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## Chapel promotes community camaraderie



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The holidays can sometimes feel like a huge contributor to morale burnout, but the goodwill couldn't be contained as the Dugway Hope Chapel treated more than 120 Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and residents to a free Thanksgiving luncheon Nov. 27 at the Army Community Service multi-purpose room in English Village.

The meal had all the familiar fare: turkey, mashed potatoes ladled with gravy, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce and homemade desserts--everything that could make one feel like they were part of a big family gathered to celebrate a day of thanks.

Social experts around the world say to never underestimate the power of gathering people together to share a meal. Eating together gives people a chance to joke, laugh or talk about how difficult the day has been with a sympathetic listener.

Chaplain Stephen Dicks whole-heartedly agrees. "I have always been told, 'The family that eats together, stays together.' So as long as we get the joy of spending Thanksgiving together on Dugway we might as well have food too," he said with a huge smile.

It's often the smallest things that make the biggest difference. Goodwill, sharing a meal and a few words of encouragement can make a family, friends and even a team stronger.

Photo by Al Vogel

**Sgt. Brit Jacobs gives the thumbs up as Sgt Chad Davidson finishes loading Jacob's plate at the Dugway Hope Chapel's annual Thanksgiving meal Nov. 27 at the Army Community Service multi-building in English Village. The meal fed more than 120 happy Soldiers, Family Members, employees and residents.**

## Army Community Service still accepting registration for Holiday Assistance program

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Imagine it is late Christmas Eve. All the evening's traditions have been accomplished and four small children have been sent to bed hours ago, hoping Santa would place something wonderful under the tree just for them.

Sound's like a perfect Christmas doesn't it? But for some families, this year budget has been stretched to the limit and there hasn't been much left

over to buy presents.

You can still help make Christmas brighter for 65 Dugway children by joining the Army Community Service's Holiday Assistance program.

**The program will accept donations through Wednesday, Dec. 4. To make arrangements to shop directly for a child or pick up a wish list for a family in need call Brent Console at 831-2837.**

"I have worked with this program for many years and I have always been impressed the generosity of the people on this post," Console said.



Courtesy photo



## Take friends to Mustangs, Pony Express

Two mustangs (wild horses) fight, while others move out of the way, in a Nov. 9 copyrighted photo taken by Al Vogel. A herd of about 70 mustangs is often seen on public land, near the dirt road, about 10 miles south of the LDS church. Having holiday visitors? Take them to watch wildlife and travel along the Pony Express Route. Check weather conditions before leaving. Bring camera, binoculars and an unhurried attitude.

## Community Calendar

### Tree Lighting Ceremony



Thursday, Dec. 5  
Outside School Ages Services  
5 p.m. tentative  
Details: Dennis Nichols 831-2030

### Dugway Winter Ball

Saturday, Dec. 7  
Salt Lake City Airport Hilton  
6 p.m. to midnight  
Details: Kelly Wright, 831-5416



### Outdoor Recreation & Travel Leisure



Saturday, Dec. 7 Festival of Trees  
Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Holiday lights & Christmas Concert Salt Lake City  
Monday, Dec. 30 Ski Trip - The Canyons

Jan. 4 - Rocky Mountain Gun Show  
Jan. 7 & 21 - Cross-country Ski Lessons at Dugway during lunch hour  
Jan. 11 - Ski Trip to Brighton Resort  
Jan. 17 - Wendover Trip  
Jan. 21 to 23 - Yurt Hut Back Country Ski Trip  
Information? Contact Curt Fortie, 831-2318

## Get to Know Dugway event postponed

It was decided Wednesday, Nov. 27, to reschedule the Get to Know Dugway public tour until this spring. The decision was made by Dugway leaders after learning of a large response to the public opening of the post.

Concerns included the number of security personnel required, transportation to various facilities, winter weather, safety, and the expected large numbers of outsiders traveling on post.

Several dates next spring were discussed; none was set. Dugway leaders tabled planning until after the Thanksgiving holiday week.

## Army Family Action Plan

## Dugwayites focus on quality of life issues

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In a world where email and social media are dominating conversations, it's easy for individual voices to get lost in the fray, but one Army program allows the people's voices to be heard by Army leaders who can make decisions and changes.

Dugway Proving Ground held its Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference Oct. 24 at the Community Club, where about 50 people helped to identify, prioritize and make recommendations on quality of life issues that would be submitted directly to Dugway leadership, said Brent Console, AFAP program manager.

"This program can make a difference," he said. "Our senior leaders at the highest levels take this very seriously. It's an opportunity to Soldiers, Family Members, civilian employees and residents to suggest changes and solutions that could have an impact on our community."

The conference was broken into five workgroups: two for civilian employees, one for

Soldiers, one for Soldiers' spouses, and a group for Dugway High School students. Each group worked to find the top concerns, and discuss possible solutions.

Top topics included: Upgrade of mission equipment; energy conservation, funding for the Chapel's Strong Bonds programs, additional street lights in English Village, adding more walking, running and biking trails, marketing for new businesses on post and additional information to new employees.

The Soldiers' work group addressed unit issues specific to advancement, retention, tuition assistance, promotions; and other information related to a permanent change of station.

"This program provides a voice of change for the community, the process isn't always easy. Some of the issues discussed were not Army-wide issues so they will not be forwarded to higher headquarters. But some do fall into the category of issues that can be worked locally for a successful resolution," said Audy Snodgrass, the garrison manager.



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**COMMANDER'S HOTLINE: 831-3737**

People don't need to be told what's not working, but sometimes commanders do. Actions build communities. If there's a problem, let's hear about it. Leave a message, name and phone number.

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