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A glimpse of YPG's tests, training and much more



Corrections officers train at YPG (See story on page 3)



Soldiers conduct pre-deployment UAS maneuvers (See story and photos on page 4 & 5)



YPG Health Fair attracts children and adults (See page 6 for more photos)

New radio system upgrades service throughout ranges

by Mary F. Flores

When a team of testers are 50 miles down range and the potential for mishaps exist, it's crucial that radio communications are reliable, because time becomes precious in critical circumstances. Larger than Rhode Island and with thousands of potential radio users, it's imperative that radio communication systems function properly to support Yuma Proving Ground's mission.

In late March, the Smart Zone Radio Communications System was implemented at YPG to upgrade the proving ground's 15 year old analog system. Taking nearly three years to complete and costing some \$10 million, the project enhanced three pre-existing repeater sites and utilizes approximately 900 miles of fiber optic cable buried underground throughout the proving ground. Each repeater site was enhanced by increasing the four existing radio frequencies per site to 12, which significantly improves service.



Bret Moore, NEC electronics technician, explains how the new system is much more compact, faster and reliable. (Photo by Mary Flores)

Radio communications are now faster and more secure, with service from remote locations better than ever before. Additionally, the Smart Zone System is encrypted, meaning users can

encrypt frequencies or channels being used, thereby, making transmissions secure. The old radio system transmit-

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Yuma County officials observe a Soldier's typical work day

by Yolie Canales

During a recent visit to Yuma Proving Ground's Air Delivery Complex, two Yuma County Supervisor Casey Prochaska and County Administrator Robert Pickels, spent half a day touring and observing an Airborne Test Force Soldier's typical duties.

The visitors were amazed at how many different things are going on at YPG and especially in the Air Delivery Complex facility. "It's fascinating and amazing to see how complex each area of this facility is and how much thought goes into the work by each of the Soldiers as well as the civilians," said Prochaska. "I'm impressed to see how serious and important each worker is about their job."

During their visit, both Prochaska and Pickels toured each of the five sections at the complex. They were scheduled to observe a drop of a 32' foot platform weighing 25,000 lb., however,

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Sgt. 1st Class Armando Amado, NCOIC for the maintenance section at the Airborne Test Force facility, demonstrates the sewing machine used to repair damaged parachutes to Yuma County officials Casey Prochaska and Robert Pickels. (Photo by Yolie Canales)

News Notes



April 6, 2011
MEMORANDUM FOR HOUSING RESIDENTS

SUBJECT: New YPG Boat Parking Policy

Dear Resident,
Due to safety hazards on the narrow residential streets, boats, boat trailers and trailers will no longer be allowed to be parked in the streets in the residential areas on YPG, effective April 8, with a 30-day grace period to allow residents to make alternative arrangements for their boats.
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If you have any questions, please call 329-9014.

Thank you,
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Hiring update on new Army program

by Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

In this unprecedented era of persistent conflict, the risk for substance abuse among our Soldiers and their Families has never been greater. As I have often stated, the Army will not break because of our Soldiers, they are indeed the finest force in the world; however, the Army is at risk as a result of the stress the past 10 years of conflict has placed on our Soldiers and Families.

The stress on our Soldiers and Families is often manifested in new or growing social problems. Multiple, extended deployments with too little dwell time at home strains relationships with loved ones. Partners and children face difficulty adjusting to new family dynamics as their Soldiers depart for and return from deployments. Many warriors have difficulty transitioning from the battle field to the home front and life post-deployment.

The unfortunate reality is that some Soldiers and Family members turn to alcohol and drugs to help them cope.

The Army implemented the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) to enhance mission readiness through helping Soldiers cope with stress by means other than alcohol or other drugs. The program focuses on prevention, identification, intervention, and treatment of high-risk behaviors to enable Soldiers, their Families, and civilians achieve and sustain balance – and resiliency – in their lives.

We've come a long way in helping our Soldiers become more resilient, both on the battlefield and on the home front. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated employees, we are continually improving, but we must do better. The Army currently faces a critical shortage of counseling psychologists, social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors to help our heroes heal.

In fact, garrisons and installations are struggling to accommodate the thousands of Soldiers every month as they transition from the battlefield to post-deployment life at home. As the stigma of seeking treatment has decreased, an increasing number of Soldiers and Family members are seeking help in making a successful transition. However, the number of qualified professionals entering the field has not grown to meet the need.

The Installation Management Command (IMCOM) is seeking to expand the ASAP workforce so we can offer a wider variety of services, provide more intensive treatment over longer periods of time, and explore alternative prevention and treatment techniques. Now, more than ever, the Army needs civilians to step up and lend a hand to those who have sacrificed so much to defend our freedom.

IMCOM is enlisting the aid of civilians through several measures to address the needs of our active duty, reserve, and guard Soldiers, retirees, and family members. As an incentive to join the Army ASAP team, we are joining hands with universities across the nation to support post-graduate education by offering exciting new opportunities, such as



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

the new Clinical Internship Program, tuition reimbursement, salary and supervision towards licensure, and hiring, relocation and retention bonuses. In addition, the Army is expediting the hiring process to get qualified candidates on board faster.

The Army also offers competitive benefits and advantages, including life and health insurance plans; 13 paid vacation days with the ability to increase to 26 per year; 10 paid holidays and retirement benefits including a 401(k)-type government matching program. But most importantly, an ASAP counselor will serve our country, help our heroes heal and build the strength of our nation, our Soldiers and their families.

If you or anyone you know is interested in making a difference in a Soldier's life, please go to <http://www.usajobs.gov/> or <http://www.armycivilianservice.com/> and apply for job series 0180 and 0185. Or you may call toll free 1-877-880-2184 for more information.

For more information about ASAP and IMCOM, please visit the following online: <http://medcell.army.mil/>, <http://www.imcom.army.mil/hq/>, <http://www.facebook.com/home/InstallationManagementCommunity>

Thank you and God Bless.

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due to mechanical problems with the aircraft the drop was cancelled. However, this did not put a damper on their visit since they did get an "eye-full," at the maintenance building. "Although we did not get to see the heavy drop, this is what I wanted to see," said Pickels. "I wanted to see where all the hard work that goes into the preparation of these drops begins and who does it."

Both officials walked away with a broader understanding of what goes on in this great big facility that can be seen from Highway 95. "I am most impressed by how the Soldiers in the field are going to be made safe by the work that happens right here at YPG," said Pickels. "Every component of this operation is so critical and from my observation, the ultimate goal of each of these Soldiers and civilians is the safety of our troops."

Lt. Col. Stephen Milton, Yuma Test Center commander, extended an invitation to the officials to return for another visit so they could observe an actual drop.

Forty local corrections officers train for jail problems at training facility



About 40 officers from the Arizona Department of Corrections recently used an urban training facility at YPG for intense training. Here, a stack of officers prepare to dynamically enter a building to forcefully end a simulated hostage standoff as an armed inmate is neutralized by a working dog and handler. (Photos by Mark Schauer)

by Mark Schauer

Prison corrections officers are accustomed to sentences, but there are two they hope never to hear: "Negotiations have failed. The warden has authorized use of force."

However, if the worst was ever to happen, the Tactical Support Unit of the Arizona State Prison Complex - Yuma is ready to respond.

About 40 officers from the Arizona Department of Corrections used an urban training facility at YPG recently for intense instruction on how to dynamically enter a room, re-take a

building and forcefully end a hostage standoff.

Whereas most military installations focus on training of combat forces, Yuma Proving Ground is primarily known as one of the Department of Defense's premier test and evaluation sites. In addition to boasting one of the longest overland artillery ranges, virtually everything in the Army's ground combat arsenal undergoes testing here.

Yet, nearly 100 units from all branches of the armed forces visit YPG annually to train amid its harsh desert environment, and the prov-

ing ground also hosts training for a variety of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, including the Yuma Police Department, Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Arizona Department of Public Safety, and the United States Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

The training was the first in which a group of Arizona Department of Corrections personnel trained at YPG, though individual corrections officers have participated in previous combined trainings hosted by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

YPG has several large facilities that simulate urban environments, though the ones used primarily for training are specially designed for hard use. There are no exposed nails or other hazards that could injure people running inside, for example.

"This site is a multipurpose facility that can support a variety of training and test missions," explained Luis Arroyo, chief of YPG's Training Exercise Management Office. "It is primarily used for conducting basic skills training for urban operations."

The single and multi-story buildings on the exercise site are full of blind corners and narrow stairways, and most have multiple rooms and entrances. Training units can use individual buildings or multiple buildings across several blocks. The cement block walls closely resemble those of a prison.

"I wish we had something like this," said Lt. Chris Pulling, of the Tactical Support Unit for the Arizona State Prison Complex - Yuma. "This is by far one of the better training facilities I've seen, and that's including my time in the Marine Corps."

During the day, the correction officers formed into groups, which rotated between different scenarios. One group armed with handguns, shotguns and rifles with synthetic stocks formed in stacks six and seven people deep, then conducted tricky

tactical entrances in which each officer had to step into a dark building and secure the room while keeping eyes trained on the sight of their weapons scanning for threats and not breaking formation or momentum. When maneuvering in cramped places in chaotic conditions, wounds from friendly fire are a distinct possibility, a reality that officers train to guard against. Another group had to re-take an entire simulated cell block from armed inmates holding hostages.

The corrections officers were particularly pleased that the proving ground's training facility allowed them to include working dogs in the day's training. For one of the events, a corrections officer donned a padded bite suit and played an armed and surrounded inmate who refuses to surrender from his cell. After three warnings, a handler released a working dog into the building as a stack of armed officers waited outside. The simulated inmate ran from the building, but was quickly tackled and held in an unshakable bite to the arm by the pursuing German Shepherd and subdued by armed officers.

Aside from the logistical impossibility of training in a realistic way in cell blocks that house inmates, Arroyo's office believes that training away from one's normal duty station has big benefits.

"Individuals take the event more seriously when they go away to train," he said. "There are no distractions and the leadership protects the trainees' time to ensure they can take full advantage. Four or five hours here is easily worth 20 hours of training at home station."

Though already highly trained professionals, the agents found the day's exercises valuable and were especially enthusiastic about the location.

"I'd love to come here as often as humanly possible," said Pulling. "This is the best training facility we've ever used."



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Not in the Shadows: Soldiers conduct p

Troops need continuous training to rem

by Mark Schauer

The mountains are quiet and breezy. An isolated patrol base is in the distance and several insurgents are busy digging a hole near an unimproved road that American forces use on a daily basis. They might be storing weapons or planting an improvised explosive device, counting on stealth and surprise for the success of their nefarious operation. Little do they know that thousands of feet overhead a high-resolution camera is focusing on them, delivering real-time footage of their activities to Soldiers miles away.

Soldiers from Fort Richardson, Alaska, frequently saw this type of action in Iraq and Afghanistan during previous deployments, but this time it took place during an intensive two-week training period at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground. The 22 Soldiers use Shadow unmanned aerial systems (UAS) to serve as the eyes of their commander in theater, and need continuous training to remain battle ready, especially on the cusp of another tour overseas.

“Our system limitations are such that we can’t fly in Alaska in the dead of winter,” said Chief Warrant Officer Nicholas Jones, platoon leader. “Our unit needs to keep current in its training, and another warrant officer recommended Yuma for its air space and weather. YPG made it so easy, we ended up coming.”

Luis Arroyo, chief of YPG’s Training and Exercise Management Office (TEMO), said that unit collective training is critically important for mission success, and is distinct from

individual Soldier training.

“This is where all individuals with different job or specialties need to operate together to accomplish the unit’s wartime mission,” Arroyo said. “At times it is hard to have all elements of one unit in a single location to train.”

The unit arrived at YPG in February and immediately began operations, including simulated missions that lasted multiple days. Once deployed overseas, the platoon is expected to be self-sufficient for at least three days without resupply, a requirement that was put to test during the training. The Soldiers emplaced equipment exactly as they would in theater, though they had access to one of YPG’s aircraft hangars.

Though it has landing wheels, the Shadow UAS the platoon uses is launched off a trailer-mounted catapult that pneumatically accelerates the 400-pound craft down a long steel rail from a standstill to 65 miles per hour in a split second. The craft’s pilot and camera operator sit in a ground control station attached to the back of a humble Humvee, carefully watching the landscape below for simulated weapons caches and mannequin insurgents placed across the range. The mountains across YPG’s ranges are particularly useful, for they resemble the terrain in theater.

“Though they aren’t as high as the ones we see in Afghanistan, the mountains here provide a good simulation of what we see over there,” said Jones.

The Shadow aircraft can loiter in an area for hours and lands with an assist from a tail hook, just like manned fighter jets on aircraft carriers.



Soldiers from Fort Richardson, Alaska recently underwent two weeks of intensive surveillance missions. Though they emplaced equipment exactly as they would in theater, as seen here.



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Pre-deployment training at YPG

main battle ready



During training at YPG, using the proving ground's vast ranges to conduct simulated missions in theater, they also had access to YPG's aircraft hangars to conduct maintenance,



During the training, Soldiers control the Shadow and its camera from a ground control station just as they would in theater. The Shadow can loiter over an area for hours, providing intelligence to a unit commander.

"Our operation is kind of like an aircraft carrier without the ship or the ocean," Jones said with a smile.

YPG's TEMO hosts a fewer number of UAS units than conventional ground units, and faces unique challenges accommodating units that take to the skies. YPG's robust UAS testing schedule means all involved must take special care to avoid interference.

"Because of the synchronization with UAS test activities, it is best to have an Aviation Division lead on the ground to ensure that training operations run safely and smoothly," said Arroyo. "Everything else is handled by

our office in the same way it would be for any other unit, from range safety and troop support to providing fuel for aircraft and vehicles."

Hosting the Shadow for training gave the Aviation Division an opportunity to see the craft in action.

The Shadow underwent extensive developmental testing at YPG and upgrades continue to be evaluated at the proving ground.

"While the troops are here, I coordinate the use of airspace and traffic on the runway," said Luis Parada, test officer with the Aviation Division. "It's quite rewarding to help these Soldiers keep their currency and witness how they operate."

*Photos by
Mark
Schauer*



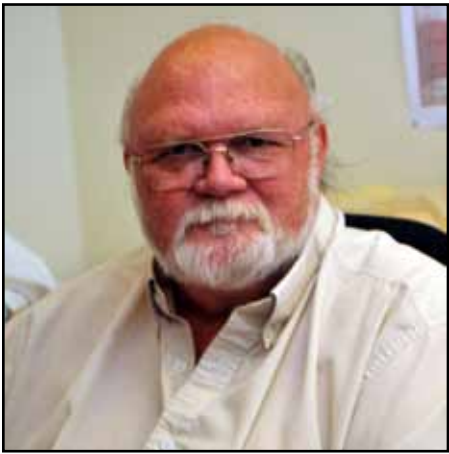
Once aloft, the Shadow UAS is the eyes of a unit's commander. Soldiers prepare to launch the Shadow for a simulated mission above YPG. "The mountains here provide a good simulation of what we will see overseas," said the platoon leader.

Viewpoint

Rags to riches is fun to dream about, but would you really know what to do with a tremendous fortune? We asked members of the workforce, "If you won \$100 million in the lottery, what would you do with the money?"



Darlena Soliz, word processor III: I would pay off all the debts of the people that are closest to me, all of my family and one friend. I would still work, because you never know what will happen. I'm a dog person, and I've always said I would turn a big building into a giant playhouse for stray dogs.



Dan Blackwell, estimator: I would pay off my house, then pay off my kids' houses, and my wife's kids' houses. Then I would find four of my best friends, pay off all of their bills for six months, buy the largest motor home I could get my hands on, and we would travel. I would want to see everything in the U.S. that I have never seen and learn where America came from: places like Gettysburg and all the state capitols, the redwoods in California.



Maureen Lee, administrative assistant: I would donate half to charity, set up trust funds for my boys, take care of my parents, and give all of my co-workers \$100,000 each. I'd probably give my good friend Steve Taylor at Optics a million. If you win something like that, I think you have an obligation to share it and do what you can to help humanity. I would support all the local charities and some national ones. I might quit my job, but I would wait a year before doing it. I'd have to buy a salmon-colored '64 Thunderbird convertible, too.



Alex Bustamante, IT Technician: I would do a lot of things. I would pay off my debt first, then secure my future, help out my family, and go have fun. I would get something nice for my wife and travel around the world. I would have to get advice from someone who knows more about finances and wouldn't try to scam me.



Pfc. Dominique Kirberger, Veterinary Clinic: I save my money, I don't squander it. I have a lot of charities I would support: anything to save wildlife. I'd pay off my bills, buy a house, and go to college.



Jamie Keim, engineer technician: I would get really involved with charities. I'd go crazy with Adopt a Family at Christmas time, and bring joy to a lot of people. I would hook up every single church in town, especially any services they have to help children. There are a lot of people in need, and you could do a lot of stuff for them with that kind of money. I would also find something we could do with everyone in this shop: maybe take a private jet on a Thursday to the Caribbean for a long weekend.

Health Fair brings fun and a learning experience to participants



The recent health fair held at Yuma Proving Ground was a learning tool for the hundreds of attendees who visited a variety of health educators in many different health topics. Rick Bessett (top photo) learned from the fire department staff that laughter is one of the best medicines one can take for an overall healthy lifestyle. Jenelle Fry, yoga instructor for the Yuma Yoga and Wellness, (center photo) teaches participants a variety of methods on relaxation using yoga. In addition to teaching yoga exercises, Fry (bottom photo) instructs students from Price Elementary School on how to get exercise using an exercise ball. The fair included presenters from various local health state and county agencies to include YPG's Health Clinic and Emergency Services. (Photos by Mark Schauer)



Take control of allergies, asthma

submitted by Paul J. Kilanski Exceptional Family Member Program Manager

Your home is a busy place. People are always working, playing, cooking, washing, cleaning, and moving things around. All that activity is perfectly normal but it can release small particles and chemicals that build up in the air you breathe. Whether your home is large or small, old or new, the air inside may be causing breathing problems, especially for people with allergies and asthma.

But there are some simple things that you can do to clean up the air in your home so that everyone can breathe easier. If you have allergies or asthma you are sensitive to certain “triggers.” These “triggers” can set off a reaction in your lungs and other parts of your body. Triggers can be found indoors and outdoors. They can be simple things like cold air; tobacco or wood smoke; perfume, paint, hair spray, or other strong odors; allergens such as dust mites, cockroaches, pollen, molds, animal dander and pet saliva.

It is important to learn which triggers are problems for you. Then you can learn to avoid them to help keep yourself healthy. Identifying your triggers isn't always easy. You can experiment with staying away from one suspected trigger at a time. Watch yourself to see if you get better. This may show you if that trigger was a problem for you. Your doctor may suggest keeping an asthma diary or having a skin testing to test for allergies.

Sometimes the air outdoors can trigger allergies and asthma. You may have to avoid outdoor air pollution, pollen and mold spores. Controlling your contact with triggers outdoors is hard. Any time air pollution and pollen levels are high, it's a good idea to stay indoors.

The air at home is easier for you to control. Some people with asthma and allergies notice their symptoms get worse at night. Trigger controls in the bedroom are the best place to start. Air conditioning can help. It allows you to keep the windows and doors closed.

This keeps pollen and mold spores outside. It also lowers indoor humidity which helps to control mold and dust mites.

Avoid too much air conditioning or too much heat. Room temperature should be comfortable. Some people can't tolerate a big change in temperature, particularly from warm to cold air.

There are cleaning machines that you can buy that may remove some of the triggers in your home. But they will not remove them all. Some air cleaners use an electrical charge that makes ozone, which manufacturers claim will “purify” the air. But ozone can irritate the lungs and is especially a problem for people with asthma. The American Lung Association does not recommend the use of air cleaners that produce ozone.

Here are some common triggers and some ways to control them at home:

Tobacco smoke: Smoke should not be allowed in the home. Ask family members to smoke outdoors. If you are a smoker, consider quitting.

Wood smoke: Wood smoke is a problem for children and adults with asthma and allergies. Avoid wood stoves and fireplaces.

Pets: Almost all pets can cause allergies. If they trigger asthma and allergy symptoms, they should be removed from the home. Pet allergen may stay in the home for months after the pet is gone because it remains in house dust.

If the pet stays in the home, keep it out of the bedroom of anyone with asthma or allergies. Weekly pet baths may help cut down the amount of pet saliva and dander.

Cockroaches: Cockroaches can be a big problem for some people with asthma. Tiny pieces of dead roaches and roach droppings end up in house dust and the air you breathe.

Help keep your home roach free by storing food in sealable containers and keeping crumbs, dirty dishes and other sources of food waste cleaned up.

Mold and mildew: When moisture in the air is high, mold and mildew can become a problem. Make sure areas such as bathrooms, kitchens and basements have good air circulation and are cleaned often. Mold may grow on foam pillows so be sure to wash your pillows every week, dry them thoroughly and replace them yearly. Mold can also grow in the soil of houseplants.

Dust mites: Dust mites are tiny, microscopic animals that are usually found in house dust. Several thousand can be found in a pinch of dust.

To control dust mites you can: Put mattresses and pillows in allergen-proof covers, wash all bedding in hot water (at least 130 degrees), remove carpeting, dust and vacuum as often as possible, remove stuffed furniture and stuffed animals from bedroom areas, ensure closets hold only needed clothing, and cut down the humidity in the house.

Strong odors: Keep all perfume, room deodorizers, cleaning chemicals, paint and talcum powder at very low levels or non-existent.

Controlling the home environment is a very important part of asthma and allergy care. In addition to seeing a doctor regularly and taking prescribed medications, the most important things that you can do is to: Reduce or remove as many triggers from your home as possible, use high efficiency air filters and air conditioners, pay attention to the problem of dust mites. Contact the American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA for more information.

Chaplains Corner

Sneezing, better ways to get blessed

submitted by Chaplain (Maj.) Douglas Ball

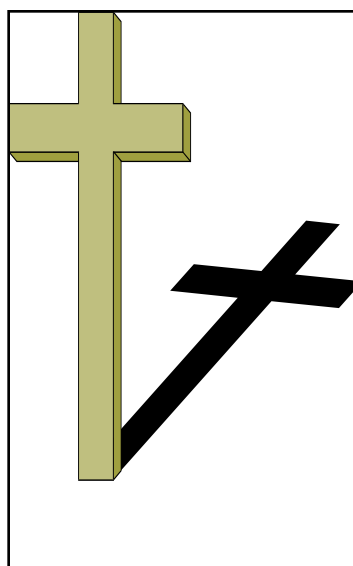
For some reason, people think that because I'm a chaplain that it's especially important to say 'Bless you' when I sneeze. Soldiers who normally would respond to a sneeze with, 'Hey, hold the noise down!' will instead politely say 'Bless you' four times in a row to me.

Strangely enough, the Bible I read says nothing about saying 'bless you' to sneezers. Jesus never spoke about the efficacy of sneeze blessing. He never taught his followers the proper liturgy to respond to a full out hay-fever induced sneezing attack. However, he did clearly let us know how to go about truly being blessed – and it has nothing to do with sneezing!

Matthew 5:1-10, 14-16

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed



are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light

shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

The next time you hear a sneeze and the following ‘gesundheit’ or ‘bless you’ or ‘salud’, remember that true blessing isn't about sneezing. There's certainly nothing wrong with a polite response to someone's sternutation (the official term for a sneeze), but true blessing comes from God as we reflect his love to those around us.

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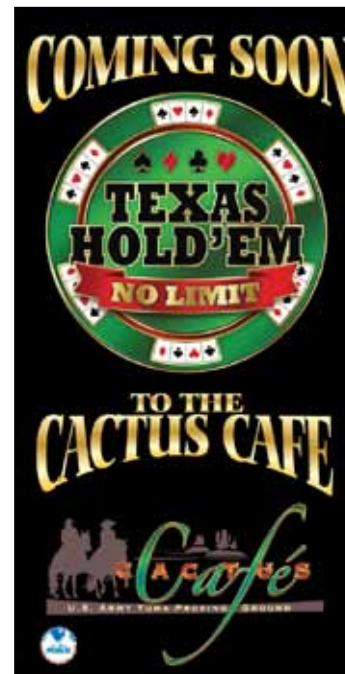
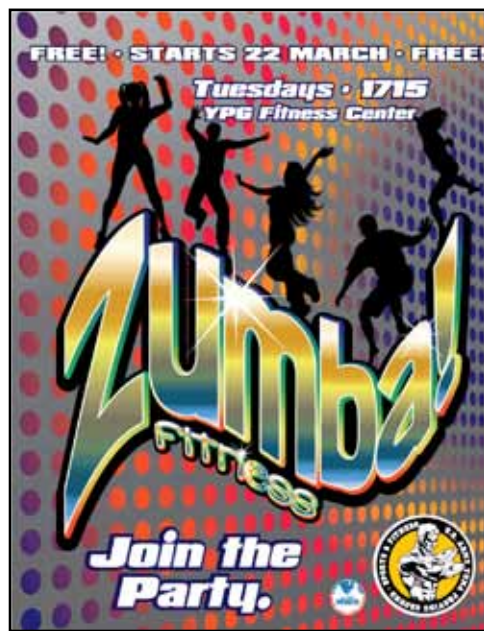
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Family, Welfare and Recreation Happenings



New radio (Continued from page 1)

ted at a Baud rate of 3,600, but the new system transmits nearly three times faster

The three-man crew consisting of Wade Dennis, Tom Kelly and Bret Moore assigned to YPG's Radio Maintenance Shop worked long grueling hours during the past several months, upgrading thousands of hand-held radios and hundreds of vehicle radios, console radio base stations and console systems used in Mission and Range control and Emergency Services. Each Smart Zone radio costs about \$3,000 and each vehicle radio console system costs between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

"A great advantage of this system is that it has a seamless roaming feature that connects each site together, like a cellular phone system," said Bret Moore, YPG Network Enterprise Center electronics technician. "If a user leaves one site area and travels to another, it changes automatically." Prior to the upgrade, the user had to toggle back and forth between zones.

Personnel in the Radio Maintenance Shop will continue to steadily upgrade users for the immediate future to ensure everyone has successfully integrated to the Smart Zone System.

"This has truly been a team effort among many offices and people," Moore said. "However, the effort was a success and we now have a state-of-the-art system."



Re-opened for business!

Recreation division chief George Labossier stakes down an inflatable bunker at Yuma Proving Ground's paintball facility in the Main Administrative Area. The upgraded bunkers are in the shape of castles, tanks and Humvees, and replace wooden structures that paintballers previously ducked behind to avoid being hit. "It's a military motif, which should enhance the experience," said LaBossier. To dedicate the upgraded facility, Family Morale Welfare Recreation is hosting a free "drop-in paintball" event on Saturday, April 23, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., during which paintball guns, paintballs, and safety gear will be available for use at no charge. Ordinarily, the cost for up to 16 people to use the facility is \$20 per hour, and YPG does not supply equipment. For reservations or more information on the sport, contact the Fitness Center at 328-2400. (Photo by Mark Schauer)