

Lewis Ledger

Visitor Center renovations

During June there will be renovations to the interior of the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is the first impression that most people have of our installation. The interior of the building will be upgraded to reflect the pride we have in our installation. This will result in closing the Visitor Center customer service area during the work. It is estimated to take approximately three weeks to complete the renovations.

While the renovations are on going, a trailer will be positioned in the visitor center parking lot to process visitors. Visitor access procedures will not change; all visitors will still be required to obtain passes to access the post. Space in the trailer is limited, so visitors should be told to expect crowding and slightly longer wait times.

National Security Forum

The Pacific Northwest National Security Forum will present its symposium "Changing Faces of War" May 30, from noon to 10 p.m., at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel.

The insurgents know they cannot defeat the United States Armed Forces, but that is not their objective. Instead, their objective is to convince the American people to give up the fight.

This asymmetric insurgency is what the symposium is all about. It will consist of guest speakers and discussion panels.

Speakers will be retired Maj. Gen. John R. Landry, national intelligence officer for military issues, National Intelligence Council; Minister Ali Jalali, distinguished professor, National Defense University, a former minister of the interior, Afghanistan; U.S. Navy Vice Admiral David C. Nichols Jr., deputy commander, U.S. Central Command; and U.S. Marine Corps retired Col. Thomas X. Hammes, author of "The Sling and the Stone."

Registration fee is \$50 to include dinner. Appropriate dress for attending is business casual and military duty uniform. Entrance will require appropriate dress and a registration ticket.

For more information, go to www.tacomachamber.org.

Screaming Eagle vets sought

The 101st Airborne Division Association, with headquarters at Fort Campbell, Ky., is seeking "lost" Screaming Eagle veterans who served with the division during its ongoing history from World War II to Iraq. With 8,500 members and 32 chapters, including Eagles recently returned from a second tour in Iraq, the Association is a vibrant, dynamic organization.

Activities include Memorial Day 2007 ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Memorial, May 25-28, in Washington, D.C.; the 62nd National Reunion in Omaha, Neb., August 8-11; and special programs to comfort hospital wounded and assist today's Eagles and their families.

For more information, contact the Association at 32 Screaming Eagle Boulevard, PO Box 929, Fort Campbell, KY 42223-0929; e-mail assocmemberinfo@comcast.net; check the Web site at <http://www.screamingeagle.org>, or call (931) 431-0199, ext. 35.

MWR Book Fair

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a book fair May 6-8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at David L. Stone Education Center. Hardback books will be available with savings of up to 70 percent off retail prices.

With all the titles available – award-winning children's books, cookbooks, "New York Times" bestsellers and more – you're sure to find additions for your home library.

A portion of the proceeds goes directly into

the Fort Lewis MWR fund to benefit Soldiers and families.

NCO Academy announcements

The Henry H. Lind NCO Academy announces the graduation of the Warrior Leader Course, Class 006-07, on May 24 at 1 p.m. in Carey Theater.

The Warrior Leader Course, Class 007-07, will in-process on May 30. Students must be present at 4 a.m. at Building 3114. Sponsors must be present at 5 a.m. at Building 5996.

For more information, call 967-7294.

For families of deployed Soldiers

Is your Soldier deployed? Fort Lewis is offering three new programs this month for families of deployed Soldiers. Do you have little ones at home? Free child care will be available on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at Clarkmoor Child Development Center, Building 2095. Call 967-2300/5996 for reservation deadlines and requirements.

Enjoy up to three free games of bowling at the Bowl Arena each Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Shoe rental is included, and there is a limit of three games. For more information, call 967-4661.

Arts and Crafts will offer a supervised do-it-yourself pillowcase picture project for children. Bring in a picture of your deployed parent and transfer onto a pillowcase. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult to participate in free bowling and the arts and crafts project. For information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 967-5001.

These programs are provided by the Center of Excellence, which is sponsored by I Corps and Fort Lewis Garrison. Participating families will be required to sign in with sponsor's unit information. Go to FortLewisMWR.com for more information.

Motorcycle rally

The fourth Rally for the Troops event will take place July 15 at 10 a.m. at Destination Harley-Davidson, in Tacoma. This event has drawn thousands in a mass showing of support for our troops by the motorcycling community. It is a group ride followed by a rally with food and entertainment.

The proceeds from Rally for the Troops II and III totaled more than \$20,000, which was donated to the Fisher House at Fort Lewis. The Fisher Houses provide housing and food for the families of injured combat troops, allowing them to remain nearby while the troop receives medical care.

On tap for this year is a first-class steak and potato meal with entertainment by No Quarter, a Led Zeppelin tribute band.

All bikers are welcome. Registration is \$15 per person and includes meal and entertainment. T-shirts and ride pins will be available for purchase at the dealership.

Career opportunity

Safeway, Inc., a major food retailer, will provide information about employment May 24, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Army Community Service's Employment Readiness Program office (Waller Hall, Bldg. 2140).

Human resources administrators from the Tacoma and Olympia areas will provide job information and showcase career opportunities and benefits. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 967-3538 or 966-8325.

Landscaping class

Equity Residential, Fort Lewis Communities will host a landscaping class Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Discovery Village Community Center, 60100 Garcia Blvd.

All Fort Lewis community residents are invited. The day will begin with a PowerPoint presentation on container gardening, small herb gardens, as well as flowers and shrubs that do well in the state of Washington. Resident volunteer, Nicole Gunter, will offer a craft activity for children and adults.

Attendees are eligible to win door prizes, focusing on gardening activities.

For more information, call Carly Jackson at 912-2123.

FEHB

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will sponsor a Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan in-service day Monday. Representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Government Employees Health Association, Mail Handler's, Group Health, and KPS Health plans, will talk to individual enrollees who have questions about their coverage. The representatives will be available at Cascade Community Center (Lewis Room), from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and at the Madigan Army Medical Center, Casio Conference Room G-95-5, from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information, call Letau Quintanilla, at 967-5028.

Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building Schedule: Saturday, Deployment Readiness, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 17-18, Level I, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

May 29-31, Level II, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come and see what is new at AFTB. Level II has been updated and revised. AFTB is also offering a Deployment Readiness class for Soldiers and spouses (no child care offered for this class, being held on a Saturday). This class will cover more of the emotional and stress side of deployments as well as the choices you need to make before, during and after a deployment.

For more information, call 967-AFTB (2382).

Weapons search



Tech. Sgt. Cecilio M. Ricardo Jr.

BAGHDAD — Members of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment secure a local neighborhood of weapon caches during a routine clearing mission.

Skies Unlimited

Skies Unlimited is looking for fall quarter faculty. The deadline for finding fall quarter faculty is the end of May. They need faculty to teach classes in the arts, sports, academics and life skills.

If interested call Cindy Arnold, Skies Unlimited director, at 967-4694.

A reminder: Skies Unlimited is offering various classes free of charge for students who have a deployed parent. Please register at Central registration.

Commissary Tours

Tour the Commissary with the BOSS Team Tuesdays and Thursdays in May, which is Commissary Awareness Month. Your Commissary is a healthy choice. Call the BOSS Team at 967-5636 to find out more and to schedule your unit tour. You could win a prize. Remember, it's your choice... Make it healthy.

Spouse Appreciation Day

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is today. It is your day to stand up and be honored. In saluting Fort Lewis military spouses for their vital, continuing support to men and women in uniform, Fort Lewis DMWR, the Fort Lewis AAFES Main Exchange, the Commissary and through sponsorship by the USO and America's Credit Union, will offer all military spouses a day of opportunity and fun. Events begin at 8:30 a.m. with a free breakfast and drawing at the Fort Lewis Main Exchange food court, followed by numerous special offers, events and sales when the store opens at 9 a.m.

Free family bowling will be offered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fort Lewis Bowl Arena, and at 7 p.m., the movie "Premonition" will be offered for no cost to families at the Carey Theater. To make your day complete, Clarkmoor Child Development Center will offer evening child care from 6 to 10 p.m. for a "parent's night out." Reservations for this child care are required, and for additional child care information call 967-4903.

For more information about Fort Lewis Spouse Appreciation Day, call 967-9496.

See Washington

Family readiness group members can enjoy a day visiting various attractions around the state of Washington.

Sign up today; enjoy meeting new people and visiting Washington.

Participants must have current military ID card.

Child care may be provided with prior registration for all trips except in July and October.

All trips leave from Family Resource Center. Register by calling the FRC at 967-9496 two weeks prior to the date of the trip.

- May 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.— Snoqualmie Falls/North Bend;
 - June 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.— Long Beach;
 - July 21, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.— Mount Saint Helens;**
 - Aug. 16, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.— Woodland Park Zoo;*
 - Sept. 18, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.— Port Townsend;
 - Oct. 8, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.— Leavenworth;**
 - Nov. 15, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.— Lloyd Center — Portland;
 - Nov. 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.— Victorian Country Christmas.*
- * entrance fee required by participant.
** child care is not available.

Special Olympics

Volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics Washington Summer Games.

More than 2,500 athletes, 600 coaches and 4,000 volunteers will take part in this year's 2007 Summer Games.

Fort Lewis will be the primary venue for the games. This year, the U.S. Army is celebrating 35 years of support to the Special Olympics. Aquatics will be held at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way. Opening ceremonies will be held June 1, at McChord Air Force Base.

Special Olympics, an international organization including more than one million athletes and 1.5 million volunteers in 153 nations, provides year-round sports training and competition. Children and adults with developmental disabilities train

Sound to Narrows

Sound to Narrows' 35th running is looking for volunteers for the race Saturday, June 9. Point of contact is Aisha Allen, volunteer coordinator, 347-3908 or aisharose@msn.com for more information.

Cascade's Sports Lounge

Watch all of your favorite sports teams on six 42-inch and two 60-inch high-definition plasma TVs at the Cascade Community Center's Sports Lounge, now open on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. Watch Major League Baseball action or catch the NBA playoffs. Bar calls are welcome (a 48-hour notice is required). Call 964-0331 for additional information. Closed all DONSA's and federal holidays. Go to FortLewisMWR.com for complete hours of operation.

Employment readiness classes

Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program class schedule for Fiscal Year 2007:

- May 23, Interviewing Skills
- June 20, Personal Success Skills
- July 18, Competitive Resumes
- Aug. 22, Interviewing Skills
- Sept. 19, Personal Success Skills

Classes are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the ACS Classroom. For more information, call 967-3538.

Calendar

The following holidays and days of no scheduled activities are planned:

- May 25, DONSA;
- May 28, Memorial Day;
- June 15, DONSA;
- July 3, DONSA;
- July 4, Independence Day;
- July 5, DONSA;
- Aug. 3, DONSA;
- Aug. 31, DONSA;
- Sept. 3, Labor Day.

Asian Pacific Heritage

The 2007 Asian Pacific Heritage month observance will be Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the American Lake Community Center. I Corps and the 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, will jointly host the event.

Commanders are asked to plan activities consistent with mission requirements to support this observance; and supervisors can authorize administrative leave to federal employees to attend this program.

A free ethnic food sampling will be included.

Arts and crafts contest

Enter your artwork in the 2007 Army Arts and Crafts Contest. The entry deadline is Tuesday, and both novice and accomplished artists may enter for a fee of \$5. For an entry form and complete rules, stop by the Arts and Crafts Center, Building 5038, 2nd St. and Pendleton Ave. or call 967-5001. Entry forms are also available online at FortLewisMWR.com.

Employment opportunity

The King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention will provide information about employment in Kent, southern King County and Seattle areas June 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Army Community Service's Employment Readiness Program (Waller Hall, Bldg. 2140). Officer Sonny Ayala will showcase job opportunities and benefits. There are positions available for detention officers at juvenile facility and correction officer positions. Other jobs open regularly. All interested are invited.

For more information, call 967-3538 or 966-8325.

Free SKIES classes

As we go into phase two of its Deployment Specials, SKIES wants to make the Fort Lewis community aware of classes that CYS is offering. These classes are free for those families whose Soldiers are deployed.

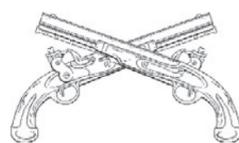
- Arts, Crafts and Confidence, \$40 a month, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in May — classes for: 4 years, 10-11 a.m.; 5 years, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; 6-7 years, 4:45-5:45 p.m.
- Creative Cooking Around the World, \$65, meets Mondays, through June 18 — classes for 14-18 years, 5:45-7 p.m.
- Easy Cooking for Kids, \$55, meets Mondays, through June 18 — classes for 8-12 years, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Introduction to Aviation as a Career, \$25, meets July 14 — classes for 14-18 years.
- German Language, \$45 a month, meets Mondays and Saturdays, ages 3-6 and ages 7-10.
- Infant Sign Language, \$25 a month, meets Wednesdays.
- Toddler Sign Language, \$25 a month, meets Wednesdays.

Sign up at Central Registration, Building 2166 at 12th and Liggett, 967-2494.

Attention

Event announcements must be received no later than the Friday before publication. They can be e-mailed to NWGEditor@thenewtribune.com. Announcements can be viewed online at NWGuardian.com. The Northwest Guardian office is located in Building 2025 (right side from back parking lot), on main post.

For more information, call 967-0173.



MP Corner — Drinking and driving

The weekend is approaching, and partying is a great way to relax for some people. Just about everywhere you go, alcohol is being sold and consumed. Do you know the maximum blood alcohol concentration level a person in the state of Washington is allowed to have while behind the wheel?

In the state of Washington, a person with a BAC of .08 or higher is not allowed to operate a motor vehicle. At this level, a person's ability to judge distance and speed, steer, concentrate, brake, and stay in driving lanes is severely impaired.

DUI offenders are likely to face fines, an increase in insurance costs, the possibility of getting their licenses revoked, or even having to serve time in jail.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, approximately 513, 000 people are injured in alcohol-related crashes each year. That is an average of 59 people per hour, one person per minute. Be on the lookout for people driving under the influence, so you do not become a statistic.

Always designate a driver if you plan to be drinking. Do not drink and drive and do not let friends do so, either.

For more information on state DUI/DWI laws, please visit www.1800duilaws.com.

Fort Lewis' BOSS program offers a free, confidential ride from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. every Friday and Saturday. Just call 208-9169 from any place on Fort Lewis and they will pick you up so you return home safely.