President's Volunteer Award

"Americans of all ages – individual, families and groups – are answering the President's Call to Service by making a difference in their communities. The Presidents Volunteer Service Award, an initiative of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, honors America's volunteers and encourages even more Americans to get involved." This quote is from the President's Volunteer Award homepage.

This is something that we do everyday as Soldiers and as part of the BOSS program. Single Soldiers volunteer their precious off duty time to get involved in their community through mentorship, Special Olympics, Make a Difference Day, and the list goes on. The Department of the Army BOSS Office is now registered as the certifying organization for all of the BOSS Councils. What this means, is that we would like you will send your volunteer hours to us, individually or as a group. We will put your hours in a database and track them. During next year's DA BOSS Forum we will award the President's Volunteer Awards! So, if you're not already doing it, contact your local Installation Volunteer Coordinator and start tracking them now!

How do we calculate the hours and how many hours to earn an award? To track your group's hours, you will add each person's volunteer hours together for each event, (verified through your local IVC). For the Bronze Level Award, your group needs between 200-499 hours; for the Silver Award between 500-999 hours; and 1000 or more hours for the Gold Level Award.

We want to show our BOSS Programs how much their volunteer hours mean. Please ensure that your Soldiers are registered with the Installation Volunteer Coordinator and that you are tracking your hours. Send your volunteer hours documentation to boss@cfsc.army.mil or FAX 703-681-7249 and enclose: (1) Your installation; (2) POC; (3) # of hours. If you have any questions, email us at the above address. Thank you!

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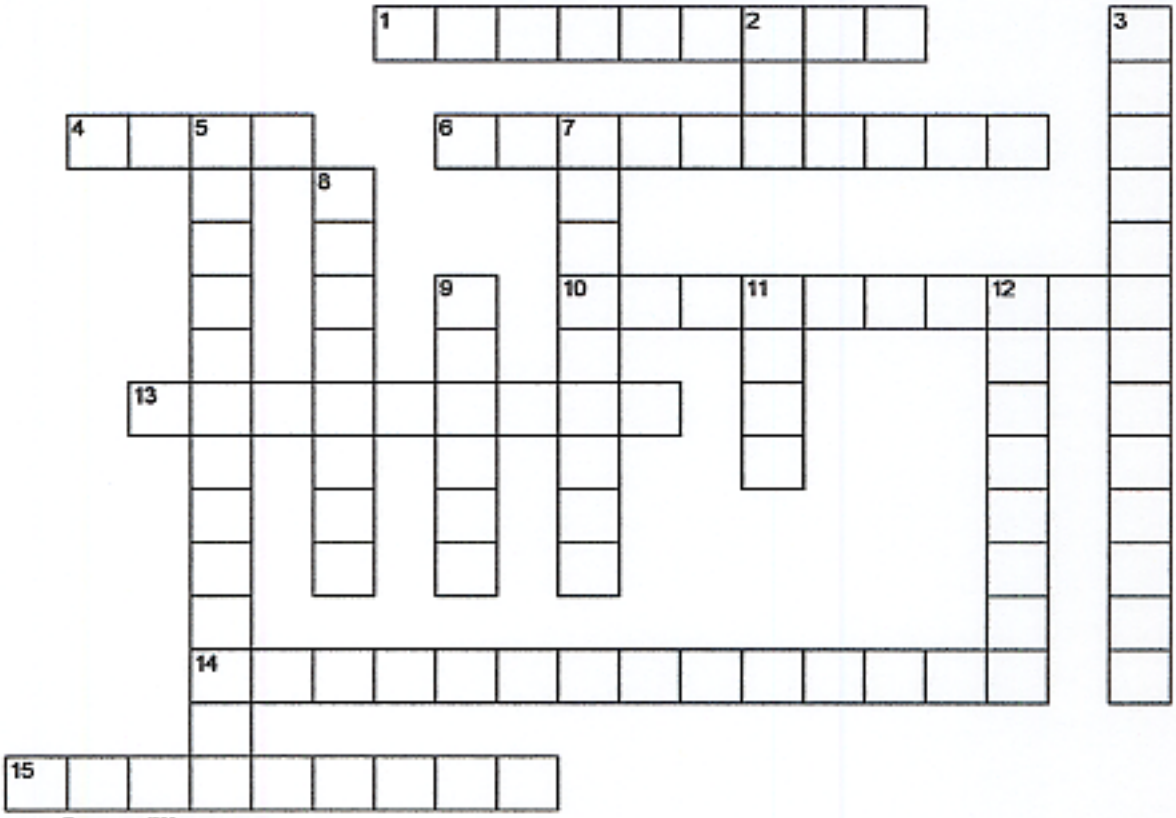
BOSS COMPONENTS



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Across

1 A Pillar of BOSS
4 Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (Abbreviation)
6 ___ and Leisure
10 World of Knowledge
13 "Chair" of the Council
14 Program designed for
15 Keeps good notes

Down

2 Income Generating Activity (Abbreviation)
3 President's right hand person
5 Mentor
7 ___ Service
8 "Figure" smart
9 For planning purpose
11 BOSS was "born" from an ____ issue
12 Who plans events

Instead of having the same old "boring" meetings, try to add a little FUN!!
Have theme parties!! Here are some ideas to get you started....

JUNE is...

DAIRY MONTH - Remember those hot days of summer when you wanted a nice cold ice cream to cool you down? Try having a ice cream bar as a theme for your meeting.

NATIONAL ROSE MONTH - See if you can get someone to sponsor a rose for all of your BOSS representatives.

14 JUNE - Flag Day and the Army's Birthday!! Host a Birthday party for the Army as a theme or hand out flags for Flag Day.

21 JUNE - First day of SUMMER!!!! Have a theme dealing with things to do in the summer. Have your meeting at the pool or have a watermelon contest.

JULY is...

NATIONAL HOT DOG, BAKED BEAN, AND BLUE BERRY MONTH— Have a picnic for one of your meetings and serve Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, and Blueberry Pie!!

4 July - HAPPY A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!

18 July - National Ice Cream Day. Have an Ice Cream Party for your Single Soldiers.

28 July - The Hamburger was created. Cook hamburgers at your BOSS Meeting.

2004 MADDEN TOURNAMENT, Ft. Eustis, VA
By: Randy Smith, MWR Advisor

The Fort Eustis BOSS Program held its first Madden 2004 Video Game Tournament on 26 October 2003 at the Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Community Recreation Center. The tournament generated an overwhelming response from soldiers ranging in rank from E1 to O2. Thirty participants paid a $10 entry fee for a chance to win cash prizes of $200 for first place and $100 for the runner-up.

With 3 no-shows the 27 gamers battled starting at 1430 until one champion emerged victorious at about 1930 hours. 1LT Dwight Towler from Delta Company, 1/222D Aviation Regiment is the reigning Fort Eustis Madden 2004 Champion and SGT Vernell Davis from 558th Transportation Company was the runner-up. The cash prizes were provided by the Directorate of Community Activities Commercial Sponsorship Office and the USO provided an array of food and refreshments for gamers and spectators throughout the event. SGT Rayon Sinkovics, BOSS Treasurer and tournament coordinator, stated "the tournament went so well, everyone wants to have another one in the near future.

BOSS SETS SAIL ON THE SPIRIT OF NORFOLK, Ft. Eustis, VA
By: Mr. Randy Smith, MWR Advisor

Thirty four single soldiers from the Fort Eustis Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program took an excursion aboard the Spirit of Norfolk on Friday, 30 April. The soldiers were all primary and alternate representatives of their individual military units that make up the Installation BOSS Council. Instead of having its monthly installation meeting on Thursday it was decided that the Council would take the cruise and pass out printed information on upcoming BOSS events.

This was the first time that everyone had been on board the Spirit of Norfolk and for many the first time ever on board a ship of any type. The ship leaves the outer berth at Waterside and cruises the Elizabeth River and the Hampton Roads harbor sailing past many sites such as the Nauticus, Old Fort Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk Southern Coal Terminal, Portsmouth Naval Hospital and Portsmouth Marine Terminal.

In addition to sightseeing the representatives enjoyed a delicious buffet meal, live entertainment and had fun dancing to oldies and new tunes spun by the ship's DJ. The cruise represented one of the core components of the BOSS program, "Recreation and Leisure" and gave the Council a chance to become familiar with each other and develop spirit de corps.

BOSS CENTER OPENS, 221st BSB, Wiesbaden, GE
Cassandra Kardeke, Public Affairs Office

Single Soldiers play a game of pool during the grand opening of the Better Opportunities for Single Service members Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield on February 26, 2004. Equipped with a pool and ping pong table, large-screen television, DVD player, video machine and a Play Station II, the center serves as a hang-out for the Soldiers of the diverse units within the 221st Base Support Battalion. In addition to playing games and relaxing, the Soldiers can use the Center for special events and tournaments as well as to hold bi-monthly meetings.

Last year, the Dexheim BOSS Center, also a part of the 221st BSB, opened and has been staffed by Soldiers for a few hours daily. The new Center in Wiesbaden, about 40 minutes from Dexheim, is currently open 4 days per week with plans to expand hours. "The Soldiers here deserve a lot of credit for the hours they put in to staff the Centers. They volunteer after duty hours just so that others can come and enjoy the place," said Laura Waid, Morale Welfare and Recreation events coordinator and BOSS advisor. The new Center is located conveniently next to the airfield's dining facility and near many single Soldiers' barracks. The Directorate of Public Works was instrumental in renovating an old Community Mailroom into the BOSS Center.

SONY OPEN IN HAWAII
By: SSG Rose Steckler and SPC Anthony Roy

With the New Year just rolling in, the BOSS Hawaii program and the Professional Golf Association (PGA) partnered together and participated in the 2004 Sony Open. BOSS Hawaii provided eleven volunteers to help with everything from answering phone to setting up interview that were aired on the Golf Channel. The volunteers had the opportunity to meet famous golfers, such as Ernie Els, Michelle Wie, and Vijay Singh and they also had the opportunity to meet stars Kevin James of the King of Queens and Adam Sandler.

The entertainers and golfers were very appreciating of the volunteers. Knowing that many of the volunteers were in the military they treated them with the utmost respect. This was a great opportunity for all of the soldiers and other service members to enjoy rubbing shoulders with celebrities and professional athletes.

FORT KNOX BOSS WELCOMES MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT
By: SPC Ken Loper, BOSS President, Ft. Knox, KY

The Fort Knox BOSS program recently welcomed the participation of Fort Knox Marine Corps Detachment. The mission of the detachment is to train Marines to be M1A1 Tank Crewman and Tank Mechanics. This new relationship will allow Marine and Army BOSS participants to interact with one another while helping the Fort Knox and surrounding communities.

SGT Robert Sherry, 1/81 Armor, is the liaison BOSS Representative for over one hundred Marines stationed on the installation.

The Marines participated in the BOSS 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament held in April 2004, as well as the BOSS recreation trip to Paramount's Kings Island Amusement Park in May. The partnership between the two services is the first to happen on Fort Knox.

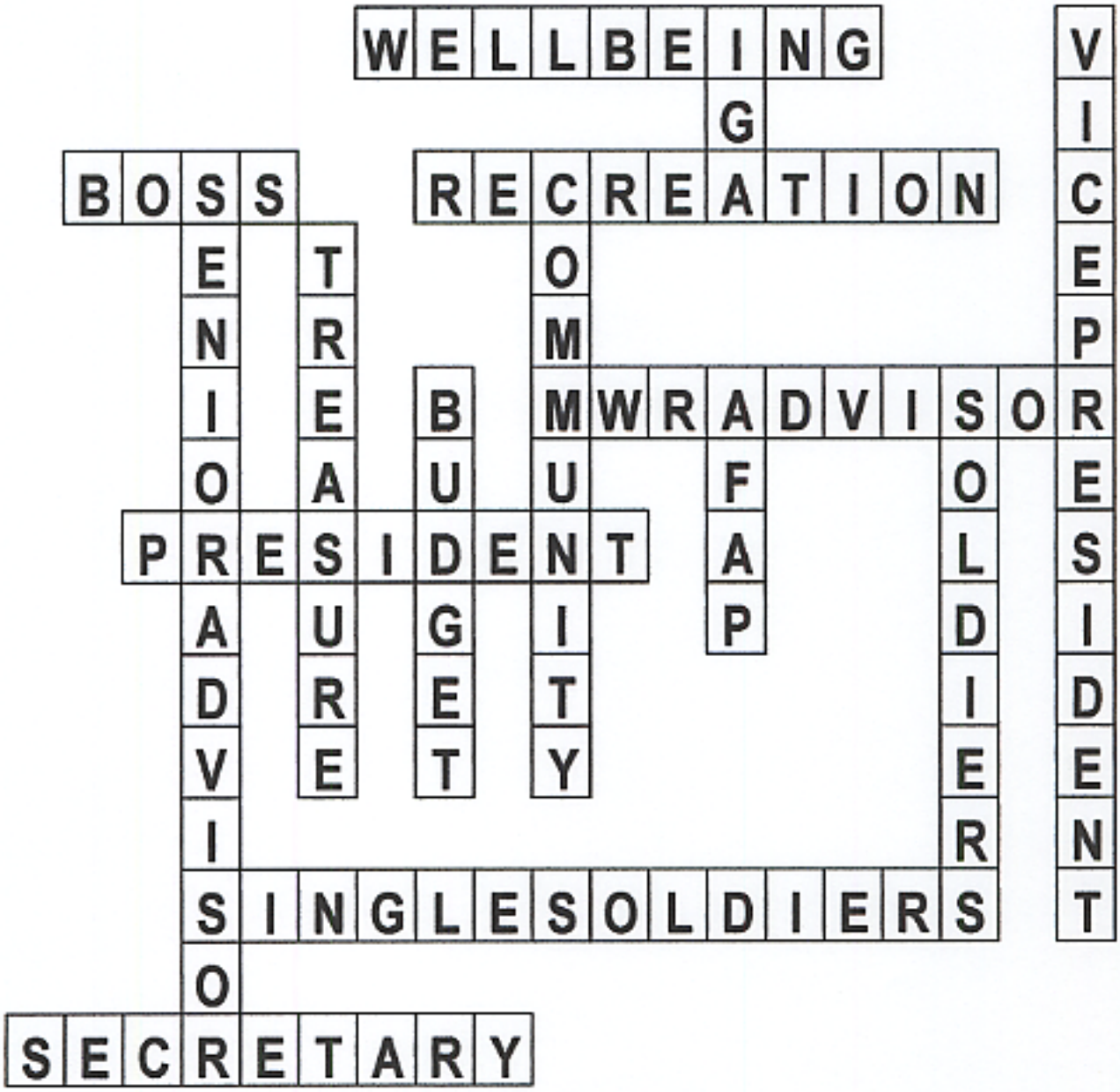
SPC Loper, Fort Knox President says "We are excited they are a part of our program and hope they continue to attend every event we plan."

SOLDIERS MAKE LIFE A LITTLE EASIER IN IRAQ
By: SPC Jacob Waguespack, 6/6 CAV, Ansbach, Germany

While deployed to a combat zone, the BOSS program is one of the most important programs available. While there, everyone is single, most geographically, but single none the less. I am SPC Jacob Waguespack representing 6/6 CAV, which is one of the many units that fall under the 235th BSB in Ansbach, Germany. We spent a year and some change in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While we were there, the morale was dangerously low. Our BOSS council was more or less rudimentary, but we had the same goal as we have now. We felt we wouldn't make it if we kept on the way we had for so long.

In response to this dilemma, we did what we could with what we could get. We took rebar iron and bent, cut, and filed down sections of it and made a horseshoe pit where we held many tournaments. That was just the beginning. We continued on by participating in many sports days and we passed out bottled water in the scorching heat of the Arabian sun while celebrities visited. We attempted to get resourceful and held scorpion fights and lizard races. We pooled together the candy that was sent to us and passed it out to Iraqi children. We even went as far as building our own restrooms along with fully functional showers well before the engineers started their art. All in all, we pulled together and with some planning and volunteering, we made the trip to Iraq fun. I noticed that other units were following our lead and it makes me hope and pray that they keep it up and that they appreciate the difference it makes as much as we did.

ANSWER TO BOSS COMPONENTS



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The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program supports the overall quality of life for single soldiers. BOSS identifies well-being issues and concerns by recommending improvements through the chain of command. BOSS encourages and assists single Soldiers in identifying and planning for recreational and leisure activities. Additionally, it gives single Soldiers the opportunity to participate in and contribute to their respective communities.

The BOSS Program was established in 1989 to respond to the recreational needs of single Soldiers who made up 37% of the Army. As the program was implemented throughout the Army, it became evident that the Soldier's well-being was the primary concern of the single Soldiers. In 1991, the Chief of Staff of the Army officially expanded BOSS to include all aspects of Soldiers' lives. BOSS members later began to express and interest in participating in community service projects. Recreation and leisure, well being and community service are the core components of the BOSS program.

BOSS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

7-9 White Sands Missile Range Rejuvenation Workshop
14 Army's Birthday/Flag Day

National Ice Tea, Rose, and Beef-Steak Month

JULY

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Happy 4th of July!!
18– National Ice Cream Day
28– Hamburger was created

National Baked Bean, Hot Dog and Blue Berry Month