

**Calendar**

**Week of August 15<sup>th</sup> -  
Family Program Office  
moves** to Joint Forces  
Readiness Center

**84th CST Family  
Readiness Summer  
Scramble - September  
2<sup>nd</sup>** Register call SFC  
Christopher Keese 307-  
286-3474 or email:  
christoper.keese@us.ar  
my.mil. Deadline Aug.  
22nd.

**September 17<sup>th</sup> -  
Yellow Ribbon 330-day  
sustainment for the  
197th PAD and Charlie  
Med. Ro.3 in Cheyenne**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> -  
Yellow Ribbon 330-  
sustainment event  
in Casper**

**TRICARE Beneficiary Bulletin 128**

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Split Enrollment - Survivor Benefits - Immunizations

To download or listen to the podcast visit: <http://www.tricare.mil/pressroom/podcast.aspx>**Financial Tip of the Week****Changes to the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

On Thursday the 21st, new legislation made changes to the Fair Credit Reporting act to keep you in the loop of what your creditors are thinking. If you apply for credit and are rejected or given subprime terms, the lender is now required to give you the reasons for their decision, including your credit score. Now, don't apply for credit just to get a free credit score - that could have a damaging effect on the score itself. To read more about these changes, go to [FTC.gov](http://FTC.gov), or give a listen to [KMWU St. Louis' segment](#) on the changes.

**This week in history  
August 21 1867**

Prairie Dog Creek, Kansas — After the Civil War settlers rushed to claim lands in the Great Plains. By the mid-1867 the native peoples in Kansas began resisting by attacking settlements, railroad workers and travelers heading west. To help meet this emergency the War Department authorized placing volunteer units on active duty to patrol and protect the settlements. They were soon



joined by elements of the U.S. 10th Cavalry. This unit was one of four Regular Army African American regiments composed of all-black enlisted men but almost entirely commanded by white officers. These men are often referred to as the "Buffalo Soldiers", a nick name given them by the Native American because their hair resembles that of the buffalo. Combined patrols of cavalry and militia were soon scouting for hostiles. One of these patrols consisted of four companies of the 18th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry along with a small number of men from the 10th. They split their forces along the Saline River. Soon the 10th, numbering some 135 men, was under attack by more than 300 Indians. When Captain Horace Moore commanding 125 Kansans and his men heard the firing, they turned and rode to help the 10th. Soon the two forces were reunited, though pinned down on a hill near Prairie Dog Creek, surrounded by hostiles. To break free the 10th's commander organized a combined detachment of black troopers and white volunteers. Horse-mounted they broke the Indians encirclement and threw them back in confusion.

# Command information –

<http://1.usa.gov/cmdinfo2>  
For Servicemembers and Families

## **GI Bill changes include actual cost for in-state tuition**

*Veterans Affairs report*

The Department of Veterans Affairs is reaching out to inform veterans of recent changes made by Congress to the Post 9/11 GI Bill that take effect in 2011.

Upcoming changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill, effective Aug. 1, include paying the actual net cost of all public in-state tuition and fees, rather than basing payments upon the highest in-state tuition and fee rates for every state. Another change involves capping private and foreign tuition at \$17,500 per academic year, as well as ending payments during certain school breaks to preserve veterans' entitlement for future academic semesters. Additionally, certain students attending private schools in select states can now continue to receive benefits at the same rate payable during the previous academic year.

Beginning Oct. 1, eligible individuals will be able to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill for programs such as non-college degrees, on-the-job training, and correspondence courses. They will also be eligible to receive a portion of the national monthly housing allowance rate when enrolled only in distance learning courses.

## **84th CST Family Readiness Summer Scramble - September 2nd**

1st annual golf outing. Four man scramble format. Warren Golf Club, FE Warren AFB. Registration: 7pm, Tee-off: 8pm. Cost: Military E1-E4 \$45, E5 & Above \$55, Civilian \$60, Members \$36. This includes tournament entry, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, 2 drinks, and a chance to win various prizes. Awards: Longest Drive (Men's & Women's) 2 Closest to the Pin Challenges. All proceeds will be donated to the Family Readiness Group of the 84th Civil Support Team. To Register call SFC Christopher Keese 307-286-3474 or email: christopher.keese@us.army.mil. Deadline Aug. 22nd.

## **Little-known TRICARE benefits**

There are several benefits from TRICARE that are not so well-known. Some of these benefits include: (1) TRICARE beneficiaries can sign up and receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) electronically and eliminate the cost and clutter of paper EOBs; (2) members of the Retired Reserve who are not yet 60 are able to purchase TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) (<http://www.tricare.mil/trr>); (3) there are no copayments or cost-shares for the well-child benefit (<http://www.tricare.mil/baby>); and (4) hospice care is a zero-deductible benefit. For more information about the hospice benefit, beneficiaries can contact their regional health care contractor or their TRICARE Area Office (<http://www.tricare.mil/contactus>). Beneficiaries can view a list of covered TRICARE services on TRICARE's website at: <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/ProfileFilter.do;jsessionid=T4RP4kRyGNG1pJhphjg1nxT2vCf1PcZkhKfz1gJNsIjqSbTMY4jj!60821720?puri=%2Fhome%2FMedical%2FIsItCovered> or contact their regional health care contractor for more information.

## **Buford, Wyoming**

We all knew Buford was small, but now it appears to be the smallest town in the U.S.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/43806509#43806509>

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