

He authored the 1984 Montgomery G.I. Bill that made it possible for many service members, including National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, to acquire post-secondary educations, and he championed the needs of veterans during his 30 years in Congress.

"Congressman 'Sonny' Montgomery's contributions to the men and women of the National Guard and the other military services are beyond measure," said Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau. "He did so many things to help define and shape our Guard force that enabled us to transform from a strategic reserve into an operational entity and equal partner with the other military services for the 21st century's Global War on Terrorism."

The G.I. Bill, Montgomery's most enduring legacy, was formalized by Congress in 1987. Tens of thousands of Guard members took advantage of the program, a National Guard Bureau historian has stated, and it is credited with boosting recruiting for the entire all-volunteer force.

President George W. Bush awarded Montgomery the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest American civilian honor, in November 2005.

Montgomery served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1967-97. He was chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee for 13 years.

He also served in the Army and Army National Guard for 35 years. He was a lieutenant in the 12th Armored Division in Europe during World War II. He was mobilized as an Army Guard officer with the 31st Infantry Division for the Korean War and remained on active duty until 1952. He retired from the Mississippi Guard as a state major general in 1980.

Montgomery's memory is perpetuated in many places, including within the National Guard world.

A gunnery range at the Camp Shelby training facility in Mississippi was named the G.V. Montgomery Multi-Purpose Range Complex in December 2005. That, coincidentally, is the facility where many National Guard Soldiers are undergoing training before deploying for combat duty overseas.

The National Guard Association of the United States' second highest award bears Montgomery's name, and the largest meeting room in the association's National Guard Memorial in Washington is named for him.

(Source: Army News Service, May 15, 2006)

Newly Awarded Contract Will Lead to Better Soldier Protection

The Army's effort to develop better protection for their mounted Soldiers advanced today when BAE Systems signed a contract with the Raytheon Company to develop the Active Protection System (APS) for the Army's Future Combat Systems (FCS) program. FCS is a Soldier-centric, network-enabled program that consists of 18 manned and unmanned systems.

Active Protection (AP) technologies are designed to protect Soldiers in vehicles by defeating a variety of ballistic threats before they impact. The Army's Stryker vehicles, which have already performed in combat in Iraq, and the new FCS Manned Ground Vehicles (MGV) are scheduled to be the first systems to receive APS.

"We remain committed to providing our Soldiers with the best protection technology can provide as soon as possible," said Maj. Gen. Charles A. Cartwright, program manager for the Future Combat Systems (Brigade Combat Team). "This is also a significant step forward in the FCS program, which remains on cost and on schedule." According to Cartwright, they expect the FCS AP subsystem components to begin current force integration and qualification by the end of 2008.

Real-world lessons learned from the Global War on Terrorism are being integrated into the development of FCS. The AP contract, worth an estimated \$70 million, will require this new technology to work with all other relevant systems within FCS.

Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, has said in the past that FCS is the Army's key modernization program. "With FCS, the Army takes advantage of the best-of-industry technologies as soon as they are developed and puts them into the hands of the Soldiers in the field," he said. "This approach gets capabilities to our Soldiers sooner, strengthening the current force, while laying groundwork for the force of the future.

Once fielded, this technology is intended to provide the Army the capability to give mounted Soldiers 360 degree protection against a full spectrum of ballistic threats.

(Source: Media Release, Army Public Affairs)

Army Aviation Warfighting Center assumes UAS training mission

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz.- The newly activated Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Battalion (provisional) assumed responsibility for training operators and maintainers of the Army's unmanned aerial systems last month at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

The ceremony marked the transfer of the training mission from the U.S. Army Intelligence Center to the U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., the home of Army aviation.

Unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, are powered aerial vehicles sustained in flight by aerodynamic lift over most of their flight path and guided without an on-board crew. They may be expendable or recoverable, and can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely. UAVs are a key element within the concept of information dominance.

The Intelligence Center officially activated the UAV Test Company in October 1991, as a separate company under the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. The company's mission was to provide joint service training, testing and doctrinal development for the Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle-Short Range Program.

The transfer to the U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center reflects the technical and warfare doctrinal evolution the UAV has undergone over the years.

"I am confident that, beginning today, the training partnership of Army aviation and military intelligence will take UAS training to an even higher level, and ultimately provide the combat commanders on the ground with even greater support, and ultimately save lives while pursuing the enemy," said Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

The U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center trains military, civilian and international personnel in aviation and leadership skills, and develops the doctrine, training, leaders, organization, materials and Soldiers for Army aviation's warfighting requirements.

Historically, the greatest use of UAVs has been in the areas of intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance. While UAVs play an increasing role in these mission areas, the operational impact of multiple UAV operations and their importance to 21st century air power needs and future warfighters is just beginning to be understood.

As the military adapts to new realities and ways of doing business, greater possibilities will evolve for the employment of UAVs. According to the Congressional Budget Office, other missions that defense leaders would like to develop for the UAV encompass strike and electronic airborne attack.

"The potential for other mission for our unmanned systems is limitless...homeland defense, disaster relief, combined arms operations, stability and support operations, and contingency operations to name a few," said Brig. Gen. E. J. Sinclair, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center.

Fort Huachuca is home to the world's largest unmanned aerial systems training center. More than 500 Soldiers are currently undergoing training in Shadow 200 and Hunter UAS operations there.

(Army News Service. Editor's note: Michael Collins writes for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Public Affairs Office.)

Army Spouse Employment Partnership

The Army Spouse Employment Partnership (ASEP) is a self-sustaining and expanding partnership that is mutually beneficial to the Army and corporate America. The partnership provides Army spouses the opportunity to attain financial security and achieve employment goals through career mobility and enhanced employment options. Corporate partners are provided the capability to tap into a readily available, diverse and talented pool of candidates

In October 2003, the Army formally signed a Statement of Support with 13 Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies and two military agencies who pledged their best efforts to increase employment and career opportunities to spouses. The Army has been conducting ongoing quarterly meetings chaired by Mr. John P. McLaurin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Human Resources, since the program inception. Currently, there are 21 ASEP partners from the private sector and the military. Current partner companies include:

Adecco; United States Army; Army Career and Alumni Program; Army and Air Force Exchange Service; BellSouth; Boys and Girls Clubs of America; Computer Sciences Corporation; Concentra Incorporated; CVS/pharmacy; Defense Commissary Agency; Dell Incorporated; Department of the Army Civilian Personnel Office; EURPAC Service Incorporated; Home Depot; Hospital Corporation of America; Lockheed Martin; Manpower Incorporated; Sabre Holdings/Travelocity; Sears Holdings Corporation; Sprint; Sun Trust Bank; and United Services Automobile Association.

In July 2005, the military spouse job search website, hosted by ASEP, was launched. This site is an association page with the Department of Labor's America's Job Bank that provides military spouses a portal for their resumes and allows ASEP partners the opportunity to post jobs on the site. Currently, there are more than 32,000 job postings, with the number of job postings changing daily as jobs are filled. As of August 2005, more than 11,000 spouses have been hired through ASEP.

<http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org/msjs/app>

Tickets for Army's 2006 Away Football Games to Go On Sale May 1

WEST POINT, N.Y. - Individual game tickets for Army's five away football contests of 2006, as well as December's Army-Navy battle and the Sept. 16 AT&T Corps Classic featuring the Black Knights and Texas A&M in San Antonio, Texas, will go on sale at the Army Ticket Office on May 1.

As always, prospective buyers may purchase tickets over the phone by dialing 1-877-TIX-ARMY, or via the internet at www.goARMYsports.com.

<http://goarmysports.cstv.com/>

2006 Retired Military Almanac now available

Now in its 29th year, the Retired Military Almanac is a 256-page guide containing up-to-date information on many subjects of vital interest to military retirees.

The almanac contains detailed information on recently passed legislation, including enhancements to the Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments Program, recent changes in eligibility rules for burial in National cemeteries, and updated information on Tricare to include a completely current listing of more than 250 military treatment facilities.

Also included are lengthy sections on veterans benefits (including a completely updated list of VA facilities); Space-Available lodging and travel; and many other topics directly affecting retirees and their families.

Order directly from the publisher for \$13.45 (includes postage) by sending a check or money order to Uniformed Services Almanac, Inc., PO Box 4144-AB, Falls Church, VA 22044, or if ordering by credit card, call toll-free (888) 872-9698. You can also order secure online: www.militaryalmanac.com.

Buckley Base Chapel

Chaplain Services are now located in the new chapel facility, Bldg. 316. Telephone extensions remain the same. Protestant services are held on Sundays with a Traditional Service at 10 a.m. and a Contemporary Worship at 6 p.m. Weekly Roman Catholic services will begin this summer. For more information, people can call the Base Chapel at 720-847-GOD1 (4631).

(Source: Happenings, Mile High Guardian)

Buckley AFB Retiree Activities Office

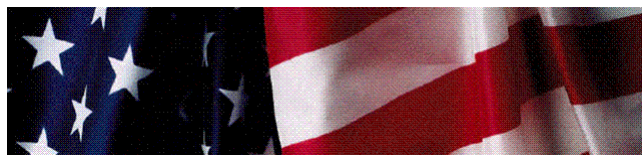
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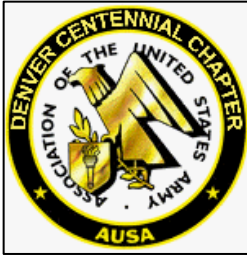
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Denver Centennial Chapter Association of the United States Army Annual Golf Tournament

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—
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Start

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231st Army Birthday Ball



Hosted by the 743^D MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION
Saturday, 17 June 2006

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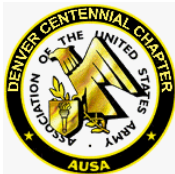
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