

Engines Rev for Annual Ride



About 300 motorcyclists lined up in front of the 1st Infantry Division headquarters building. The ride took them from Fort Riley to Topeka and highlighted safety while providing a networking opportunity for riders from the post to network and practice riding in a group. The event is semi-annual and the responsibility for hosting rotated between brigades. This event was organized by Soldiers from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade.

Photographer | POST.

Born to be 'BRO'

Motorcycle safety emphasis for Soldiers to bring the "Big Red One" motto into motorcycle riding

By Amanda Kim Stairrett and J. Parker Roberts
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

About 300 motorcycle riders from units across the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley dotted the roads between the post and Topeka May 21 as they participated in the "Big Red One", BRO Ride.

The semi-annual event was a way to foster safety and camaraderie, said Wendell Franklin, safety and occupational health specialist with the 1st Inf. Div. Safety Office.

"We're excited to have the guys and gals out here who are riding," he said May 21 as engines revved and riders prepared to take off from division headquarters.

"This is a positive motorcycle group."

A Big Red One unit hosts each ride, Franklin said. Last time was the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team. The 1st Combat Aviation Brigade took the lead this time.

"These are important," said Sgt. Isaac Crabtree, Company C, 299th Brigade Support Battalion,

"I remember when I went on my first one when I was pretty new, and it was nice because I got together with the crowd and I learned a little bit more about the dynamics of how to ride in a big group, stuff like that."

Sgt. Isaac Crabtree
Company C, 299th BSB



Photo by Amanda Stairrett | 1ST INF. DIV. Fort Riley bikers were sent out in chinks, or small groups, to accommodate about 300 riders who turned out for the spring BRO Ride. The ride is semi-annual and focuses on motorcycle safety and providing a way for Soldiers and other Fort Riley area bike enthusiasts an opportunity to participate in an organized ride.



Maria Childs | UNIT

Charles Lemonds, a worker at the Douthit Range Complex, does a function check on a target sensor. The sensor tells the target when to activate and raise, and once it is hit by the Soldiers during training, the target goes down.

Training Behind Douthit's Scenes

A glimpse of what goes on behind targets at Douthit Range

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Five hundred and forty-six beds, 26 showers, 33 sinks, 10 washers and dryers, a forward landing strip, a mock airfield and 9,000 acres are where about 5,000 Soldiers train each year – and it's operated by a team of fewer than 50 people.

The Fort Riley Douthit Range Complex is in the northwest corner of the post off Highway 77. It is one piece of the integrated training environment used to support the 1st Infantry Division, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers. The complex supports crew through platoon live-fire training for M1A2 Abrams Tanks, M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and AH-64 Apache Helicopters.

Once leadership for a unit establishes they will be coming to the complex, they contact the staff and define their training objectives. This includes selecting training tables, which

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Spc. Tristan D. Bolden | CJTF-OIR

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, commander of the 1st Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston, and Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Iraq command team render a salute to the fallen during a Memorial Day ceremony in Iraq.

Victory With Honors send off for Kurilla

Departing deputy commander for maneuver honored

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Light infantryman by trade, Brig. Gen. Michael Erik Kurilla arrived at the 1st Infantry Division shortly before its headquarters received orders to return to Iraq last year. A man who spent much of his career in

"Thanks for being all-in on being a Big Red One Soldier. Thanks for being a great teammate and friend."

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II
Commander 1st. Inf. Div.

airborne and special operations units found himself serving as the "Big Red One's" deputy commanding

general for maneuver.

"Putting me in Erbil, Iraq, to drop bombs on Islamic militants was a little like throwing the Brer Rabbit back in the briar patch," Kurilla said. "It was my honor to work with the leaders of the BRO and 10th (Air Support Operations Squadron) and it was truly inspirational. I now can proudly wear a BRO combat patch on my right shoulder."

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Staff Sgt. Daniel Stoutamire | 1st. INF. DIV Soldiers from the CGMCG, wearing period uniforms, retire the nation's colors at the conclusion the ceremony for Brig. Gen. Erik Kurilla.

The next USAG Resilience Day Off will be:

June 12

SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, May 28

142

days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. Eighty more and the post will celebrate with a safety holiday to take place at each unit's discretion.

HIGHLIGHTS



GEN. MARTIN E. DEMPSEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, OFFICIATES AT K-STATE ROTC COMMISSIONING CEREMONY. SEE PAGE 8.

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TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER

The May 26 question: “For In-processing, Soldiers must sign in at the 1st Replacement Company, which is located where?”

Lena Hall correctly answered! Her spouse, Sam, is a sergeant who serves with an Army National Guard unit – the 161st Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion in Hutchinson, Kansas.

In this photo:
Sgt. Sam Hall & Lena Hall

Every Tuesday, check out Fort Riley's Facebook page for the Fort Riley Tuesday Trivia question of the week at www.facebook.com/FortRiley. Every answer will be available somewhere on the official Fort Riley website at www.riley.army.mil.

CONGRATULATIONS,
LENA HALL!



Command team in firefighters' boots, suits

Photo and Story by
Maria Childs
1st Inf. Div. Post

It's a day's work for Fort Riley's firefighters, but for others, climbing ladders, fighting fires and confined spaces is challenging.

The Fort Riley firefighters have quarterly training required to keep their certification, but May 19, Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole, Jr. and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt lived an hour in a firefighter's day-to-day life and participated in certification training.

"Each of the pieces of training were unique in their own way," Schmidt said. "You have to conquer your fear of heights if you're going to be on the ladder. You have to conquer your fear of small spaces. You have to conquer your fear of not being able to see in the

burning building. Each has their unique aspect that firefighters have to work through. That's kind of unique to their skill set."

The fire department invited the Garrison Commander and his staff to participate so they could relate to the requirements and risks posed in the line of duty. Cole said it is important to him to understand the certification behind the fire department.

"While I am familiar with most of the technical requirements of our active-duty personnel; those of our civilian uniformed personnel are very different than what we are used to," Cole said. "In many instances, a thorough understanding of the Fire Department's certification requirements allows me to manage risk, ensure certifications are tracked and ensuring appropriate resources are available to allow our team to be the best they



Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole, Jr., and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt work beside firefighters to put out a fire at the Fire Department's Camp Funston training area May 19 to familiarize themselves with fire department certification requirements.

can be in protecting our community."

The most challenging part for Cole was maneuvering the confined spaces while under supplemental oxygen in protect clothing.

"If you can imagine doing a night wreck dive in Scuba gear that might be a similar environment," Cole said. "Limited visibility and

range of movement while having to rely on a partner as you search for someone incapacitated can be high adventure."

Cole and Schmidt said they came away with new respect for firefighters. Cole said, though firefighters don't face armed foes, they do face an equally harmful, erratic environment.

"After the training I wondered how many times firefighters did this knowing they may be doing it for the last time," Cole said. "I was then struck by how many got into their gear on 9/11 and never returned — truly humbling training experience."

Buffer zones compliment training, ranchers, environment

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Army training has evolved. But while much can be accomplished using virtual training technologies, training isn't complete until Soldiers and equipment are tested on training ranges.

That takes land; a lot of it. The land around Fort Riley, is valuable and used for myriad purposes besides training Soldiers. To mitigate potential conflicts between military and civilian use, the Kansas Land Trust was established to create buffer zones surrounding the installation. That zone cultivates a training environment that keeps Soldiers mission ready.

The purpose of Army Compatible Use Buffer Program is to reduce training restrictions that result from incompatible development around Fort Riley.

Alan Hynek, chief of the conservation branch of the environmental branch of the Directorate

of Public Works, said when businesses or apartment complexes are built too close to a military installation it is considered encroachment. Fort Riley takes measures to reduce the likelihood of this through the ACUB.

"Many of the Army installations started to see significant encroachment," Hynek said. "It negatively affects how we can train and when we can train. Fort Riley doesn't have those issues now, but we could very easily."

According to the ACUB website, the program is permanently preserving more than 200,000 acres of buffer lands around installations combined with more than \$275 million in executed funds from the Army.

Fort Riley began participating in the ACUB in 2006. Since then, the buffer zone has increased to nearly 13,000 acres of land.

Fort Riley provides funding so the Kansas Land Trust can buy the right to build on land around the post. The Kansas Land Trust makes

the agreement with the landowner. Because Fort Riley is nearly surrounded by agricultural lands, this agreement tends to benefit landowners.

"In most cases, nearly all of them, these are cattle ranches and the owner can continue to ranch just like they always have been," Hynek said. "(Farm-land) is very compatible with military training."

Being compatible with military training is one requirement of the buffer zone land, but another is the conservation of endangered wildlife in the area. Hynek said we have been successful in some areas, but it could improve.

"A lot of installations have certain species that become endangered, region wide," Hynek said. "The red cockaded woodpecker is a good example; the only good habitat that was left was on Fort Bragg and Fort Benning. We have that same potential here with the greater prairie chicken, Henslow's Sparrows, things like that ... it helps us to buy this big chunk of farm land, this person will continue to use it how he has been — grazing

cattle — which is completely compatible with military training and prairie chickens so (Fort Riley) doesn't become the only habitat."

The goal of the program surrounding Fort Riley is to reduce noise complaints and help conservation efforts on land around the installations.

The landowner's involvement in the program is voluntary. Once property is purchased as part of the buffer zone, it is a permanent transaction.

Hynek said through the ACUB, Fort Riley has greater flexibility and reduced encroachment from off-post landowners. Property owners benefit through financial incentives and tax benefits while preserving the land for wildlife and training.

The mitigation of negative impact flows to both sides of the installation perimeter fence. By maintaining a buffer, Fort Riley neighbors aren't subject to increased noise related issues.

"We want to minimize the impact on our neighbors," Hynek said.

TRAFFIC REPORT



ESTES ROAD

The portion of Estes Road on the right side of Normandy is closed.

Traffic changeover will be conducted during a non-rush-hour time of day. Prior to the changeover, the Normandy left lane will be widened. No roads will be closed for the widening work on Normandy.

DICKMAN AVENUE

Road repairs on Dickman Avenue have begun and will continue until July 1.

Dickman Avenue is closed at Pershing Avenue at the south end of the construction and just south of the AAFES gas station/Shoppette at Huebner and Dickman on the north end of the construction. Both entrances to the AAFES gas station/Shoppette will remain open.

The designated detour between Huebner Road and Dickman Avenue is Holbrook Avenue. Detour signage is posted. During the road closure, the GSA vehicle service facility, Bldg. 386, and the main post fuel point is only accessible via Carr Avenue from Pershing Avenue.

for three days at the intersection of McCormick and Trooper. All northbound Trooper traffic will turn left onto First Street and use the roundabout at Trooper and Rifle Range Road. Drivers going eastbound on First Street to McCormick and Trooper will not be able to make a left turn onto northbound Trooper and should detour to the roundabout at Trooper and Rifle Range Road.

HAMPTON PLACE

A portion of Hampton Place, from Jackson Avenue north to Ashby Drive, will be closed thru traffic through May.

A pedestrian and bike detour is in place during this time. The closure is part of the demolition and construction project in the Warner Peterson Community.

Access to Custer Hill Elementary School will be available from Ashby Avenue.

For more information, contact Corvias Military Living at 785-717-2200.

ACP HOURS OF OPERATION

Access control point hours are:

Four Corners/Trooper-Ogden: Open 24/7

Henry: Open 24/7

12th Street: Open from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed on weekends and federal holidays.

Rifle Range: Open for construction vehicles only.

Grant: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; closed Sundays and federal holidays.

Estes: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed weekends and federal holidays.

TORNADO SAFETY TIPS

PREPARING FOR A TORNADO

- Develop a plan of action
- Pick a tornado-safe route in your home
- Have frequent drills
- Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone
- Listen to radio and television for information
- Sign up for Fort Riley ATHOC text messaging alerts
- If planning a trip outdoors, listen to forecasts

SURVIVING A TORNADO

- Always remember "DUCK,"
 - DOWN TO THE LOWEST LEVEL
 - UNDER SOMETHING STURDY
 - COVER YOUR HEAD
 - KEEP IN THE SHELTER UNTIL THE STORM HAS PASSED
- Go to lowest level of the building, stay away from windows.
- If caught outdoors, seek shelter immediately.
- Get out of automobile and get into a sturdy structure or ditch. Or, buckle your seat belt and get below window level of your vehicle.

DEFINING A TORNADO

Tornadoes can occur at any time of day or night and at any time of year. A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. Tornadoes are capable of completely destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles.

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Fort Riley Public Storm Shelters

★ Designated buildings are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week year round.

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER AREA

NOTE: The buildings designated on this map are severe weather shelters open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the 2015 season. Evacuation changes from year to year based on availability.

TRAINING AREA

Emergency Management Office (785) 240-0400

Duty First, Service Always



Above, the traditional Memorial Wreath, escorted by two bearers, was placed by the Fort Riley Garrison Commander, Col. Andrew Cole Jr., and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt during the Fort Riley, Kansas, Memorial Day Ceremony on behalf of the men and women of Fort Riley. Below, Sisters Marty Romeold and Sharon O’Neal place flowers at the grave of their father, Foster George, a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Though he didn’t die in service, the two still attended to honor not only their father’s service, but to stand by the families of those who lost a loved one in service to the nation. Lower Right, The Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard participants paid their own standing tribute during the ceremony.



Fort Riley remembers

Story and photos by Kalyn Curtis
1ST INF. DIV. POST

“He loved the flag, we always had a flag when we were growing up,” said Sharon O’Neal, daughter of Foster George, a World War II, Korea and Vietnam veteran of the United States Army.

O’Neal and her sister Marty Romeold were part of the audience at the Memorial Day Ceremony Monday afternoon. The ceremony was held at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery at 11:40 a.m.

Kansas Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D. joined United States Army Garrison Fort Riley Commander Col. Andrew Cole Jr. to recognize the fallen Warriors at the Cemetery.

Cole said the origin of Memorial Day stems from Decoration Day, which was first observed May 30 1868, at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. The significance of the time is not coincidental. The Memorial Day ceremony takes place at exactly 11:40 a.m., at Fort Riley so the twenty-one gun salute happens at the same time in every state.

“It is widely believed that this particular date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country during this time of year,” said Col. Cole. “Throughout the next century, Decoration Day continued to be observed. On May 30, 1971 our congress declared Memorial Day as a national holiday. Now it occurs on the last Monday in May each year.”

For so many, Memorial Day is spent remembering those who fell in the line of duty, but for sisters Sharon and Marty, they remem-

ber their father’s pride in his service as they laid flowers at the foot of his grave. George died in 2010 at the age of 93, after spending a total of 30 years in the Army.

“He wore the American Flag insignia until the end,” said Marty Romeold. “He even had a flag in the retirement place where he lived.”

George was drafted to fight in World War II. He rose to the rank of Command Sergeant Major before retiring at Fort Riley.

Throughout the ceremony dozens of patrons lined the walls as witnesses. Inside the walls of the cemetery, were those who RSVP’d, like Sharon and Marty, and the family members of Soldiers who died in the line of duty.

During the ceremony, Col. Cole said more than 170 Fort Riley Soldiers and Airmen died in recent years fighting the war on terror.

Romeold said those words echoed throughout her mind, bringing tears to her eyes.

“I was most sorrowed for the Gold Families that were here,” she said. “They are here because a family member paid the ultimate price, so their grief is raw and it sorrows me.”

Col. Cole asked for attendees not to remember those who sacrificed just on Memorial Day, but throughout the year.

“War is unpleasant, sacrifice is unpleasant, death is unpleasant,” said Col. Cole. “But sometimes war is necessary, sacrifice is necessary and even death – yes death — is necessary. That is why we must remember, we must not let the sacrifice of these heroes and the sacrifice of many others around the world, throughout the years be in vane. Remember them and their families on this Memorial Day and each day throughout the year.”



Fort Riley housing manager is new Army housing instructor

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Fort Riley Housing and Asset Manager Steve Milton is going to teach incoming staff at the Housing Academy.

Milton was selected as an instructor for the Army level program that trains housing staff around the world. Academy instructors teach housing staff how to meet the fundamental housing needs of Soldiers and families.

For the last few years, the housing academy was taught by contract employees. The Army-owned material will now be taught by the subject matter experts who use it on a daily basis.

Milton is one of six housing managers chosen from across the Army including those from Fort Stewart, Fort Bragg and Fort Bliss.

“It’s kind of cool to be asked to be one of the subject matter experts in the field to come out and teach this for the

Army,” Milton said. “It’s nice to be recognized. Fort Riley has been on the forefront on a lot of initiatives.”

One of those initiatives included the First Sergeant’s Barracks Program – another housing program that helps manage and develop barracks for single Soldiers. This program helped to standardize and identify what has to be done, and by whom, to ensure a high quality of life is maintained for single Soldiers living in the barracks. Milton said he is honored to be a representative of Fort Riley in those initiatives and to share them with the rest of the team and those he is teaching.

Milton said that by recognizing staff at Fort Riley, the Army can help educate others about housing initiatives. He is happy to assist his fellow housing managers by sharing different housing programs.

“We’re all peers,” Milton said. “As a trainer you’re a facilitator. It’s an opportunity to learn from them. This is shar-

ing of knowledge and information as well as facilitating information for the students. Working with them is an opportunity for us to improve our product. At the end of the day, our jobs don’t exist without the Soldiers. So everything we do is geared toward the quality of life for our Soldiers.”

The first class will be in Korea this November.

Milton said he is looking forward to learning new information about housing and sharing information with his peers. The team will also travel to Germany and several state-side locations. He said gathering and sharing great housing programs affects every Soldier’s mission.

“Your day begins and ends where you pick your head up off the bed and you lay it down at night,” Milton said. “So everything we do in the housing career field is geared toward one of the key fundamental needs of all humans – where you live.”

Readiness milestone set by ‘Lifeline’ 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers

By Capt. Ed Alvarado
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 1st Infantry Division’s 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, hosted a ceremony May 11 to recognize two companies with SABER awards.

SABER or Sober Army Bravely Expedite Readiness, is a competitive program sponsored by the Army Substance Abuse Program to recognize elite groups of Soldiers committed to a higher level of personal and professional development with a “Team Attitude,” according to the awards’ citation.

The team effort, by Soldiers and leaders alike, is required to qualify for an award. The program calls for units to conduct training on substance abuse and suicide prevention, among other requirements.

Those units that meet these requirements for two quarters receive the gold streamer, which was presented to the “Lifeline” battalion’s Company B.

Units that meet the award’s requirements for three out of four quarters are presented with the 1st Inf. Div.’s encased saber, which was presented to Company C.

“The saber gives our Soldiers a sense of satisfaction that their efforts are being noticed,” Capt. David Draper, Co. C commander, said. “It gives us a sense of pride in keeping it — something we can thump our chest about.”

Co. C holds the distinction of being the first unit in the 1st Inf. Div. to earn the saber four times.

“The saber signifies the dedication our Soldiers have for each other —they know they can call someone,” said 1st Sgt. Kent Smith, senior noncommissioned officer for Co. C. “It’s a significant win. It’s not mine or the commander’s — it’s something the company has earned.”

The competition to earn the right to guard the division’s saber highlights the success of the

Irwin Army Community Hospital now a tobacco-free campus

By Tywana Sparks
IACH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Irwin Army Community Hospital, Dental Activity and Veterinary Services leadership signed a memorandum of agreement with the local collective bargaining unit to implement a tobacco-free campus on all Fort Riley medical facilities May 20.

The agreement comes on the heels of the publication of Army Regulation 600-63 which provides the legal framework to enforce a tobacco free campus.

As of May 14 no health care personnel may use any tobacco products and no Soldiers may use any tobacco products while in uniform, per the regulation.

“This is the biggest win all the way around,” said Col. Risa Ware, IACH commander. “Leadership worked hard to come up with a plan that will allow folks who have an addiction to have the help they need to break that addiction. Whether they are a beneficiary of military medicine or one of our very valued civilians, we will be able to offer products,

counseling and services to help them become tobacco free.”

Negotiations with the American Federation of Government Employees Local 2334 started about two years ago. Back then the concern was over the moral responsibility for the health of patients and employees, said Timothy John, AFGE local



president. “We were ahead of the Army,” he said. “Thanks to the leadership for their stewardship of following this document (MOA) to get this accomplished.”

The MOA outlines 13 negotiated proposals and indicates how the policy will be implemented in phases and that tobacco cessa-

tion assistance will be provided to employees.

No sooner than 30 days after the signing of the agreement will the policy take effect and apply to all health care staff, patients and visitors. Designated smoking areas will be removed. Tobacco products may only be used in privately owned vehicles during the initial phase at all Fort Riley medical facilities.

The initial phase will end upon final occupancy of the new hospital. At that time, any use of tobacco products will be

prohibited at all medical facilities within defined campus boundaries.

“This is an exciting day,” Ware said. “This really shows we are taking steps forward and we are going to be the example to our Soldiers, to our Family members and to our community for health living which does not involve the use of tobacco products.”

More for information contact the Fort Riley Department of Public Health at 239-7323, or the Army Wellness Center at 239-WELL or 239-9355.

HOSPITAL HOSTS SAFETY DAY COVERING WIDE SPECTRUM OF TOPICS



Irwin Army Community Hospital hosted a safety day training program to heighten awareness of potential injuries at the start of the 101 critical days of summer. Multiple departments provided exhibits such as the infection control, patient safety, laboratory and pharmacy services. Partner agencies like Life Star and the Red Cross contributed to the program including Fort Riley Garrison Safety Office. An estimated 2,000 attendees engaged in the interactive booths designed to challenge assumptions as basic as the safest way to cut a celery or how to spot ticks.

Above: SHARP provides a reminder to IACH staff what to do in the event of a sexual harassment or sexual assault incident. **Upper Right:** Lizzie Gutierrez, OB/GYN Department, demonstrates the impact of shaken baby syndrome using broken egg yolks to illustrate the fragile nature of a baby's brain. **Right,** 1st Sgt. Ricardo Martinez attempts to golf using impairment simulator goggles. He is the Community Care Unit first sergeant for the Warrior Transition Battalion.



RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What are you looking forward to doing in the summer?



"I am looking forward to relaxing with my family, and having fun in the sun."

SPC. KIMBERLEY INGRAM
FORT MEYERS, FLORIDA
2nd Brigade Armored Combat Team



"Over the summer we plan to do a road trip to New York and then to Orlando, before coming back to Kansas."

ELIZABETH KIRPLANI
EL PASO, TEXAS



"Probably setting up my new house, we are in the process of moving to Wamego."

TAMARA GOLD
TUCSON, ARIZONA



"I plan to go to the beach on the outer banks."

ANDREW GERBER
ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA



"We plan on getting married this summer in July, for sure."

JAMES GRIFFI
MCLEOD, TEXAS

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INSPECTOR GENERAL'S CORNER

To live off-post, or not to live off-post

Dear IG, I have been promoted to Sergeant and would like to move out of the barracks and into an apartment off post. My First Sergeant said that I was not authorized BAH based on my rank and I had to maintain a barracks room. Is this true?

Respectfully,
Sergeant Off-Post

Dear Sergeant Off-Post,
Your First Sergeant is

correct. The Commanding General's Policy Letter #8, Living Standards in Barracks and Bachelor Quarters, states "Unmarried Soldiers in the grade of sergeant and below are not authorized to live off-post."

The policy letter also states that "Exceptions based on certain circumstances may be requested by battalion commanders." These exceptions are referenced in Army Regulation 420-1 Army Facilities Management, Chapter 3-20k.

Your specific situation requires that there be a lack of available billeting in order to have an exception granted. If granted an exception, you would receive BAH at the without dependent rate.

However, in the event of a lack of available quarters, and you were able to move off-post, Army Regulation 420-1 also states "If unaccompanied personnel housing becomes available, Soldiers in the grade of ser-

geant (E-5) through private (E-1) residing off post and receiving housing allowances at without dependent rate will be required to occupy unaccompanied personnel housing." Meaning that even if granted an exception, you would be required to move back into the barracks when space became available.

If you have any additional questions, please call the Office of the Inspector General at 785-239-IGIG (4444).

LEADERSHIP

Genes may influence leadership in the workplace, research finds

The right genes may help you become an organization's next president or CEO. But the same genes may also hinder your leadership path, according to Kansas State University psychological sciences research.

Wendong Li, assistant professor of psychological sciences in the College of Arts & Sciences, and collaborators have found a "mixed blessing" for workers who hold workplace leadership positions, from the formal leader of a CEO to an informal group leader. Their study focused on the dopamine transporter gene DAT1, which can influence leadership and is important for reward and motivation systems in humans.

"It's like a mixed blessing — this gene can have both positive and negative effects on leadership," Li said. "An implication is that it really depends on environmental factors to determine if overall it is a positive or negative."

On the positive side, the researchers found that people who had the dopamine transporter gene were most likely to engage in adolescent mild rule-breaking behavior, which is positively associated with leadership, Li said. Such mild rule-breaking behavior may include actions such as skipping class, but it is not serious deviant behavior such as shooting.

"Mild rule-breaking is actually positively correlated with the chance for you to become a leader in adulthood," Li said. "These kinds of behaviors can provide you with an advantage because they allow adolescents to explore boundaries and learn something new."

On the negative side, the researchers found that people with the dopamine transporter gene scored lower on proactive personality, which can lead to positive changes at work and is important for leadership emergence.

"These people were less likely to regulate their own behaviors to make a positive change," Li said. "It can be very difficult to make a positive change because it involves mobilizing resources to overcome difficulties and obstacles so that the change can happen. These people were not good at regulating behaviors such as being persistent."

The takeaway from the study? To become a leader and be a good leader involves multiple factors — genes and the environment — working together, Li said. Some influential environmental factors — though not studied in this research — can include democratic parenting, a supportive family, and a challenging and cultivating workplace.

Managers cannot assume that changing one aspect of the work environment will be beneficial for all individuals, Li

said, because employees bring individual characteristics to the organization. Some individual differences can't be ignored because they are rooted in genetic makeup and enhance the chance for individuals to engage in certain types of behaviors, either positive or negative.

"In the long run, we are advocating more individualized and customized management practices, which allow people to choose the type of work environment that fits their individual characteristics," Li said. "Customizing workplace practices is good for employee learning, development and leadership potential. Ultimately, it is good for employee performance and well-being, which in turn may enhance organizational effectiveness."

The researchers used two sets of data for the study: The National University of Singapore's Strabismus, Amblyopia, and Refractive Error Study, or STARS, which includes 309 people, and the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, which includes more than 13,000 individuals. The researchers had similar results with both samples, Li said.

The researchers recently published their research, "A mixed blessing? Dual mediating mechanisms in the relationship between dopamine transporter gene DAT1 and leadership role occupancy" in The Leadership Quarterly.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Summer months bring host of new safety concerns for parents

Dawn J. Douglas
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

With summer, folks are looking forward to spending more time outdoors. School is out, so there are many children going to and from, and participating in, outdoor activities throughout the day. Adults, too, should make the commitment to safety.

Here are some tips from the Garrison Safety Office.

DRIVING

- When behind the wheel, look out for pedestrians and cyclists. Drivers should free themselves from dangerous distractions such as cell phones.
- Wear seatbelts and obey the speed limit.
- Share the road. The law requires all drivers to share the road with other vehicles. Sharing the road means knowing, and executing at all times, driver responsibilities, not just rights. Always be informed of the rules of the road.
- Be alert for cyclists, skateboarders, in-line skaters and scooter riders.
- Be alert for crosswalks at all times when operating a vehicle. Know the difference between a "marked" crosswalk and an "unmarked" crosswalk.
- Know that there is a crosswalk implied at every intersection, whether it is marked or unmarked. According to the KS DOT, "Vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians within a crosswalk that are in the same half of the roadway as the

vehicle or when a pedestrian is approaching closely enough from the opposite side of the roadway to be in danger."

- Drivers should be alert when approaching crosswalks and intersections. Always double-check for pedestrians before turning and before backing up. When approaching a stopped vehicle, assume it is stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross. A driver may not be able to see the pedestrians at first if they are in front of the stopped vehicle. Never pass a vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian.

PEDESTRIANS SAFETY

- Model responsible behavior for children. Cross at all crosswalks.
- Be alert and be seen.

Encourage children to use sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk as close as possible to the side of the road and face traffic. Wear bright colors or better yet, clothing with reflective markers, especially when it's dark out. Be predictable. Use a marked crosswalk whenever possible. If there is no marked crosswalk nearby, cross the street at an intersection which, again, is considered an "unmarked" crosswalk.

BICYCLE SAFETY

- Again, be alert and be seen. Cycling is a fun, healthy and popular means of personal transportation for all ages. Ride with normal traffic flow and ride to the right side of the roadway. Accidental falls are the number one cause of childhood injury, according

to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Usually it's just a scraped leg or arm, but when kids fall off bikes, they can hit their heads.

- With proper, well-fitting equipment, the risk of head injury for children can be reduced by as much as 85 percent.

- Any time a child rides a bike, scooter, or roller blades, he or she should wear a helmet. The law requires riders under 17 years of age to wear helmets, but helmets are recommended regardless of age.

- If lane-width allows, stay within two feet from the curb or roadway edge which will allow you maneuvering space to avoid debris or potholes. Lane markings are for safety and benefit. Wear brightly colored clothing and have reflectors on the bicycle. When riding after dusk, the bicycle must be equipped with a white light visible at least 500 feet ahead and have a reflector visible at least 500 feet to the rear. A flag is useful in increasing visibility on rural roads.

- All sports equipment should be well maintained and the right size for children. Does the bike still fit? Has the bike or any protective athletic padding been outgrown? Is it time to adjust the bike seat height?

- Watch out for predators. Never allow children to play outside or walk anywhere alone. Some predators may cruise neighborhoods looking for unsupervised kids. Report any suspicious strangers or vehicles to police immediately.

- Make sure youngsters stay hydrated. Playing in the hot sun without water breaks can lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke, which can be life threatening. Children should drink 2 to 3 cups of water about 2 hours before a game.

CHEMICAL SAFETY

Children are naturally curious and now that they will be spending more time at home during summer break, parents should make sure that potentially poisonous chemicals are well out of reach. Lock up medications. Place cleaning supplies out of child reach.

WATER SAFETY

For children, summertime means time in the pool, beach or lake. Be sure to exercise caution. Drowning is the second leading cause of death for youngsters between ages one and 14. Take advantage of swimming lessons offered by schools, recreation center and through agencies on/off post.

When a child is around water, whether it's at the beach, a pool, lake, or river, make sure an adult who knows how to swim is there to supervise. It's a good idea to have a child go swimming with a friend, but a child's eyes should never replace those of an adult. Those who own their own pool, should install a fence with a gate so children can't wander in unsupervised.

For more information on safe summer tips for children, contact the Garrison Safety Office, 240-0647.

Family Readiness Group training equips staff, volunteers

Photo and story by Kalyn Curtis
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The annual Family Readiness Group, Family Readiness Support Assistant Program, and Family Readiness Liaison training supplied leaders with the tools to create a close-knit environment within their organizations. Family Readiness Groups, more commonly known as FRGs, are an organization of family members, volunteers, Soldiers and civilian employees who cohesively belong to a unit or organization. Part of the role as an FRG leader is to provide support for unique needs or problems of the unit families. The supporting roles to the FRG include the Family Readiness Support Assistant and the Family Readiness Liaison. The FRSA is often a civilian position that maintains the stability of the FRG as the unit changes leadership or volunteers, often performing the administration roles, allowing FRG leaders to focus more on outreach to Soldiers and their families.

The FRLs are often Soldiers in uniform assigned the additional duty as the commander's representative and to provide support for the FRG. They serve as a communication link between the FRG, it's leaders and the commander. The two-day FRG training is offered through Army Community Services annually at Fort Riley. This year the training focused on the resources FRG leaders, the FRSA and FRL can provide to Soldiers and family members. "Something may occur while a unit is deployed," said Jeff Reade, ACS Outreach Branch Manager. "And the FRL is there to assist the rear detachment leader with something that has never come up. That FRL knows of resources that are available here at ACS and also on the installation who can perhaps help with that particular problem." Megan Green, co-leader of the 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, said although she previously took on leadership positions as an Army spouse and civilian, she learned skills from the training that can help her as

a co-leader and in other leadership positions. "Yeah, I am trained to be an AFTB trainer, "which is Army family team building," Green said. "I think that anything that I've learned in this class would pertain to the AFTB program as well." Green said the program taught her to be a better communicator within the family as well as within the unit." Green said there are several things she can take from the FRG training and apply to AFTB, one of them is the ability to better communicate with others. She also said she found the training to be "educational and helpful for anybody," and that it is good for general knowledge about programs and resources available through ACS. To learn more about resources offered through ACS, visit www.fortrileymwr.com.



Jeff Reade, the Army Community Service Outreach Branch Manager, teaches a class for new Family Readiness Group leaders, Family Readiness Liaisons and Family Readiness Support Assistants May 14. He taught them about the resources available to members of their unit when an issue comes up. The training concentrates on equipping the staff and volunteers to step in and refer the family member to solutions when their Soldier is deployed. Tools provided also helped the individuals with coping and communication skills.

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Brig. Gen. Erik Kurilla, outgoing deputy commanding general for maneuver of the 1st Inf. Div., speaks to Soldiers, veterans, family members and friends of the division during a Victory with Honors ceremony May 18 on Fort Riley. The ceremony celebrated Kurilla's contribution to the division, including his deployment to northern Iraq late last year, and wished him and his family the best in their next duty assignment.



Staff Sgt. Daniel Stoutamire
1st. INF. DIV

Kurilla ended his time as a Big Red One Soldier May 18 during a Victory with Honors ceremony in front of division headquarters at Fort Riley. Kurilla will next serve as deputy director for special operations, J-37, for the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, 1st Inf. Div. senior mission commander and deputy commanding general for support, said as the division prepared to go into Iraq, it couldn't have handpicked a better brigadier general in the U.S. Army with the right tailored skill sets. Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, the 1st Inf. Div.'s commanding general, is still serving in Iraq as head of Coalition Joint Forces Land Component Command-Iraq. "Thanks for being all-in on being a Big Red One Soldier," Funk said in a message read aloud by Wesley. "You have the clear-eyed, superb leadership skills necessary to dominate on the 21st century battlefield. Your enthusiasm and commitment are second to none. "Thanks for being a great teammate and friend." In his 10 months assigned to the 1st Inf. Div., Kurilla only spent about three and a half months at Fort Riley. Between the deployment and other work travel,

Kurilla joked he felt "a little bit like the episodic deputy commanding general for maneuver." Among that travel was a rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, with the division's 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team. "Now, truth be told, what I can honestly say is that I have never learned more in a job than when I went to the National Training Center as the senior trainer for the 'Dagger' brigade," Kurilla said. "Observing the officers, NCOs and Soldiers from the BRO's (2nd ABCT) will go down as one of the most enjoyable, educational and motivational events in my career." The downside to Kurilla's limited time on post, Wesley said, was local communities did not get enough of him, but the departing general did thank the greater Fort Riley community for showing his wife and two daughters the true meaning of Kansas and Midwestern hospitality. May 20 wasn't a sad day, Wesley said, but a good one – a day to encourage and celebrate a "fantastic Army family." "I would like to say 'thank you' to all the leaders, Soldiers and families in the Big Red One who taught me so much, showed me the power of professionalism of a heavy infantry division and took my family under their wing," Kurilla added.

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contain specifics about equipment and skills to employ based on what the unit wants to accomplish. Training safety requirements are also established.

“The commander comes here with a specific intent, and we build his intent,” said Gary Smith, range liaison officer.

Smith said the mission of the training staff is to expand functions and features of the range complex and to meet the needs of the Soldiers. They have a commitment to the Soldiers like no other, Smith said. As a retired first sergeant, Smith said he understands the Soldiers mission and he can relate to their training language.

“You’ve got to know that talk,” Smith said. “We talk a different lingo – its acronym filled. You’ve got to know training, what the focus is, what needs to be accomplished.” As well as knowing training, the staff has to remain up-to-date on weapons and changes in safety protocol.

“We have to know the changes just like the Soldiers do,” Smith said. “The Soldiers could be right in front of you doing something so incorrect or unsafe if you don’t know the weapon systems.”

Not only does the range staff have to stay up to date on the weapons, they have to know how their targets will be effected and how to build and maintain those targets. Fred Siebe, complex manager and another retired first sergeant, said maintenance is daily.

“It’s never-ending,” said Sam Leonard, range liaison officer and retired sergeant first class.

Besides maintenance during training events, the amount of preparation that goes into a gunnery event can take almost a month. For example, preparation for the 2nd Battalion, 70th Ar-

mor Regiment from 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team training began April 9 while aviation training was taking place on the Digital Multipurpose Range Complex.

The unit arrived at the complex for their first day of training May 13, and will be staying at the range for more than two weeks.

Dave Skidmore, sustainable range program manager and a retired command sergeant major, said more than 425 hours went into preparing for this battalion’s gunnery event.

“We’re operating the range and doing everything we are required to do, but we are also working next month’s gunnery,” Skidmore said. “We don’t just operate the range, we have to work 30 days ahead.”

Skidmore’s team builds targets, loads them on a trailer and takes them down-range where they begin placing them for the following training event. This includes making sure the targets can be controlled by the command team in the tower during the exercise.

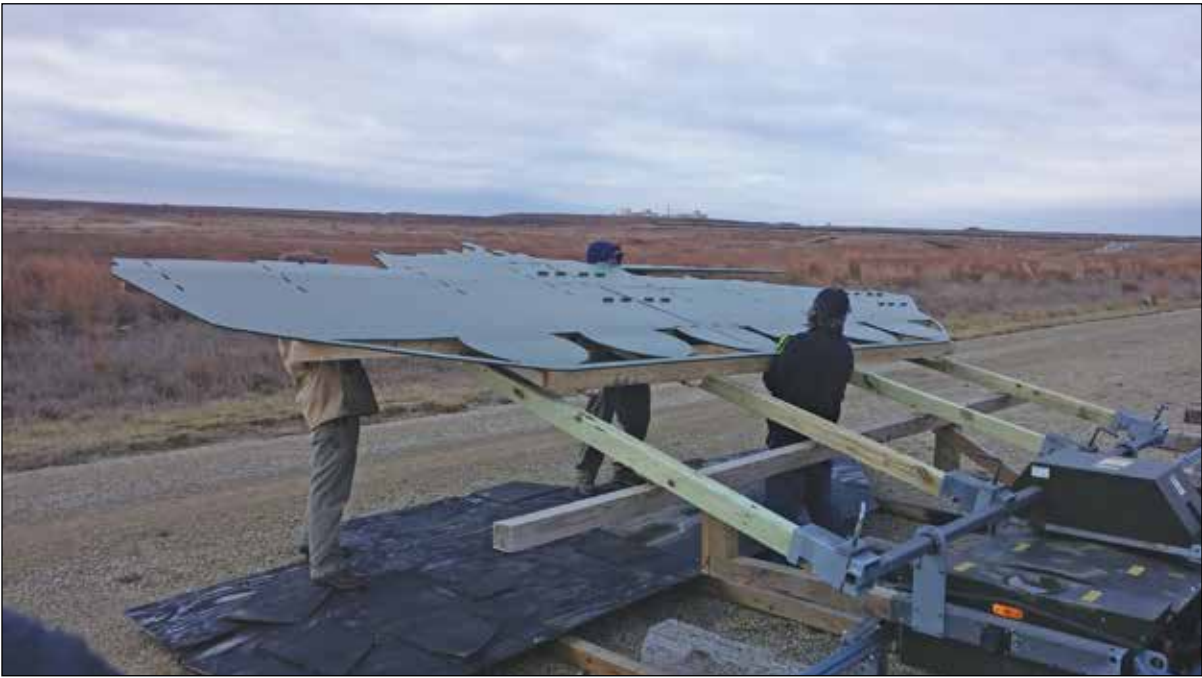


Photo by Maria Childs | POST

Workers hoist a target into place on a railing, which allows it to simulate a moving vehicle, in preparation for gunnery training last winter. The target is one of many variable objectives on Fort Riley’s Douthitt Range. The range is one piece of the integrated training environment used to support the 1st Inf. Div., Reserve and National Guard Soldiers in live-fire and maneuver training. Targets are made of lumber and depict vehicles like trucks and armored vehicles troops might see in combat.

Skidmore said for his team, the preparation takes more effort than supporting the training event itself.

“There are hours and hours of preparation that go into a gunnery event,” Skidmore said.

The Soldiers train at the complex day and night. The staff has rotating schedules to accommodate the Soldiers schedules.

Smith said the goal of the staff at the complex is to remain responsive and reliable to the Soldiers.

“We have to be able to answer their questions,” Smith said.

Smith said his job is a way he can continue serving. Understanding training is part of his job, but understanding the translation of that training to the battlefield is the real focus, and he said all of the staff at the complex share a common goal: making Soldiers successful so they come home alive.

“We have to give 100 percent of our time to these guys,” Smith said. “We owe it to them.”



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2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “One, it brings motorcycle riders in the community together.”

“A lot of people don’t have anybody to ride with, so now you meet people. It’s good networking.”

Crabtree said BRO Rides promote safety and teach participants how to ride in big crowds.

Crabtree owns a Harley Davidson 883 Sportster and has been riding about two and a half years.

“I remember when I went on my first one when I was pretty new, and it was nice because I got together with the crowd and I learned a little bit more about the dynamics of how to ride in a big group, stuff like that,” he said.

Riley Ride Schedule			
Looking for a safe ride on Friday or Saturday night to Aggileville? Pick up a ticket at Leisure Travel or bring cash (exact change only) to the bus. Tickets are \$5 for two rides in either direction or \$10 for five rides in either direction. For more information, call 785-239-5614.			
Building 7003	10 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	3:07 a.m.
Bowling Center	10:03 p.m.	11:33 p.m.	3:04 a.m.
Warrior Zone	10:05 p.m.	11:35 p.m.	3:01 a.m.
Building 7000F	10:10 p.m.	11:40 p.m.	2:58 a.m.
Building 7000G	10:12 p.m.	11:42 p.m.	2:54 a.m.
Building 7000A	10:15 p.m.	11:45 p.m.	2:52 a.m.
Rally Point	10:20 p.m.	11:50 p.m.	2:49 a.m.
Building 210	10:25 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	2:45 a.m.
WTB Barracks	10:32 p.m.	12:02 a.m.	2:38 a.m.
Building 694	10:37 p.m.	12:07 a.m.	2:33 a.m.
12 th and Bluemont (Aggileville)	11 p.m.	12:30 a.m. Bus waits until final return	Departs at 2:15 a.m. for final return to Fort Riley

Chairman surprises, commissions K-State ROTC cadets

Story and photos by
Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

MANHATTAN, Kan. – About 35 Kansas State University ROTC cadets were commissioned May 15 by Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the 18th Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Student Union.

Dempsey, the guest speaker, is the highest-ranking military officer in the U.S Armed Forces and the principal military advisor to the President, Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council. His presence was kept low-key but his message was clear.

Dempsey explained that the ceremony is a time when the cadets should recognize and reflect on the importance of this personal accomplishment. He stressed that they should all be thankful because they didn't do it alone.

“It’s an opportunity for you

“It’s an opportunity for you to think about the degree in which we are all dependent on each other, because when you join the military that’s exactly how you succeed or fail– in your ability to build a team or support each other.”

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

to think about the degree in which we are all dependent on each other, because when you join the military that’s exactly how you succeed or fail - in your ability to build a team or support each other,” Dempsey said.

Dempsey said the ROTC cadets carried the brand of K-State for the last four years while attending school,

“You are forever a Kansas State Wildcat,” Dempsey said.

He then told them they’d earned a new one.

“You are now accepting the brand of the United States Army and the United States Air Force,” Dempsey said. “It’s a brand I’ve embraced for 41 years. I think you will find that you will embrace it as well. What I ask of you today is to remember there is no state between when you graduate and when you accept that brand. When I commission you today, from that point forward, you own the brand.”

With no space between student and service status, the cadets took their oath of office. Though the student’s status changed,



Army 2nd Lt. Brion Bircher of Lansing, Kansas, is headed to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. Bircher is the fourth generation of Army officers in his family. Bircher’s father, Col. Chip Bircher, director of Army Information Operations Proponent at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is pictured in uniform. Bircher’s parents and siblings participated in his “pinning” at the May 15 ceremony at the Kansas State University Student Union. Pinning is the tradition of placing the first set of rank on the uniform of a newly commissioned or promoted Soldier.

the schools partnership with Fort Riley continues.

Fort Riley partners with multiple ROTC programs like the one at K-State. Cadets often visit the post for hands-on training at the virtual simulation complex, job shadow opportunities and team building exercises.

As the relationship between Fort Riley and K-State’s ROTC program is a long-standing one spanning several generations, several students were carrying on a family tradition of service.

Army 2nd Lt. Morgan Moxley, a native if Leavenworth, Kansas, was commissioned at this ceremony. She said the military has been a longtime family tradition and she was more than happy to carry that tradition along. She added she is ready to serve her country.

“(Dempsey) definitely made the ceremony more

impactful,” Moxley said. “I think he really pounded in our heads how much this means to us. This isn’t just a job and we can make what we want out of it. Get ready for some surprises because the Army is not something you can plan. I think he made that clear.”

Moxley is headed to the Quartermaster Corps’ unit in Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Army 2nd Lt. Brion Bircher of Lansing, Kansas is headed to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. He said to have his family and everyone he met at K-State standing beside him was a big deal.

“It’s the first step to a life-long path,” Bircher said.

Bircher is the fourth generation of Army officers in his family. Bircher’s father, Col. Chip Bircher, director of Army Information Operations Proponent at Fort Leav-

enworth, Kansas, said he has many emotions about his son’s commissioning — pride, joy, anticipation and excitement.

“...with his graduation announcement he sent out a card that said it’s always been one of his dreams to join the family business,” Col. Bircher said. “This isn’t such a bad dream – to serve our country and dedicate our family to that.”

Having the top-ranking member of the military officiate his entrance into the family business impacted him.

The younger Bircher heard Dempsey speak at a K-State Landon Lecture a couple of years ago. He said to have Dempsey be part of his commissioning was an honor.

“The respect I have for him is unfathomable,” Bircher said. “He exemplifies what an officer should be and for a lieutenant to see that – it’s a great way to start a career.”



General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff, was the keynote speaker and administered the commissioning oath during the May 15 commissioning ceremony at K-State’s Student Union. The Chairman was a surprise to cadets and family members in attendance. He had completed a leadership development engagement at Fort Riley the previous day and continued his mentorship with the Army and Air Force’s newest officers.

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SABER program at Fort Riley.

“It is possible, based on the second quarter awards, that we will have five companies competing to guard the one encased saber at the end of the

third quarter,” said Nicole Sizemore, the prevention branch chief at ASAP. “This, too, is a first. Never have we had that many units competing at this level.”

Sizemore said seven units in the division qualified for a SABER award this quarter, and four of those were within the “Dagger” brigade.



Col. Miles Brown (far right) and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Orvis (far left) presented the encased saber to Capt. David Draper (second from left) and 1st Sgt. Kent Smith (third from left), command team of Co. C, 299th BSB, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., May 11 for the fourth time. The saber signifies the top division company for exceeding requirements of the Sober Army Bravely Expedites Readiness program.

Photo by Sgt. Jin Nakamura | 299th BSB

IN BRIEF

TRAFFIC UPDATES

For traffic updates, see the Traffic Report on page 2 or visit www.riley.army.mil and click on "Advisories."

GENERAL INFORMATION

For general information about events and services at Fort Riley, visit www.facebook.com/FortRiley or follow @FortRiley on Twitter.

CEREMONIES

For U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley ceremony information, visit twitter.com/usagceremonies.

FORT RILEY SPOUSE CHOIR

The Fort Riley Spouse choir is accepting new members. If you love to sing and want to spend time with other Army spouses, then this group is definitely for you. Practices are at the band rehearsal hall at 8630 Sustainment Drive at 6:30 p.m. Thursday nights.

NO DOUGH DINNER

The USO is helping to bring families together with free dinners. The next USO No Dough Dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. May 28 at Fort Riley USO building 251 on Cameron Ave. Be sure to bring your ID. For more information, call 785-240-5326 or email usofortriley@uso.org.

CENTRAL ISSUE FACILITY

The Central Issue Facility will be closed at noon May 20 and reopen 7:30 a.m. May 26 for a monthly 10 percent inventory.

POOLS OPEN MAY 23

Four Corvias community pools open for the season on May 23. Pool hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit <http://riley.corviasmilitaryliving.com/pools>.

FAMILY BINGO

Family Bingo is scheduled for 2 p.m. May 24 at Rally Point. Doors open at 1 p.m. Admission for adults is \$10 and children are \$5. For more information, call 785-784-5434.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY SLATED FOR MAY 25

The annual 1st Infantry Division/Central Flint Hills Region Memorial Day ceremony is set to take place 11:40 a.m., Monday, May 25, at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery.

Scheduled to speak is Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole, Jr.

Also schedule to perform is the 1st Infantry Division Band, which will play pre-ceremonial music as well as renditions of "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless America."

Also included will be flag and firing detail, bugler in place, wreath-laying by Col Cole and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt, 21-gun-salute, and invocation and benediction by Chaplain (COL) Keith Croom.

This is an event that will honor the fallen Men and Women who died while serving in our country's armed forces, and will emphasize positive traditions by rendering due respect to those Soldiers from past to current wars.

All are invited to attend.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

Visitors to Fort Riley are reminded that a temporary Fort Riley Access Badge or Pass is required for anyone without a Department of Defense ID card. If you know the exact date of your visit, it is highly recommend to get a temporary badge or pass early by stopping by the Visitor Control Center, calling (785) 239-2982 or emailing

usarmy.riley.imcom-central.mbx.des-vcc@mail.mil

<<mailto:usarmy.riley.imcom-central.mbx.des-vcc@mail.mil>>. Please note there are longer wait times for passes during periods of higher traffic-especially weekday mornings and weekday afternoons-when Soldiers and civilian employees are traveling to work and physical fitness activities.

If you're unable to get a pass early, make sure to allow extra time the day of your visit to get through processing at the Visitor Control Center.

Please visit our website at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/EmergencyServices/AccessInformation>.

Program offers Commerical Drivers Licenses on post

Any Soldier passing a class will walk away with employment offer

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Soldier for life transition assistance program is offering several opportunities for Soldiers to take a six-week commercial driver's license course.

In a memorandum of agreement between the United States Army Garrison at Fort Riley and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, ABF Freight representatives were selected to instruct the courses. No

MORE INFORMATION

• Soldiers can get a course application packet at the Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program office in Building 212. Packets must be returned 10 days before the course. An interview will take place.

Soldier who passes the course will walk away without a job offer. Although the first course is full, future classes are scheduled.

"They will walk away with an offer, it's up to them to decide," said G-4 Transportation Command Sgt. Maj. Barnell Herron. "It is a 100

percent guaranteed job. During week four in the course, you will get a letter from the ABF team. During week five you will get another letter stating, based on the top three locations you picked just like in the Army, we have a job for you (at one of them)."

Herron completed a survey to make sure there was a demand for the CDL classes at Fort Riley. He received 300 to 400 responses and then the team began looking for a way to accommodate the need.

This is the first time CDL classes will be offered at Fort Riley, according to David Miles, Transition Services Specialist, SFLTAP. He said he hopes the program will go far here and will continue to expand.

Soldiers can get an application packet at the SFLTAP office in Building 212. All packets must be returned 10 days before the start of the course.

Miles said a brief interview will take place upon completion of the packet.

"We need some understanding in your personal investment in this process," Miles said. "It helps us determine their interest level, but also helps them identify their specific requirements."

Miles said he expects the class to be successful because the employer is taking time to come to the Soldiers.

"This is unique," Herron added.



A new Veterans' memorial statue was unveiled in Wamego, Kansas of a World War II-era Soldier. The Soldier's gaze will rest upon the community's Memorial Wall in the cemetery.



Kansas State representative Ron Highland and Jeff Rankin, of the local American Legion, spoke at the Memorial Day observance in Wamego, Kansas.



Hannah Conroy-Philbrook sings "America," during Monday's Memorial Day observance in Wamego, Kansas. For a closer look at unique visitors' attractions in Wamego, see [Page 16](#).

Honoring our fallen

Wamego unveils to community new veterans' memorial statue

Story and photos by Andrew Massanet | 1ST INF. DIV. POST

It was a special Memorial Day in Wamego, Kansas. The community unveiled a new Veterans' memorial statue.

Consisting of a World War II-era Soldier on one knee, the Soldier's gaze will rest upon the community's Memorial Wall in the cemetery.

The cast of speakers included Kansas State representative Ron Highland who expressed the importance of remembering the history of Memorial Day and what the holiday means.

"I ask that as you proceed with the rest of your day that you bear in mind the true meaning of this day," Highland said. "Remember the sacrifices of brave men and women who have fought for our freedoms."

Jeff Rankin of the local American Legion joined Highland in providing remarks. Local talent Hannah Conroy-Philbrook was on hand to sing "America."

For more photos from the Wamego Memorial Day observance, visit the Facebook page of the American Legion Riders Post 172 Wamego at www.facebook.com/ALRPost172.

"Remember the sacrifices of brave men and women who have fought for our freedoms."

RON HIGHLAND
KAN. STATE REPRESENTATIVE

'Lifeline' Soldiers recognize student

Enterprise fourth-grader receives Soldier Award for embodying Army Values

By Capt. Dominique Warren
299TH BSB

ENTERPRISE, Kansas — An Enterprise Elementary School student was presented the Soldier Award on behalf of the Soldiers of Company A, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, in a ceremony April 20.

Mariah Brackett, a fourth-grader from Enterprise, Kansas, was the fourth recipient of the award, given annually to a student who best exemplifies the Army Values in daily life. Enterprise elementary has been an active partner with the company and the 299th BSB for the last five years. Soldiers routinely help with extra



Capt. Alexandra DeAngelis | 299TH BSB
Capt. Dominic R. Warren and 1st Sgt. Gerald Sydnor, command team of Co. A, 299th BSB, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., present Mariah Brackett with the Soldier Award April 20 at Enterprise Elementary School.

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Support group helps spouses discover voice

Her War, Her Voice offers monthly meetings with different focuses

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Use your voice. That's the theme of the Fort Riley military support group, Her War, Her Voice. The group met May 19 at Army Community Service.

Each month the group has a different focus and at the May meeting the focus was journaling.

"We all have a voice, and we have a story," said Tricia Verschage, group leader. "For years we've been told our story doesn't count, and that's wrong because what we have to say is very important."

The group started as a blog written by two women at Fort Drum. It was brought to Fort Riley when one of them moved here. Fort Riley is one of two in-person groups that meets regularly.

MORE INFORMATION

• For more information about **Her War, Her Voice**, visit <https://www.facebook.com/#!/HerWarHerVoice> or <http://herwarhervoice.com>; or email fort.riley@herwarhervoice.com.

The group meets the third Tuesday of every month. There is always a hands-on activity like gardening, belly dancing, painting or breaking dishes.

"We use [breaking dishes] as a therapeutic way to deal with anger, frustration, issues we are struggling with, etc ...," Verschage said.

She explained that by writing an issue on the dish and breaking it while being supported by others who may have faced similar ones, "we are releasing the issue."

Verschage has lead the group for four years. She said that the group is designed as a safe haven for spouses

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Schools out, summer activities abound at your hometown Fort Riley

School has let out and now our kids have a lot more free time than we do. With that in mind, remember that Fort Riley provides a wide variety of things for youngsters to do this summer in a safe environment. Here are a few ideas:

Four Corvias community swimming pools are now open for the season. Pool hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more in-

formation, visit <http://riley.corvias-militaryliving.com/pools>.

As of May 30, the Fort Riley Library's 2015 Summer Reading Program will be in full swing. The library's fabulous Summer Reading Kickoff Party is scheduled for 1-3 p.m.



Colonel Cole

Saturday, May 30. Enjoy hot dogs, dancing, a dunk tank, a bounce house and then stick around for movie night! During the Summer Reading Program, youth read for points and prizes, but most of all – for fun. This year's theme is Read to the Rhythm. The Fort Riley Post Library is at 5306 Hood Drive.

For more information, call (785) 239-5305 or visit rileymwr.com/library.

Fort Riley Child Youth and School Services also offers a variety of supervised activities, from archery to youth sports.

If you are interested in finding out more about getting your children involved in a summer sport, or if you think you might want to spend some of your summer as a volunteer for one of those sports, call the Youth Sports Director's office at 785-239-9223.

During the 111 Days of Summer, league bowling for children 16 and under is also available. For more information on bowling call 785-239-4366

Did you know there is a special youth rate at the Custer Hill Golf Course? The Golf Course also offers family golf on weekends. Call (785) 784-6000 for more info or a tee time.

If you want more information from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, log

onto <http://rileymwr.com/main/> or check out their Facebook page.

These are just a few of the many activities for military parents and kids of all ages. If you want arts and crafts, your hometown of Fort Riley has it. Sports? We've got that too. I encourage you to explore your on post home town. Discover the great things the people of this garrison provide. Don't let, "Mom, Dad, there's nothing to do!" be the anthem of your house because you now have a short list of to do items.

K-State researchers develop vaccines

Research to help in battle against strains of avian influenza

K-STATE NEWS

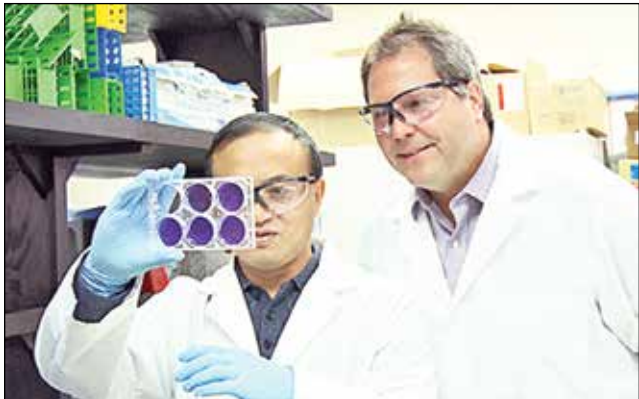
MANHATTAN, Kan. — A recent study with Kansas State University researchers details vaccine development for two new strains of avian influenza that can be transmitted from poultry to humans. The strains have led to the culling of millions of commercial chickens and turkeys as well as the death of hundreds of people.

The new vaccine development method is expected to help researchers make vaccines for emerging strains of avian influenza more quickly. This could reduce the number and intensity of large-scale outbreaks at poultry farms as well as curb human transmission.

It also may lead to new influenza vaccines for pigs, and novel vaccines for sheep and other livestock, said Jürgen Richt, Regents distinguished professor of veterinary medicine and director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases.

Richt and his colleagues focused on the avian influenza virus subtype H5N1, a new strain most active in Indonesia, Egypt and other Southeast Asian and North African countries. H5N1 also has been documented in wild birds in the U.S., though in fewer numbers.

"H5N1 is a zoonotic pathogen, which means that it is transmitted from chickens to humans," Richt said. "So far it has infected more than 700 people worldwide and has killed about 60 percent of



K-STATE NEWS

Wenjun Ma, assistant professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology at Kansas State University, left, and Jürgen Richt, Regents distinguished professor of veterinary medicine and director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases, have developed vaccines for H5N1 and H7N9, two emerging strains of avian influenza. The strains are zoonotic and can be transmitted from chickens to pigs and humans.

them. Unfortunately, it has a pretty high mortality rate."

Researchers developed a vaccine for H5N1 by combining two viruses. A vaccine strain of the Newcastle disease virus, a virus that naturally affects poultry, was cloned and a small section of the H5N1 virus was transplanted into the Newcastle disease virus vaccine, creating a recombinant virus.

Tests showed that the new recombinant virus vaccinated chickens against both Newcastle disease virus and H5N1.

Researchers also looked at the avian flu subtype H7N9, an emerging zoonotic strain that has been circulating in China since 2013. China has reported about 650 cases in humans and Canada has reported two cases in people returning from China. About 230 people have died from H7N9.

"In Southeast Asia there are a lot of markets that sell live birds that people can buy and prepare at home," Richt said.

"In contrast to the H5N1 virus that kills the majority of chickens in three to five days, chickens infected with the H7N9 virus do not show clinical signs of sickness. That means you could buy a bird that looks perfectly healthy but could be infected. If an infected bird is prepared for consumption, there is a high chance you could get sick, and about 1 in 3 infected people die."

Using the same method for developing the H5N1 vaccine, researchers inserted a small section of the H7N9 virus into the Newcastle disease virus vaccine. Chickens given this recombinant vaccine were protected against the Newcastle disease virus and H7N9.

"We believe this Newcastle disease virus concept works very well for poultry because you kill two birds with one stone, metaphorically speaking," Richt said. "You use only one vector to vaccinate and protect against a selected virus strain of avian influenza."

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JÜRGEN RICHT
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Using the Newcastle disease virus for vaccine development may extend beyond poultry to pigs, cattle and sheep, Richt said.

Researchers found they were able to protect pigs against an H3 influenza strain by using the Newcastle disease virus to develop a recombinant virus vaccine. Wenjun Ma, Kansas State University assistant professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, is building on this finding and using the Newcastle disease virus to make a vaccine for porcine epidemic diarrhea virus, a disease that has killed an estimated 6 million pigs.

Richt conducted the avian influenza study with Ma, Adolfo Garcia-Sastre at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, and several other colleagues. They published their findings in the Journal of Virology study, "Newcastle disease virus-vectored H7 and H5 live vaccines protect chickens from challenge with H7N9 or H5N1 avian influenza viruses." It is the first study to look at an H7N9 vaccine in chickens, the animals the disease originates in.

Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign closes

Army Emergency Relief fund reaches 60 percent of goal

Kalyn Curtis
1st INF. DIV. Post

Driving past the Post Exchange on Normandy drive, drivers may notice a sign with a red mark just above the 60 percent line. This signifies how much the Army Emergency Relief Fund raised toward their goal of \$225,000.

The fundraiser ran from March 1 to May 15 and so far raised approximately \$135,844.89. Although the campaign is officially over, Clint Strutt, Financial Readiness Program Manager for Army Community Services, said donations continue to arrive and AER will have a final number in the upcoming days.

Army Emergency Relief is a program that provides financial assistance for soldiers who might have emergency financial needs. Strutt said AER can provide assistance for things like the first month's rent, a deposit, car repairs if needed to get to a family member who is sick or has passed away.

Strutt said most of the assistance is provided in the form of a zero interest loan that can be repaid in a maximum of 36 months. If the person cannot pay the loan after the 36 months are up, Army Community Services would work with that person and help with budgeting and a repayment plan. "And in those cases where

we look at their finances and we look at their budget," said Strutt. "We find out that they do not have the ability to repay, along with whatever situation or whatever circumstances they find themselves in that were not due to mismanagement, then grant assistance could also be provided which does not have to be repaid."

Garrison Command Sergeant Major Jason Schmidt said the Army Emergency Relief Fund does not stay collected at Fort Riley. The Army collects the money and distributes it where it's needed.

"So I think it's good in the aspect that it helps out Soldiers and the family members in their time of need," said

Schmidt. "The support that we give them shows, by giving back seven dollars for every one dollar contributed, it means that we're using the program actively."

The campaign is an annual event aimed at not only raising funds for the program, but also raising awareness about the program and what is available.

"That's the goal anyway," Strutt said. "To make sure that every single soldier on the installation receives information saying this is what AER is about and here is what we can do for you, as well as solicitation to donate if they would like to."

He also said most of the donations are made by ac-

tive-duty or retired soldiers. However, there are a few donations made from outside organizations.

For more information on the Army Emergency Relief program, contact Army Community Service at (785) 239-9435, or visit <http://rileymwr.com/main/>

NOW SHOWING

Barlow Theater is now in digital!
Tickets cost \$5.50 for adults and \$3 for children
Tickets for 3-D and first-run movies cost extra.
Children younger than 5 are admitted free.

FRIDAY, MAY 29
• The Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) 7 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 30
• Monkey Kingdon (G) 2 P.M.
• The Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 31
• Monkey Kingdon (G) 5 P.M.

For movie titles and showtimes, call
785-239-9574

K-State Salina expands Discover Programs

University introducing development program and older age group

K-STATE NEWS

SALINA — After seven years of providing seasonal educational opportunities for area youth through Discover Programs, Kansas State University Salina is growing the brand to now include a new program and an older age group.

K-State Salina is introducing Discover You — a one-day development program on Wednesday, July 29 that will focus on participants’ interpersonal skills such as communication, leadership, goal setting and teamwork. The program will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is open to the eighth through 10th grades, making it the first time Discover Programs have been available to high school students.

“In this particular age group, it’s an exciting time in their lives when they start taking stock of who they are as an individual,” said Kirsten Zoller, K-State Salina’s event coordinator. “Discover You is a natural ex-

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KRISTEN ZOLLER | KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SALINA

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Discover You will feature rotating engagement sessions for the students in the first part of the day and in the second half of the program, they must put that knowledge to work on a team project and then present their idea to a panel of judges.

K-State Salina’s Discover Programs began in 2007 as a way for the college to extend its academic offerings beyond the traditional classroom and inspire Salina-area youth to become lifelong learners in a fun, interactive and hands-on en-

vironment. The programs also connect the campus with the community, so participants and their parents can experience all that K-State Salina has to offer.

Along with Discover You, other popular Discover Programs will also be available this summer. Programs offered, dates and age levels include:

- **Aviation Fixation**, June 22-24, lets third-, fourth- and fifth-graders discover the world of aviation through hands-on projects with the K-State Salina Flight Team.
- **Aviation Fixation 2.0:** A Day in the Life of a Pilot, June 22-24, lets students in grades sixth, seventh and eighth experience the life of a pilot by working through the flight planning process from begin-

MORE INFORMATION

- Registration details, camp costs and the program schedule can be found at www.salina.k-state.edu/profed/discover/ or by contacting Zoller at 785-826-7182.

ning to end, including taking a flight in a university plane.

- **K-State Cheer Camp**, June 11-12, is hosted by the K-State Athletics’ cheer program and gives seventh- through 12th-graders unique and individualized cheer, stunt and routine instruction from the university cheer coach.
- **Virtual World 2.0:** “Minecraft” Edition, June 1-4 and June 8-11, lets sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders explore the world of engineering technology through the popular game “Minecraft.” Both sessions are at capacity but interested participants can be added to the wait list.

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Junction City Freshmen Success Academy student wins \$200

Winner would like money used for music, sports and teachers

By Kalyn Curtis
1ST INF. DIV. POST



Kalyn Curtis | POST
Freshmen Deserea Clark was the winner of \$200 from the Orscheln’s “Focus on Education.” The prize went toward the Junction City Freshmen Success

cut down around those areas. Music is being dropped down and teachers are being kicked out because of the tips and everything.”

Clark said she has had a passion for sports since she started running cross country. She said when she joined the team all that was left were a pair of shorts with a hole in them. She said although it’s good to reuse things each year, she would like to purchase new uniforms.

“Some of the sports just get whatever is left over,” said Clark. “I think a lot of people do sports and you have to keep your grades up to participate in sports, so they are good kids. I believe they deserve to have better stuff for our sports, and not just the cheaper stuff.”

Tanner has other plans for the money. With the limitations on what the money can be spent on, it leaves him with limited options. He said the money will be put towards something that would benefit as many students as possible.

“The \$200 will most likely be used for educational software and to offset the cost of classroom supplies,” Turner said. “We will look to purchase whatever will have the biggest impact on the largest number of students. Thanks to Desarea Clark, we will be able to make that happen.”

A deadline for when the money has to be spent is undetermined. However, it is most likely that the money will be spent on the upcoming freshmen class.

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hands in special activities, events, fun rewards and classroom activities.

“It was our privilege to recognize a young student that embodies the seven Army Values,” said 1st Sgt. Gerald Sydnor, Co. A’s senior noncommissioned officer.

“Young children at this age are still growing into their character and are very impressionable. It’s an honor for our unit to be partnered with Enterprise Elementary School.”

Nicole Demars, a fourth-grade teacher at Enterprise Elementary, said that the five-year partnership has been strong and nothing but positive for the students.

“Our children need involved adults in their lives,” Demars said. “When our Soldiers are here, they are

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**NICOLE DEMARS
ENTERPRISE ELEMENTARY**

touching the life of a child through the gifts of time and attention.”

Many parents and patrons notice the Soldiers and express their appreciation for having

them in the town and district, Demars said.

“The partnership builds pride in our school, community and district,” she said, “and also supports our military and their involvement and acceptance in our community.”

The Enterprise elementary partnership is one of 22 school partnerships the 2nd ABCT has with the local communities within Clay and Dickenson counties.

“We recognize how the Army affects our local communities,” said Lt. Col. C.J. King, the “Lifeline” battalion’s commander. “We must take the time out of our schedules to recognize people in the local community who support the military and who also embrace the ideals that the Army espouses.”

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and family members who may be going through a difficult time.

“We give you this place to vocalize what you need to,” Verschage said.

For members it’s about linking with others who have been there, done that.

“I think it’s just the people because you can connect with someone in a way you normally don’t,” Amber said. Amber requested her last name be withheld. “Immediately they understand where you are coming from. It’s calming and

supportive.”

The support isn’t limited to the duration of the meeting.

She added she doesn’t care what time of night it is or what kind of problems may be occurring. The group is close-knit and they will be supportive.

“I will sit here and hold your hand as long as you need me to because that’s what we do,” Verschage said. “We’re spouses, sisters and brothers.”

Amber said the group was recommended to her during a search for support groups on

the post. Her War, Her Voice is the only spouse and family support group of its kind on Fort Riley.

“I feel like I belong here and I’m understood,” Amber said.

The next Her War, Her Voice meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 16 at ACS. The theme will be gardening for a better self. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/#!/HerWar-HerVoice> or <http://herwarhervoice.com>; or email fort.riley@herwarhervoice.com.



FORT RILEY ANNUAL
CAR SHOW
OPEN TO ALL - FREE ADMISSION

JUNE 20, 9AM-3:30PM
MCCORMICK PARK

Registration: 9am-noon
Trophy presentation: 3pm

Advance Registration \$15

Begins June 1 at Auto Skills
11:30am-7pm Wednesday- Friday
9am-3:30pm Saturday- Sunday

Day of event \$20

INFORMATION: 785-239-9764

Sports & Recreation

IN BRIEF

BOWLING SPECIALS

Monday to Friday: From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., pizza and salad buffet, \$6.99

Monday to Friday afternoon specials: From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$2 games and \$2 shoes.

Wednesday to Friday: From 1 to 6 p.m., \$2.50 games and \$2 shoes.

Saturdays: From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$2.50 games and \$2 shoes.

Sundays: From noon to 6 p.m., family fun, \$35 per lane, which includes two hours of bowling, one large two-topping pizza, two pitchers of soda and shoes for up to six people.

Evening specials:

Wednesday – Dollar Night: From 6 to 9 p.m., \$1 games and \$1 shoes.

Thursday – Quarter Mania: From 6 to 9 p.m., \$5 cover, which includes shoes and 50¢ games.

Friday – Red Pin: From 6 to 9 p.m., \$10 for 3 games with shoes and prizes

Extreme: From 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$9, which includes shoes and up to three hours of bowling. Cost is \$7 for children.

Saturday – Extreme: From 6 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$9, which includes shoes and up to three hours of bowling.

FUN IN THE SUN

The weather is warming up, days are getting longer, and it's time for some Fun in the Sun! Join the Fort Riley Marina for Fun in the Sun from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 13 and check out all the marina has to offer. Take advantage of free water craft rides, free canoe and kayak usage, inflatable playstations and even free food, too! The Fort Riley Marina is located at 7112 Highway 82 on Milford Lake. For more information, visit rileymwr.com/odr or call 785-239-2363.

ANNUAL CAR SHOW

The Fort Riley annual car show is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 20 at McCormick Park. Registration takes place from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is \$20 the day of the event. Advance registration is \$15 and begins June 1 at Auto Skills. The event is free and open to all. For more information, call 785-239-9764.

PT GOLF

PT Golf runs through Aug. 27 on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. at Custer Hill Golf Course. PT Golf is open to platoon-level four-person teams. It is a nine-hole alternate shot format and players run from shot to shot. Teams get the following four clubs: driver, seven-iron, wedge and a putter. Teams may use their own clubs but must stick to those four. For more information, call 785-784-6000.

YOUTH SPORTS OFFICIALS

Child, Youth and School Services is looking for officials for youth outdoor and indoor soccer, flag football, basketball, baseball and softball.

Volunteer and paid positions available. Training provided and experience is not necessary. A background check is required. For more information, call CYSS Sports at 785-239-9223 or 785-240-5207.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE VETERANS?

Team Red, White and Blue is a national veterans outreach organization enriches lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. For more information, visit www.teamrwb.org. For Team RWB local chapter events, see "Team RWB Fort Riley" on Facebook.

SKEET AND TRAP

An introductory clinic is offered by appointment covering basics of sport of shooting. Gun rental, ammo and protective equipment are provided.

Cost is \$11.25 per round and \$6.25 for ammunition. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 785-239-2363.

Army wins Armed Forces Soccer Championship

By Gary Sheftick
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON – All-Army beat Air Force 1-0 to capture the Armed Forces Soccer Championship after a week of competition at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California, May 20.

A goal by Pvt. Alan Ibarra Lepe, of Fort Irwin, California, put Army on the scoreboard 28 minutes into the first half of the final match. Good defensive play for the rest of the game helped Army clinch the title.

In the consolation match, also that afternoon, Navy beat Marine Corps, 2-1.

It was an uphill tournament for the All-Army players, who lost their first-round match in overtime to the Marines 9-5, May 14. That game was tied 5-5 at the end of regular play, thanks in part to three goals scored by Army's Sgt. Christopher Krueger of Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Belgium. The Marines answered with four unanswered goals in overtime.

In the second round, Army beat Air Force 1-0, with a goal from Capt. Andrew Hyres of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

In the third round, Army beat Navy 1-0, with a goal by Spc. Aaron Casper of Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Overall, Army finished the tournament 3-1 in match games. The Air Force and Navy both ended up with a 2-2 record. The Marine Corps finished 1-3 with its only win against the Army.

Along with crowning a service champion, this week's soccer at Miramar also provided a venue for officials to evaluate individual performances and select members for the U.S. Armed Forces Men's Soccer Team, said Steve Dinote of Armed Forces Sports.

Service members selected for the U.S. team will compete against other nations at the 6th Military World Games of the Conseil International du Sports Militaire, or CISM, in Mungyeong, South Korea, Sept. 30 through Oct. 11.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pvt. Alan Ibarra Lepe, of Fort Irwin, California, drives downfield before scoring the winning goal as the All-Army team beat the Air Force, 1-0, to claim the Armed Forces Soccer Championship May 20.

Troops to Track



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner | 1st ABCT

Carl Edwards, driver with Joe Gibbs Racing Team, meets with 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers, during NASCAR's sixth annual Troops to the Track event May 9 at the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas. Troops to the Track is an event that honors service members from all five branches of the armed forces.

NASCAR honors Soldiers at Kansas Speedway

By Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – NASCAR representatives honored the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, Soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and D-Day veteran, retired 1st Sgt. Joseph Crandall, during the Troops to the Track event May 9 at the Kansas Speedway.

The NASCAR Troops to the Track initiative is a partnership between Bank of America, NASCAR and the Armed Forces Foundation.

Daniel Klenetsky, manager of public and government affairs for NASCAR, said the program spans the entire racing season and honors services members from all five branches of the armed forces and is a way for NASCAR drivers, racing teams and fans to pay respect to those dedicated men and women serving the nation.

Klenetsky said the program runs at 25 race tracks across the United States and provides free tickets to more than 300 active-duty troops, wounded warriors, veterans and military family members.

"This has become a signature initiative to recognize the dedication and efforts of our service members," Klenetsky said. "We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the sacrifices of the brave men and women."

Soldiers were given access to walk around the pit road, tour racing team garages, meet with drivers and visit a NASCAR suite



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner | 1st ABCT

Sgt. Fidel Cruz, chemical, biological, explosive, radiological and nuclear noncommissioned officer, HHC, 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., talks with D-Day veteran, retired 1st Sgt. Joseph Crandall, a former "Big Red One" Soldier, during the NASCAR Troops to the Track event May 9 at the Kansas Speedway.

to view the race and be recognized by drivers during the crew chief meeting.

"I wasn't expecting anything like this," said Spc. Benjamin Bowman, an infantryman with 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. "To have all the people clapping and thanking me for serving while walking down the red carpet for the drivers meet-and-greet was overwhelming."

Bowman, a native of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, said this was one of the best experiences of his life and he could not express how happy he was to be chosen to attend the event.

Soldiers also spoke with several drivers during the pit road visit.

Carl Edwards, driver with Joe Gibbs Racing Team, talked to Soldiers about military life and their experiences while deployed.

He also answered questions about what it was like to drive at speeds exceeding 190 mph.

Edwards and Staff Sgt. Scott McCartney, tank commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., talked extensively about differences in engines on a tank and those of a race car.

"I've attended several NASCAR events in the past," McCartney said. "Being able to tour the garages and talk with the drivers is an experience that I will never forget."

Keep cool in hot weather

By Ms. Lori Yerdon
U.S. ARMY COMBAT READINESS - SAFETY CENTER

FORT RUCKER, Ala. – Participating in strenuous activities during the summer months isn't for everyone, but for Soldiers it's business as usual.

In addition to the physical demands of Soldiering, some service members participate in extracurricular-sports activities, thus increasing their exposure to extremely hot and humid conditions.

According to the website MayoClinic.com, exercising in hot weather puts extra stress on a body. However, heat-related illnesses and injuries are largely preventable. By taking some basic precautions, exercise routines don't have to be sidelined when the heat is on.

"When Soldiers assess and address the risks associated with hot weather exercise regimens, they're less-likely to suffer a heat illness or injury," said Lt. Col. James Smith, director, Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center Ground Directorate. "They can protect themselves while enjoying their sporting activity through preparation and risk mitigation beforehand."

Master Sgt. Mike Morton, an Army Special Operations Command liaison officer, is no stranger to exercising and competing in grueling environmental conditions; he's an ultrarunner who's won nearly 30 races over the course of his career.

He is also the reigning champion of "the world's toughest foot race" – the Badwater Ultramarathon, a 135-mile nonstop race that starts in Death Valley and ends at Mt. Whitney, California and temperatures during the race routinely reach 119 degrees Fahrenheit during the day.

"The key is to use a progressive train up to deal with the heat," Morton said. "The human body is designed to perform in the heat; we have an amazing cooling capacity. We just need to climatize to the heat."

While Morton's workout regimen is that of an ultrarunner – he averages 140 miles per week – his advice about training in hot weather is applicable to all Soldiers.

"Preparation is important to me because it makes me visualize what I'm going to do," he said. "This visualization is what makes

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Soldier shoots high score at annual skeet championship

ARNEWS

CHARLES CITY, Va. – Army Spc. Dustan Taylor shot the highest overall individual score to win the High Over All, or HOA, award during the 55th Annual Armed Services Skeet Championships, May 11-15.

Navy took the team award though, after each five-member team competed in 12-gauge, 20-gauge, 28-gauge and 410-bore shotgun events, as well as doubles.

Taylor, an Army Marksman Unit shooter and instructor from Fort Benning,

Georgia, has been shooting for nine years. He said he enjoys shooting with the Service members and veterans at the annual event hosted by the Armed Forces Skeet Association.

"It's amazing, hearing their stories, just the way the Army used to be and the way it is now, or the Marines or Navy or Air Force, whichever the case it may be," said Taylor, who will be trying out for the Olympics in October. "My coach, the one who helped me to become a AAA shooter [highest class for skeet], he had 20 years in

the Air Force, and he really helped me out along the way."

Throughout the week, each team shot at clay targets weighing about two or three ounces and measuring about five and a quarter inches in diameter. Exiting from a high house and low house, the clay pigeons flew between 42 and 46 miles per hour.

The teams shot at 100 targets per shooter or 500 per team for a total of 2,500 clay pigeons for the competition, said retired Marine Col. Chris Naler, president of the Armed Forces Skeet Association.

The team that shoots the highest number of targets cumulatively wins annual ownership of the large traveling trophy that has each service branch's emblem on it. Each year, the winning team puts its plate on the trophy with its team name and their score. Individuals also win medallions and other prizes.

While it is nice to have bragging rights, said Naler, who shot for the Marine skeet team from 2006 to 2014,

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COURTESY PHOTO

Spc. Dustin Taylor, a member of the Army Skeet Team, shoots during the 2015 Armed Forces Skeet Championship. The five-day competition was held May 11 through 15 in Charles City, Virginia.

he explained that many Service members come more for the camaraderie.

“We enjoy ribbing each other with regard to our respective services, but in the end, we’re representing all those who have served honorably,” Naler said. “It’s just a fabulous experience, seeing generations of military. We have Korean War veterans, Vietnam Era vets, several veterans from the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. There’s one squad here of retired shooters, who’ve been shooting together at this event for 31 years; that shows you the kind of bond that comes when you serve in uniform.”

MARKSMANSHIP EXPERIENCE

Skeet shooting can improve marksmanship experience because the shooter is aiming at moving targets, Naler said. The competitors said the sport could have real-world applications.

“Competitions like this are important because marksmanship has gradually declined from World War II to where it’s not really measured in the number of rounds we fire to take out an insurgent or individual. It’s measured in the tonnage of ammunition that we have to use,” Taylor said. “More emphasis on marksmanship would really bring up the effectiveness of a small team as opposed to having to use a bigger force or suppressive fire.”

For Marine Sgt. Paxton Elliott, a signals intelligence communicator from Camp Pendleton, California, skeet shooting helps him focus.

“We’re taught that every Marine is a rifleman, but shooting skeet is different,” he said. “We learn the fundamentals in boot camp and every year thereafter, but it’s quite different when you apply those to a moving target with a shotgun versus a stationary

target with a rifle. But it just takes time. Each time you step up on the station, you have to be in the moment and focus. It’s been six months, and I’m getting to where I’m pretty confident. I’m going to take that skill back to the rifle and pistol range in the Marine Corps, and it will help considerably.”

Navy Lt. Conor Stephens, an intelligence officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada, has been shooting for nine years and skeet shooting for six years. He shot his first 100 out of 100 this week. This is his fourth Armed Services Skeet Championship. He said skeet shooting helps him handle stressful situations in his military role.

“I’ve improved shooting under pressure, and I’ve dealt better with stressful situations because of my skeet shooting,” he said. “It has kept me calm and focused. It’s very beneficial.”

LOCAL CLUBS

Army Capt. Katie Fichtner, an artillery officer from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, encourages Service members and veterans to give skeet shooting a try. She has been shooting for about seven years, and this was her first Armed Services Skeet Championship.

“When I first started, I was very intimidated, and my brother basically dragged me out onto the skeet field,” she said. “Since then, it’s been a wonderful experience.

“You can start anywhere at any age. I’ve met some gentlemen out here who just started shooting three years ago, and they are about 65 years old. You can start at any age and at any ability. There are so many local gun clubs. Most installations have MWR [Morale, Welfare and Recreation] programs. I encourage anyone to just go out, find a local gun club and get started.”



“LONG KNIFE” TEAM HITS OUT OF THE PARK

ABOVE: Pfc. Travis Rieger, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, catches the softball during a May 18 game at Fort Riley’s Sacco Softball Complex while his teammate Spc. Daniel Herum, 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. acts as his safety. The season began at the beginning of May and games are Monday through Thursday weather permitting.

RIGHT: Spc. Daniel Herum, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, hits a flyball during a May 18 game at Sacco Softball Complex. Herum’s team won the game, and will continue to play in future games at the complex Monday through Thursday.

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Four Greats Added to Football Ring of Honor

K-STATE SPORTS

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Kansas State Athletics Department and football program will welcome four new members to the K-State Football Ring of Honor as former Wildcat greats Michael Bishop, Jordy Nelson, Clarence Scott and Darren Sproles will comprise the third class inducted into the elite fraternity, bringing the total number to 14.

“Like previous Ring of Honor classes these are not only skilled athletes and All-Americans at the positions they played at Kansas State but quality gentlemen who genuinely care about their university and their football program,” Hall of Fame Head Coach Bill Snyder said.

These four legends of Kansas State football will have their names permanently affixed to the facing inside Bill Snyder Family Stadium during a half-time presentation of the 2015 season opener against South Dakota. The names will also be prominently shown on the Ring of Honor display in the West Stadium Center concourse inside Gate B.

“We are thrilled to honor these four football greats and K-State graduates who have had a transformational impact on the success of our football program and continue to be tremendous ambassadors for our university,” said Athletics Director John Currie. “Each of these individuals has displayed tremendous integrity and overall excellence both on the field, and we are proud to recognize them for their commitment and contributions.”

Bishop played a major role in propelling the Wildcats to their first-ever No. 1 national ranking during the second of his two seasons at K-State (1997-1998). The 1998 Heisman Trophy runner up and the Davey O’Brien Award winner, Bishop still holds the K-State season passing efficiency record after a 159.6 rating in 1998 (164-of-295 for 2,844 yards and 23 TDs/4 INTs) in addition to the season total offense mark at 3,592 yards.

A former walk-on who started his Wildcat days as a defensive back, Nelson made his mark on the Wildcat program during his final season as he was named a 2007 Consensus All-American and finalist for the Biletnikoff Award.

He finished his K-State career with 206 catches for 2,822 yards and 20 scores.

A defensive back from 1968-70, Scott played in the

first game at now-Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Drafted 14th overall in the 1971 NFL Draft by Cleveland, Scott played 13 seasons in the NFL and helped the Browns earn four playoff appearances, while he was a 1973 Pro Bowler. He is a member of the K-State Athletics Hall of Fame.

As a junior, Sproles helped lead the Wildcats to the 2003 Big 12 Championship and a berth in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. His career rushing and all-purpose numbers still rank atop the school records. K-State’s all-time leading rusher with 4,979 yards, Sproles currently has three of the school’s top four season rushing marks and totaled 24 100-yard rushing games including a string of 10 straight during the 2002 and 2003 seasons. His 2,735 all-purpose yards in 2003 are the 10th-most in NCAA history, while his career total of 6,812 is also tops in schools history. He was then drafted by San Diego in the fourth round of the 2005 NFL Draft.

The inaugural class, which was honored in 2002, included Lynn Dickey, Steve Grogan, Jaime Mendez, Sean Snyder, Gary Spani and Veryl Switzer, while David Allen, Martin Gramatica, Terence Newman and Mark Simoneau were added in 2008.

The Ring of Honor is designed to recognize those in the football program who have distinguished themselves on and off the field. Among the criteria considered is quality of character, whether the person is an excellent representative of K-State, whether a person has achieved performance that warrants consensus All-America level status at Kansas State University or performed at a program-transformational level that warrants consideration, and the student-athlete has to be at least five years out of school.

Kansas State, which returns 44 letterwinners – including 16 starters – from last year’s 9-4 team, begins the 2015 campaign on Saturday, Sept. 5, by hosting South Dakota at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The other six home games feature five opponents that advanced to bowl games in 2014, including a pair of top-10 teams in TCU (No. 3/3) and Baylor (No. 7/8).

A limited number of single-game tickets for the 2015 season go on sale online only at www.k-statesports.com/tickets on June 22, while fans can purchase by calling the ticket office at 1-800-221-CATS beginning June 24.

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success possible and I think every military person understands the importance of preparation. Sometimes we tend to blow it off in our personal endeavors but it’s important to make sure you have a plan for any work out or race.”

“I hydrate throughout the day but the key is to not over hydrate,” he said. “This can cause a depletion of electrolytes and salts.”

“Being prepared during a race means carrying a water bottle so you are not without water when you feel thirsty,” Morton said. “That’s true for daily runs as well, if you’re not sure there’s a water source along your route, carry a water bottle.”

Morton also tries to stay away from sugar in his food and drinks to avoid insulin spikes during his races and workouts.

“The key is to find a drink that works for your stomach and taste,” he said. “I don’t like to consume sugar so things like Crystal Light work for me.

“Never underestimate what your body is capable of,” Morton said. “Fuel it with quality fuel and take care of your body and you’ll be amazed at what you can do.”

While preparing ahead of time before commencing an exercise regimen in the heat is very important, knowing what to do in the event of a heat-related illness/injury is vital as well.

“Summer weather doesn’t have to sideline your outdoor

exercise regimen,” said Capt. Scott Gaustad, chief therapist officer, Public Health Service. “It’s important that Soldiers, athletes or anyone who exercises understand warm and hot weather injury and illness definitions; doing so will help individuals understand and hopefully prevent a heat illness or injury.”

Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are the injuries associated with hot weather. Heat stroke is the most dangerous. When a Soldier suffers heat stroke, the body’s temperature regulatory system is overcome, and there’s potential for serious permanent injury or death.

Gaustad explained that aside from extremely hot and humid conditions, other factors could make Soldiers susceptible to heat injury or illness.

“Individuals taking certain medications, including common over-the-counter drugs such as anti-inflammatories or antihistamines; individuals with certain medical conditions, including certain skin disorders or heart conditions; or people with a lower level of physical fitness or history of prior heat illness/injury are all at an increased risk,” he said.

“Identifying a heat injury or illness victim is important,” Gaustad said. “Knowing what to do and administering treatment is crucial and could be the difference between life and death.”





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EXPERIENCE WAMEGO

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“Small Town, Big Experience.”

The Wamego, Kansas, Convention and Visitors Bureau’s slogan is also an invitation.

Wamego is steeped in history, featuring several attractions. Historical points of interest include the Schonoff Dutch Mill in City Park, Wamego History Museum and Prairie Village, the historic Columbian Theatre, Walter P. Chrysler’s birthplace, Oregon Trail wagon ruts, Beecher Bible and Rifle Church and Mount Mitchell linked to the Bleeding Kansas history.

“Wine Country Kansas” is centered in and around Wamego. Home to two wineries downtown with another winery about 15 miles southeast, Wamego boasts more wineries than anywhere else in Kansas. Park downtown and taste free wine samples at both Vin Vivante Winery or Oz Winery. There are dozens of high quality wines to choose from among.

Downtown Wamego is a few blocks and can be explored in a single day. Storefronts house unique dining and specialty retail shops along Lincoln Avenue. An array of flowers in planters throughout Downtown Wamego line the sidewalks and welcome visitors with a variety of color.

Wamego has many opportunities and activities for all ages, both indoors and out, throughout the year.

City Park spans 12 acres with a large playground area with new equipment, miniature train for children, fishing pond, tennis courts, horseshoe pits and many picnic tables and shade trees to choose from when brown bagging a meal or some take out from a downtown restaurant.

Other Wamego activities include bowling, disc golf, theater productions, biking, hiking, art galleries, tennis, baseball, soccer, sky diving, scenic and wildlife photography, horseback riding, canoeing, the bison experience or golf at one of the top rated 18-hole courses in the state.

Wamego is home to one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas Customs, the OZ Museum. Open year-round, seven-days-a-week, the OZ Museum is home to one of the largest privately owned collections of Wizard of Oz memorabilia. The OZ Museum celebrates the movie and the history of the story touched millions of lives with a simple message. “There’s no place like home.”

Wamego is also home to one of the largest and longest running Fourth of July celebrations, Independence Day is a weeklong celebration including a parade, carnival, antique tractor and car shows.

During the third weekend in April, the city hosts more than 100 art and craft vendors in the City Park for the annual Tulip Festival celebration. Thousands of tulips bloom in vibrant colors in flowerbeds, gardens and downtown planters. The festival gives a nod to the heritage of early settlers. Lincoln Avenue, the main street in town, closes the first weekend in October for OZtoberFest, another annual event featuring all things Oz, art and craft vendors, live music, inflatable kids’ activity

For more Oz Museum information -
visit www.ozmuseum.com or call 866-458-8686.

For other Wamego information -
visit www.visitWamego.com or call 877-292-6346.

area, a book signing with Oz authors and other activities for the entire family. In past years members of the original munchkin cast also made an appearance. Today only one, Gerald Marenghi, 93, survives.

Wamego celebrates Christmas with an array of lights and festivities, starting the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Activities include a lighted Christmas parade down Lincoln Avenue, visits with Santa and a light ceremony at the City Park, which features a display of thousands of lights and decorations.

Visit Wamego and accept the invitation of, Small Town, Big Experience.

IN BRIEF

For links to attractions and events in the Central Flint Hills Region, visit www.rileymwr.com and click on the Fort Riley and Central Flint Hills Region Calendar.

JUNCTION CITY

Event: Arts in the Park

When: June 13

Where: Heritage Park

Events for the day start with the 3 kilometer Sunrise Run at 8 a.m. followed by a full day of art, history, music and shopping. Register for the run to ensure you get your goody bag (t-shirt, color powder, number, and miscellaneous items from some of our donors). the fee is \$25.00 per person, \$20.00 for students and military, and \$30.00 for procrastinators who sign up after 1 June.

Kids events include a LEGO™ Contest and for older kids check out the car show at 6th and Washington. The art displays will be set up in Heritage Park at 6th and Washington and sixth streets will feature area merchants and vendors.

PITTSBURG

Event: 2nd Annual Cow Creek Bluegrass Festival

When: June 13

Where: Lincoln Park

Cow Creek Bluegrass Festival hosts several bands to promote, the style of bluegrass, gospel, folk, old-time music.

For more information visit www.cow-creekbluegrassfestival.com/ or call 620-231-8310.

ELLIS

Event: Cedar Bluff OK Kids Day

When: June 13 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Cedar Bluff Reservoir State Park and Wildlife Area, 32001 147 Hwy, Ellis, KS 67637

Family fun activities include a fishing derby with a biggest fish contest, a free hot dog feed, deer shed hunt, a class in Geocaching, trap shooting, shotgun safety and basic shooting instructions, laser gun simulator and a pheasant dart craft.

It will be a day designed to get the entire family outside to participate in this free event. Bring your fishing poles and smart phone or GPS. Worms will be provided, or bring your own secret or family magic bait.

Cost: Free for the whole family.

SPOUSES' SIP AND CHAT

Spouses of active-duty service members are invited to join the USO Fort Riley for coffee, snacks, friends and fellowship from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The USO Fort Riley is at 6918 Trooper Drive.

For more info, call 785-240-5326.

RILEY RIDE

Heading into Manhattan’s eclectic area of Aggieville for dinner and a few drinks? Get home to Fort Riley safely with Riley Ride.

The transportation service is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and runs Friday and Saturday evenings.

For more info, call 785-239-5614.