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Staff Sgt. Aaron P. Duncan | 4TH IBCT

Above: Col. Peter G. Minalga, commander, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., left, presents Lt. Col. Joseph M. Colacicco, commander, 701st BSB, with the Meritorious Service Medal prior to the 701st BSB colors casing ceremony June 2 at Cavalry Parade Field, Fort Riley. At right is Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald A. Wood. Below, left: Col. Minalga conveys to onlookers the many accomplishments of the 701st BSB Soldiers and the 701st command team prior to the inactivation and colors casing ceremony.



'DILIGENT' ERA ENDS

Former Machine Shop Truck Soldiers carved out their historical niche

By Capt. Keith E. Thayer
4TH IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As part of the inactivation process for the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Soldiers with the 701st Brigade Support Battalion cased its color June 2 at Fort Riley's Cavalry Parade Field. The 701st BSB first activated in October of 1917, beginning its life as Machine

Shop Truck Unit #332. The unit served with the 1st Inf. Div. in World War II and Vietnam, earning six battle streamers and two Meritorious Unit Commendations. In March 2008, the 701st found a home in the "Dragon" Brigade.

After the command was formed and the traditional inspection of the troops had taken place at the June 2 ceremony, Lt.

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'Packer' Soldiers welcome new commander

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

Soldiers and families with the Fort Riley Army Field Support Battalion bid farewell to battalion commander Lt. Col. Daniel Duncan and welcomed his successor, Lt. Col. Brian Beiner in a change of command ceremony June 3 at the Cavalry Parade Field.

As Col. Steve Debusk, commander of the 407th Army Field Support Brigade out of Fort Hood, Texas, addressed the crowd, he shared both his memories of Duncan and words of encouragement to Beiner.

"This guy got things done and he did it with humility, candor and grace," Debusk said about Duncan's time as a commander.

Debusk then told Beiner to stay laser-focused on readiness and supporting Soldiers at Fort Riley, both deployed and stateside, as he prepares to take command.

As Duncan took the stage he reminded the crowd the change of command ceremony usually involves more Soldiers on the parade field, but this battalion was different.

"Typically the amount of people on the parade field outnumber the number of people in the stands," Duncan, a native of Missoula, Montana, said. "Today we will not see hundreds of well-prepared soldiers standing tall for their unit."

He then explained the AFSBn-Riley is comprised of mostly civilians.

"It sounds a bit unfamiliar, but as I gaze at the colors on the parade field, I see the people the colors represent," Duncan said. "They are professionals working diligently in the background solving complex logistics and signal issues for the 1st Infantry Division ... I see hundreds of logistics assistance representatives providing support to countless Soldiers both in Garrison and deployed."

In Duncan's time as commander, the battalion sent support to Soldiers in more than 10 countries including deployed troops in Afghanistan and Africa. Duncan has accepted a new assignment with the 1st Infantry Division as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics.

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'Pale Riders' case colors, "Quarterhorse" squadron reestablished at Fort Riley

Units constituted in 1855, organized at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri that year

Story and photo by
Maj. Fredrick Williams
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On an overcast morning at Fort Riley's Cavalry Parade Field, Soldiers of the "Pale Rider" squadron ended one chapter in their proud history and began another.

The 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, cased its colors June 5 and was redesignated as the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. The 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., deactivated and cased its colors April 15 at Fort Riley as part of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

"Today's casing ceremony, which is steeped in military tradition, serves a dual function," said 1st Lt. Ryan Ley, an assistant operations officer for 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt. "The inactivating squadron is rendered its honors and the heritage and prestige of the other is retained."

It was important to conduct ceremonies like June 5's because they are the foundation of unit traditions and history, said 1st Sgt.



Lt. Col. David DeFelice Jr., commander of the newly reactivated 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., provides remarks during the squadron's redesignation ceremony June 5 on the Cavalry Parade Field at Fort Riley. DeFelice discussed the proud history and traditions of both the 1st and 4th squadrons of the 4th Cavalry Regiment and thanked all the current and former soldiers of both organizations that were in attendance for their support.

Christopher Becker, senior non-commissioned officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

"Discipline is the foundation of the unit's formation and this ceremony showcases the unit's discipline," he said.

The senior reviewing officer and host for the ceremony was Lt. Col. David DeFelice Jr., commander of the former 4th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., and newly reactivated 1st Sqdn. 4th Cav. Regt.

"There's a lineage, a history and a connection with every unit

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ALL FOR THE ONE



Spc. Tristan Bolden, | CJTF-OIR

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston, 1st Infantry Division and Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Iraq command team, and members of the 1st Inf. Div. staff in Iraq pose for a team photo June 2 while deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The division deployed in October to advise and assist Iraqi Security Forces in their fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

The next USAG Resilience Day Off will be:

July
6

SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, June 11

156

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

HIGHLIGHTS



IN A PILGRIMAGE HONORING FR. EMIL KAPAUN, SOLDIERS FROM FORT RILEY JOIN 200 OTHERS FOR A WALK FROM WICHITA TO PILSEN, KANSAS. SEE PAGE 9.

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Celebration, fireworks spark beginning of Victory Week



Above: The 1st Infantry Division Rock Band performs a set of popular music at the Victory Celebration and fireworks show at Rally Point Field June 6. **Right:** A father and his child stand and watch the fireworks show. The Victory Week Celebration also featured different games including a ring toss, dart throwing, and fish bowl game, inflatable obstacle courses and slides. The event officially started Victory Week 2015.

Festival of games, inflatables, live music and fireworks begins week honoring 98th birthday of the 1st Infantry Division, 240th birthday of the Army.

Story and photos by Jakki Forester
1ST INF. DIV. POST

After the Tim Strathman Band concluded their set at the Victory Celebration at Rally Point Field, Col. Andrew Cole, Garrison commander, took the stage, said a few words and counted down to the fireworks display at 10 p.m., officially beginning Victory Week 2015 on June 6.

The Victory Week Celebration was a family-friendly event featuring different games including a ring toss, dart throwing, and fish bowl game, inflatable obstacle courses and slides, live music, food and concluded with a fireworks display.

This event officially started Victory Week 2015, which celebrates the 98th birthday of the 1st Inf. Div. and the 240th birthday of the Army. Hosted annually by the 1st Infantry Division, events are hosted weeklong for units to

compete against one another in a variety of events in order to win the Victory Cup.

“We were most looking forward to the fireworks,” said Shameka Hogg, a Fort Riley military spouse. “We made it out here last year, and the fireworks were a main thing for us again this year. We were just happy to be here and experience this event.”

Hogg said she brought her children to the event to keep their minds occupied since her husband and their father is currently deployed.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hyder, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., said he and his family came to the event for multiple reasons.

“We usually come out for the music,” Hyder said. “Plus, there are always great fireworks.”

Amanda Taylor, a Fort Riley military spouse, said she was excited for her daughters to see the fireworks display this year.

“My daughters wanted to jump and bounce in the inflatables,” Taylor said. “But they were also excited to hear about the fireworks. So, I’m excited they were able to see them.”

Angel Gourdouze, a Fort Riley military spouse, said she went to the event for her children to be able to play in the bouncy houses and inflatables, listen to the live music and enjoy the fireworks display.

Spc. Ramiro Esparza, 73rd Military Police Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, 42nd Military Police Brigade, said he came so his kids could also enjoy the bouncy houses and inflatables. But Esparza said his family also participated in the games.

“My favorite part was the fish bowl game,” Esparza said. “I won a fish, which was great because I actually won something.”



Riley Ride Schedule

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Bowling Center	10:03 p.m.	11:33 p.m.	3:04 a.m.
Warrior Zone	10:06 p.m.	11:36 p.m.	3:01 a.m.
Building 7000F	10:10 p.m.	11:40 p.m.	2:59 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.	2:48 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 (Aggieville)	11 p.m.	12:30 a.m. Bus waits until final return	Departs at 2:15 a.m. for final return to Fort Riley

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‘Devil’ Brigade tests systems at Operation May Day exercise

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conducted Operation May Day May 26-29 at Fort Riley’s Urban Training Area 4.

The purpose of the training was to test the “Devil” brigade’s systems and identify deficiencies.

“It’s better to identify our shortfalls while we have to time to fix them, vice finding them while supporting real-world missions,” said Capt. Justin High, assistant brigade training officer, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

High, a native of Manchester, Iowa, said the brigade commander wanted to focus on conducting operations that would allow his units to “see themselves.”

The exercise began in the early morning hours May 26 with an emergency deployment readiness exercise. Soldiers assembled in the unit’s motor pools, then departed on a 41-kilometer tactical road march to Urban Training Area 4.

“The object was to move all our stabilized platforms to Urban Training Area 4, fire and then move back to the motor pool,” said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Henke, training noncommissioned officer in charge

with 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

Henke, a native of Miami, Florida, said with the time the Soldiers had to prepare for this exercise, they were able to bring their equipment, which was at a 50 percent mission capable readiness rate, up to 75 percent mission capable in less than two weeks.

“This was a great learning event for the Soldiers,” Henke said. “It forced us out of our re-deployment mindset and back to thinking about these tanks.”

Maj. Andrew Kulas, brigade operations officer, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said the May Day exercise forced Soldiers to look at their gunnery skills training and assess their load plans.

“The exercise supercharged the Soldiers on the fundamentals of mechanized operations and allowed us to assess ourselves prior to the start of gunnery later this summer,” Kulas said.

Kulas, a native of Titusville, Florida, said he was proud of how the Soldiers performed, especially the way they adjusted to the adverse weather conditions.

“The objective of this training was to test our movement, weapon systems and communication systems,” Kulas said. “We knew we may have some challenges, with the weather, but we overcame them and achieved mission success.”



Above: Staff Sgt. James White, left, electronic warfare noncommissioned officer, and Sgt. 1st Class Marc Turner, master gunner, both with 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., track which vehicles have fired and record the amount of rounds fired during the Operation May Day training exercise May 28.

Right: Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Henke, center, gives Soldiers a range safety brief and instructs Soldiers on how the range will operate.



‘Hamilton’s Own’ welcomes return of historic Battery B

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner
1st ABCT Public Affairs

The 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, held a reactivation and Soldiers regimental affiliation ceremony for its famed Battery B May 14 in the battalion’s conference room.

Regimental affiliation is assigned to combat arms officers and Soldiers whose initial assignment is not in a regimental unit.

First Lt. Joseph Karl, operations officer and unit historian for 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said the unit distinguished itself as a formidable and dauntless fighting force during the Vietnam War, earning 11 campaign streamers and two unit commendations for action in the Republic of Vietnam.

Karl, a native of Saginaw, Michigan, said in January 1991, the unit was again called to fight for freedom in Southwest Asia.

“The battery deployed to both Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and participated in the largest artillery raids in the division’s history,” Karl said

Throughout its 233-year history, the unit has participated in almost every major conflict in which the United States Army was involved.

Retired Lt. Col. Kevin West, former commander, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said following World War II, Battery D, the predecessor to Battery B, was assigned to the 5th Field Artillery Battalion.

Under the combined arms regiment, the 5th FA Bn. became the 5th Artillery Regt., and batteries of the 5th FA were re-designated as battalions.



Lt. Col. Ryan Maender, commander, pins the regimental crest on Pfc. Joshua Fosumensah, canon crew member, both with 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., during the reactivation and Soldiers regimental affiliation ceremony May 14 in the battalion’s conference room at Fort Riley. Regimental affiliation is assigned to combat arms officers and Soldiers whose initial assignment is not into a regimental unit.

He also said Battery D, 5th FA, was later re-designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, and Batteries A, B and C were added.

Battery B deployed once again in 2003 and 2006 to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

West, of Manhattan, Kansas, said the battalion continued with A, B and D Batteries until 2006 when it reorganized in support of the transition team training mission.

The batteries again reorganized upon completion of their mission and dropped from three to two firing batteries based on the mission table organization and equipment in effect at that time.

West said Battery B was deactivated in May 2009 because the new organizational structure only allowed for two firing batteries.

The reactivation marked the return of Battery B to the regiment.

“I am excited to see the Battery B guidon unfurl and to have them rejoin the bat-

talion’s unmatched history,” West said.

Also in attendance at the May 14 ceremony was retired Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Daley, honorary 5th Regiment sergeant major.

“It’s great seeing these young Soldiers carry on doctrines and traditions I helped create,” Daley said. “I am so proud of this regiment.”

Lt. Col. Ryan Maender, commander, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., thanked the Soldiers, family members and other guests in attendance. Maender, a native of Scotia, New York, told the audience field artillery units across the Army are standing up a third firing battery.

“We are re-integrating our fire support cell back into our formations,” Maender said. “We are expanding the capacity of our field artillery units by having three firing batteries, which increases our capabilities and makes it easier to tailor fire support.”

Maender introduced Capt. Steven Maxwell as the new commander of Battery B. Maxwell served as the battery’s rear detachment commander while the majority of its Soldiers were deployed to Kuwait.

Maxwell thanked Maender for the opportunity to command the organization.

“This is a historic day and one that rarely happens to an officer,” Maxwell said, “to take command of a battery from the ground up and lead it into history.”

Maxwell, a native of Bakersfield, California, said if command was a privilege it was certainly his honor to take the next step and lead the Soldiers of Battery B into the future.

“Before you stands one of the greatest groups of individuals I’ve ever met or had the pleasure of leading,” Maxwell said. “I am privileged to call these Soldiers my men.”

Maxwell said he was honored to be able to create the next generation of Battery B Soldiers.

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to its past and there’s a connection to every unit to its future,” DeFelice said. “To do a simple ceremony like this, we say goodbye gracefully and properly to a unit, a squadron that has served valiantly for the Army since 1855.”

Both units were constituted in March 1855 and organized at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, in the same year. Each squadron is credited with participating in campaigns ranging from the Civil

War to Operation Enduring Freedom.

Many former and current members of the 1st and 4th squadrons and their family members attended the ceremony.

“I hope the ceremony made them proud and that we allowed the 4th Squadron to exit properly,” DeFelice said. “I hope their families are proud of what the 4th Squadron has stood for, but I also hope we did the 1st Squadron veterans proud.”

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- UPCOMING COLLECTION EVENTS**
- All collection events are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Ellis Heights Neighborhood Center June 17
 - ◆ Warner-Peterson Neighborhood Center June 18
 - ◆ Riley’s Conference Center in Main Post June 23
 - ◆ McClellan Place Neighborhood Center June 24
 - ◆ Colyer-Forsyth Neighborhood Center June 30
 - ◆ Normandy Child Development Center July 11

- RECYCLABLE ITEMS INCLUDE**
- ◆ Aluminum cans
 - ◆ Plastic bottles #1 (
 - ◆ Plastic bottles #2 (HDPE)
 - ◆ Office paper
 - ◆ Newspaper
 - ◆ Corrugated cardboard
 - ◆ Printers
 - ◆ Computer monitors
 - ◆ Radios
 - ◆ Glass food and beverage containers
 - ◆ Printer and toner cartridges
 - ◆ Steel
 - ◆ Magazines
 - ◆ Catalogs
 - ◆ Televisions, excluding Cathode Ray TVs, or CRT.
 - ◆ Freezers and refrigerators after Freon unit removed

- REUSE ITEMS**
- Other items labeled as hazardous are accepted and may be available for check out if reusable. Those items include:
- ◆ Household cleaners
 - ◆ Paint
 - ◆ Paint thinners
 - ◆ Insecticides
 - ◆ Fertilizers

No waste no harm re-use, recycle works

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Ready. Set. Recycle. The Fort Riley Recycling Center staff will be hosting multiple recycling events through the summer.

During June, the staff will bring a mobile recycling center visit post neighborhoods where residents can dispose of unwanted household products, automobile, lawn and garden, electronics and fuels at collection events, which are usually held monthly. There will be five collection events.

“They can bring us their unused household hazardous waste,” said Rick Doll, Environmental protection assistant.

Residents can dispose of soaps, bleach, cleaning products, aerosol cans and paints as well as automotive products such as tires, grease, used oil and more. Pesticides and plant food will be accepted as well.

Recently, Fort Riley integrated electronic waste collection into their collection events. This includes anything with a cord, according to Doll. He said the only thing electronic the center will not accept is a cathode ray tube, or CRT, television.

The recycling center is unable to accept items such as needles, explosives, ammunition, radioactive material and medical waste.

The collection event will also feature the post’s free-issue

program where residents can donate their unused household cleaning products and other items and another family can check them. This program is offered as a convenience for people who live on post.

Another collection event is scheduled for July 11.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, in 2012 Americans generated about 251 million tons of trash and recycled almost 87 tons of that material. It is equivalent to a 35 percent recycling rate.

Doll said it benefits the environment and overall, it helps the safety of the community. He said the worst to do is throw away a potentially harmful chemical.

“If you throw it away in the trash, and then it goes into the trash truck and then mixes with another product it could cause a catastrophe,” Doll said. “If you take it to the landfill and it leeches into the soil, it can go into your drinking water.”

Doll said the collection events encourage the public to recycle and make it easy.

The Environmental Waste Management Center is open on regular duty days from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. E-Waste is collected on regular duty days from noon to 3 p.m. The center is not open on holidays or Resiliency Days Off. To set up an appointment or for more information, call 785-239-6797.

Story and photo by Jakki Forester
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Fort Riley Recycling Center added an e-waste component to their recycling program at the beginning of May. The program’s goal is to allow for the safe recycling of electronics and household appliances that are harmful to the environment if disposed of improperly.

“We want to continue to serve our customers to meet their evolving needs,” said Craig Phillips, chief of pollution prevention and clean up branch of the recycling center. “We have had multiple requests for an e-waste program.”

Scott Allen, operations supervisor for the recycling center, said he hopes the program to help keep e-waste out of landfills and to make a little extra money. Through these two components, Allen said he wants to boost education about the different components of recycling on Fort Riley and to boost the recycling program.

E-waste is categorized as any type of electronic device including household appliances, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

“We will collect anything with a cord including cords,” said Janet Schaad, administrative support assistant for the recycling center.

The recycling center will accept all electronics except cathode ray tube, or CRT, televisions. It will also accept any household appliances except for refrigerators

and freezers with the Freon unit removed.

“We want to make recycling e-waste as easy as possible for our customers,” Allen said. “Customers can just drive up to the side of the building, let us know what they have and we will take it from there.”

All e-waste collected is sold to Howie’s Trash Service, in Manhattan, Kansas.

“They gave up copies of their bonds and paperwork proving that they will dispose of the e-waste properly,” Schaad said. “Additionally, if people are worried about not knowing how to eliminate information off of their hard drives, Howie’s (Trash Service) will make sure the information is eliminated properly.”

Phillips said the recycling center was concerned about the space issue of recycling e-waste because e-waste cannot be compacted like other recyclables, such as aluminum, paper and plastics. Howie’s Trash Service was the only place locally that did not require an entire truckload of e-waste before it could be weighed and bought from the recycling center.

The e-waste component of the recycling center has been a work-in-progress since 2009.

“This has been a long time coming,” Allen said. “Since we are located in the center of the United States, it’s hard to store

and ship e-waste, as well as being quite expensive.”

The recycling center received no additional funding nor will it require additional labor. The profit the center makes from selling its recycling is given to the unit Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Phillips said last quarter, the recycling center gave back almost \$6,000 to units for recycling efforts. The center also presents recycling awards for environmental compliance.

“Our recycling program is self-sufficient,” Phillips said. “First and foremost, we pay for our operating expenses, costs and labor. Then, all of our profit goes back to unit DFMWR.”

Phillips said the next step is to provide drop boxes where people can deliver their e-waste at any time of the day, any day of the week similar to the drop boxes for other types of recycling.

The staff at the recycling center logistically has to figure out how to make recycling e-waste secure for computers and hard drives that have not been stripped and they must consider weather conditions.

“We collect e-waste from everyone, even those military-affiliated people who live off post,” Phillips said. “We want to continue to serve our customers and to increase general knowledge about recycling.”



Scott Allen, operations supervisor for the Fort Riley Recycling Center, explained the different containers e-waste is sorted into at the Recycling Center. Allen said he expects miscellaneous e-waste to be the most recycled.

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RILEY ROUNDTABLE

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"I learned something new ... rigging."

PFC LARDEAN ISKAWA
KOROR, PALAU
1st Sustainment Brigade



"(it) built my confidence and helped me learn to work better in a team. I got a great experience."

PVT. ALEXIS STOUGH
BEDFORD, MICHIGAN
1st Sustainment Brigade



"... I learned about working together, asking for help when you don't know what to do. During the rock climbing I learned many ways to climb."

SGT. TERRANCE ELLIOT
TUCSON, ARIZONA
1st Sustainment Brigade



"Getting the certification in rock climbing was awesome. The beginning class was great as well. It was a fun way for everyone to get to know each other. It was weird how everyone enjoyed the icebreakers."

SGT. DRAKE MYERS
MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT
1st Sustainment Brigade



"(It was a) Confidence builder, meeting new people, getting out and experiencing what there is to do in the area - challenging myself."

SGT. LACEY SPEISS
EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN
1st Sustainment Brigade

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Two fishing tales for Fort Riley families

Dads Derby

With fishing poles and tackle boxes in hand, fathers headed to Moon Lake with their children to participate in the Army Community Service Dads Fishing Derby May 6.

The seventh annual Dads Fishing Derby launched Dad's Make a Difference Month by inviting fathers to fish with their children. Upon registering, families got fishing poles, fish identifier booklets and first-aid kits.

"We're just celebrating contributions that fathers are making in their families," said Kariga Pratt, Family Advocacy Specialist and Program Specialist for ACS. "We decided to do a fishing derby in conjunction with the USO. What we're doing is basically getting dads involved with their families through activities together."

Cheryl Erickson, ACS Chief, said the average father in the United States spends less than 30 minutes per day actively engaged with their children. She added that children with engaged fathers do better in social settings, have fewer issues with drugs and earn higher grades in school.

"We feel like our soldiers are facing greater challenges," said Erickson. "With deployments, they're maybe home half of the time anyway. So we want to show dads all of the opportunities we have here to go out and have fun with their kids."

For a list of upcoming ACS events, visit www.rileymwr.com.

Moon Lake fishing tournaments hooked kids, dads

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



Families bait hooks, cast lines and wait at the dual-hosted Army Community Service and Fort Riley USO fishing derby May 6 at Moon Lake.

Paul Caiafa spent the day at Moon Lake with his son Nathan, age 10. Caiafa is teaching Nathan how to cast out using a spinning reel and rod during the Fort Riley USO and Army Community Service fishing derbies. Volunteers with the USO hosted a fishing derby in conjunction with ACS May 6 at Moon Lake. The weekend was also free fishing weekend in Kansas



Fort Riley USO

One hundred children of ill, injured or deployed Soldiers were invited to participate in the second annual Fort Riley USO fishing derby, during the Kansas free fishing weekend.

The USO volunteers held the event in conjunction with the ACS Dad's Make a Difference Month, providing children with free fishing poles, bait and fish identifying books upon registration for the events.

"Our intent with this event is to provide an experience for children this summer who might have not gotten the opportunity to go fishing and to teach them a sport that they can learn and share with their parent when they become well or redeploy," said Jill Iwen, director for the USO.

Four-year-old Kade Wesson said this was the first time he held a fishing pole and he was excited to learn how to fish with his father.

"I love spending time with my daddy," said Kade. "My favorite thing to do with him is play trucks."

However, Kade's mother, Jessica Wesson, said fishing may soon become his favorite thing to do after he casts out the first line.

"It's awesome, because it's his first time fishing and we both fish," said Jessica Wesson, military spouse. "So it's awesome to be able to take our kids fishing and then also teach them something that they can teach their kids later."

For more information about the USO, visit <https://www.facebook.com/USOFtRiley>.

'Dauntless' chaplain showcases skills on deadly island

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Mark Patton
4TH MEB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A white cross memorial juts from the rugged terrain as a group of bowhunters start their trek into the heart of a 7-by-4-mile island surrounded by some of the Caribbean's roughest waters.

"It's a reality check that this island has taken people's lives," recalled Chaplain (Capt.) Stacy Beasley, spiritual leader for the Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri-based 5th Engineer Battalion, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Beasley was speaking about Mona Island, Puerto Rico, an area billed as one of the most hostile environments known to man. It's an island that, except for seasonal rangers, remains uninhabited by humans. What the island does offer is scorching heat, venomous centipedes, poisonous plants, sink holes, razor-sharp coral rocks and a disorienting cactus maze.

For Beasley, a native of Carthage, Missouri, this island became his temporary home late last year. It also became the sight of the avid outdoorsman's television debut.

Three other bowhunters joined Beasley on Mona Island as their efforts to cull an invasive colony of boars infected by the highly contagious and deadly Brucellosis microbe were documented for an Animal Planet show.

By hunting the feral hogs, the team hoped to reduce the spread of disease on the island and prevent it from being carried to the mainland from illegal migrants. Mona Island also houses endangered animals, including an endemic iguana subspecies, and Beasley said their hunt aimed to reduce the disturbance of the ecosystem.

The docudrama, dubbed "Monster Island," aired May 21 as part of Animal Planet's Monster Week. MONSTER ISLAND at 9 PM ET/PT, as a team of expert hunters cull the invasive colony of boars infected by the highly contagious and deadly Brucellosis microbe on Mona Island. The island is a true monster and one of the most forbidding and hostile environments known to man. The hunters face scorching temperatures; venomous snakes and spiders; poisonous plants that can kill you just by brushing up against them; deadly sink holes; and razor sharp coral rocks. Most

terrifying is the legend of a beast far more deadly than the killer wild boar. MONSTER ISLAND at 9 PM ET/PT, as a team of expert hunters cull the invasive colony of boars infected by the highly contagious and deadly Brucellosis microbe on Mona Island. The island is a true monster and one of the most forbidding and hostile environments known to man. The hunters face scorching temperatures; venomous snakes and spiders; poisonous plants that can kill you just by brushing up against them; deadly sink holes; and razor sharp coral rocks. Most terrifying is the legend of a beast far more deadly than the killer wild boar

Being one of the few Americans to have hunted Mona Island wasn't something Beasley planned, but an email from Bright Road Productions quickly put the island within his sights.

The company was looking to pitch a show to Animal Planet revolving around hunting the Puerto Rican island. Beasley's presence on social media bowhunting groups drew the attention of the company's employees, so they reached out, saying he fit what they were looking for.

"I thought it was a joke," Beasley said recently.

As he started auditioning a week later, Beasley soon learned that it was far from a joke as he got a part for the upcoming show.

A veteran of two tours in Iraq, three National Training Center rotations in Fort Irwin, California, military assignments that stretched from coast to coast in the United States and hunting trips to a variety of challenging locations, Beasley's experiences helped prepare him for his most challenging hunt to date.

"If Osama bin Laden had



Chaplain (Capt.) Stacy Beasley

been hiding on Mona Island, we may have never found him," Beasley said. "It was worse than any NTC rotation I've ever been on."

As Beasley and his crew settled in for the hunt, left alone with only what could be carried on an island with no source of fresh water, Beasley remembered his thought.

"We're a bunch of castaways," Beasley said.

At one point during the show, Beasley, fresh from shooting a boar, scrambled to locate both his arrow and the injured hog in the dwindling daylight, while being careful to avoid sinkholes hidden underneath palm fronds, falling coconuts and a plant whose leaves can cause painful blisters and even blindness.

Lack of sleep, walking more than 60 miles of rough terrain during filming and the mental challenges of the hunt weighed heavy on Beasley, but he credits his military training for being able to maintain a positive attitude and survive the physical demands.

"I never dropped out of the hunt," said Beasley, who shed 10 pounds during his island stay.

Beasley compared the production and film crew to that of a well-tuned and precise military team and admitted he was amazed at how much work went into the show.

"I have a newfound respect for actors and actresses," Beasley said.

Tim "Spike" Davis, a bearded primitive bowhunter from Chicago who also starred in the show, said the experience and camaraderie was the highlight of the adventure and he met friends he hopes to hunt with for the rest of his life.

"Working with Captain Beasley was an honor and a blessing," Davis wrote in an email. "We both share the same faith, and it is good to know that when you're on a dangerous island away from home. Even though I have never served in the military, my brother and father did, and I knew having Stacy on the team was an asset."

As the group's hunt faced an imminent storm and dwindling supplies, they were forced to pack up. They were able to shoot three boars.

"One more day, one more day, one more day," the determined Beasley pleaded, but reality set in and the group knew they had done what they could to help the island.

Beasley's time in the military is running short, as he is slated to finish his more than 10-year career this month.

Although the Missouri native mentioned he's looking for a new line of work, Beasley said he would enjoy the chance to be involved in another docudrama in the future.

Whatever path he takes, it's likely that hunting will remain a part of Beasley's life.

"I've been on two tours of duty in Iraq and I've seen a lot of bad stuff," Beasley said on camera. "When I got back from Iraq, it was very difficult and the one thing that brought me back to reality was hunting."



Staff Sgt. Mark Patton, 4th MEB

Chaplain (Capt.) Stacy Beasley, 5th Eng. Bn., 4th MEB, 1st Inf. Div., holds a piece of metal and glass from an ancient light-house featured on the recent Animal Planet docudrama "Monster Island." Beasley was one of four bow hunters who traveled to Mona Island, Puerto Rico, late last year to cull an invasive colony of boars infected by a deadly microbe on the island.

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Singapore delegation views Fort Riley capability

Group gets overview of what is required to train modern Soldiers

Story and photo by Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A delegation of officers from the Army of Singapore visited Fort Riley June 5th and received a crash course on the dynamic and complex relationship between Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley that yields a modern trained Soldier.

Singapore Army Col. (P) Ng Ying Thong and his team received a briefing from Bill Raymann, Chief of the Training Division of the Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security at Fort Riley.

Ng and his colleagues began their day at Fort Leavenworth's Combined Arms Center, then traveled 130 miles to Fort Riley. The result was a comprehensive overview of a premier relationship between Army posts.

Specifically, the delegation observed the integrated systems architectures that exist

between Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley.

Essentially, Raymann explained the guidance and planning is developed at the CAC, and in turn is implemented at Fort Riley.

"They (the CAC) develop the plans and training requirements and we are the laboratory," Raymann said.

This integrated system of planning and doctrine on the part of the CAC, and implementation at Fort Riley, makes for a unique relationship across the Army, with Fort Riley bringing extensive lands compatible with large scale training to test training plans.

And the communication between Fort Riley and the CAC tells planners what is working and what adjustments need to be made. The result is continuous evaluation and improvement.

"For a resetting or reforming unit," Raymann said, "the goal is to become more proficient. For the proficient unit the goal is to become even better."

As the delegation from Singapore learned, when it comes to Fort Riley, few places offer the resources to test what the CAC develops; and no place offers the close proximity. The



Bill Raymond, Chief of the Training Division of the Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security at Fort Riley talks training with Singapore Army Col. (P) Ng Ying Thong and his team who visited Fort Riley June 5th. Part of the visit took them to the Close Combat Tactical Trainer.

large areas of land that comprise Fort Riley's training ranges allow maneuver training for up to a full brigade at once.

"The visit went very well," said Steve Crusinberry, Direc-

tor of DPTMS. "Our close partnership with Fort Leavenworth enables us to support these Foreign Officer delegation visits, allowing us to demonstrate Army training capa-

bilities in support of the war fighter.

"Fort Riley also benefits from this partnership, our proximity to the Fort Leavenworth National Simulation

Center ensures our Integrated Training Environment remains state of the art, providing our Soldiers with the best, most modern, virtual, constructive and gaming simulations."

World War I Soldiers inducted into Hall of Heroes

Honor comes after pair earn Medals of Honor

By J.D. Leipold
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON – Two World War I Soldiers were inducted into the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon, June 3, one day after the upgrade of their Distinguished Service Crosses to Medals of Honor, posthumously, by President Barack Obama.

"This ceremony is a reminder that we redress the prejudices of the past and appropriately honor our nation's heroes," said Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work as he discussed the valor of Pvt. Henry Johnson, an African-American, and Sgt. William Shemin, who was Jewish.

PRIVATE JOHNSON

Johnson enlisted with the 15th New York (Colored) Infantry Regiment, an all-black National Guard unit, which later became the 369th Infantry Regiment, of the 93rd Infantry Division, known as the "Harlem Hellfighters." His unit was sent to the Western Front in 1918 and attached to a French command.

Johnson, with another Soldier, came under attack while standing sentry duty. Surrounded by about 12 German soldiers, he and his comrade fended off the enemy with grenades and rifle fire until their ammunition was spent.

Seeing the other sentry being dragged off into captivity, and disregarding a slew of wounds, the 5'4" Johnson used his rifle as a club before it finally splintered, then he pulled a bolo knife, stabbing and hacking the enemy until American and French troops arrived on the scene to aid in repelling the German forces. He was awarded France's highest medal,

the Croix de Guerre with the Gold Palm for exceptional valor.

He stayed with his regiment until it returned home at war's end. Suffering from 21 combat wounds, Johnson was unable to work as a train porter, which he had done before the war. His wife and children abandoned him and he died destitute in 1929 at age 32. Johnson had suffered 21 combat wounds, yet he never received disability pay upon discharge.

He received a Purple Heart in 1996. In 2002, after further reviews of documented first-hand accounts of what Johnson had done in battle, the Army awarded him the Distinguished Service Cross.

SERGEANT SHEMIN

Shemin distinguished himself by his fearlessness and extraordinary heroism while serving as a rifleman with the 47th Infantry Regiment, of the 4th Division, near Bazoches, France.

From his trench, it was recounted he could see Americans injured, dying and littering the battlefield. With utter disregard to his own safety, Shemin sprang from his platoon trench, dashed out across the open into full sight of the Germans, who maintained a furious burst of machine-gun and rifle fire.

On three occasions between Aug. 7 and 9, 1918, Shemin left cover and crossed an open space of 150 yards to rescue the wounded. After officers and senior noncommissioned officers had become casualties, Shemin took command of the platoon until he himself took a round through his helmet which hospitalized him for three months.

Shemin would go off to Syracuse; he would play football, study forestry and live a long life until the 1970s anchored by eternal varieties of faith and family – a family of more than 60.



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Col. Steve Debusk, commander of the 407th Army Field Support Brigade out of Fort Hood, Texas, hands the unit flag to new battalion commander Lt. Col. Brian Beiner during the passing of the colors in the change of command ceremony June 3 at the Cavalry Parade Field.

The battalion provides support and maintains operational readiness to all units within the 1st Infantry Division. The battalion’s success is measured by the logistical excellence of all units assigned or attached to the division.

After Duncan bid his farewells to his unit, Beiner addressed his unit as commander for the first time. He thanked everyone for their words of encouragement as he stepped into his leadership role.

“I am both in awe and humbled at this opportunity to command the Soldiers and civilians of the Packer

Battalion,” Beiner, a native of Queens, New York, said. “Words cannot express my gratitude.”

He then told Duncan he will strive to continue the legacy that was built in the last couple of years by making the AFSBn-Riley the premiere provider of support for the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

“I look forward to sharing in your next chapter of your history,” Beiner said to those with the AFSBn. “I’m excited to learn from each of you and how your skills contribute to accomplishing our mission.”

Buffer zones complement training, ranchers, environment

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Note: The following article was published in the May 29, 2015 edition of the 1st Infantry Division Post. It is reprinted here with additional clarifying content.

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. To mitigate potential conflicts between military and civilian use, the Army Compatible Use Buffer program was established to create buffer zones surrounding the installation. That zone mitigates encroachment and cultivates a training environment on the installation 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 development rights on land around the post. The Kansas Land Trust makes the

agreement with the landowner. Conservation easements provide a financial incentive to landowners without altering their current agricultural and ranching business.

“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. “(Farmland) is very compatible with noise, dust and other issues that result from military training.”

Being compatible with military training is one requirement of the buffer zone land, but another is the conservation of endangered and declining species of 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, and other species ... it helps us to purchase

easement rights on farm and ranchland, this person will continue to use it how he has been – farming or grazing cattle – which is compatible with conservation efforts and how we train on Fort Riley”

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

The landowner’s involvement in the program is voluntary. Once the development rights are purchased as part of the buffer zone, it is a permanent transaction.

Hynek said through the ACUB, Fort Riley has greater flexibility and reduced the potential for encroachment. Property owners benefit through financial incentives and tax benefits while conserving wildlife habitat.

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.

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Col. Joseph M. Colacicco and Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald A. Wood, 701st command team, furlled the battalion colors. Col. Peter G. Minalga, 4th IBCCT commander, addressed the last battalion formation of his inactivating brigade combat team.

“Joe and Command Sgt. Maj. Wood and their team of logisticians and maintainers, subject matter experts, have proven themselves by demonstrating the expertise and professionalism required to inactivate a brigade combat team,” Minalga said.

“Diligent” battalion Soldiers have not only provided maintenance and logistics support to the brigade, but conducted missions and deployed Soldiers as part of the brigade’s regionally aligned force mission requirements on the continent of Africa and elsewhere.

The tremendous contributions and performance of the 701st and its Soldiers, whether as trainers and mentors for host nation partners on the continent of Africa or inactivation of the brigade, can never be overstated, Minalga said.

“These Soldiers represent the legacy of the 701st Brigade Support Battalion,” Colacicco said. “These are Soldiers and leaders who never forgot the middle name of the battalion, always dedicated to supporting the Dragon brigade and ensuring no mission failed due to logistical shortfalls.”

Colacicco also acknowledged his senior noncommissioned officer.

“Command Sgt. Maj. Wood, you are the command sergeant major I needed,” he said. “The Army got it right when

they paired us up. Whether it be our 96-hour after arrival deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center, sitting on a hilltop watching the battalion occupy yet another brigade support area, walking the motor pool for the third time in a day or standing behind our trucks talking before we left for the day, you always provided a listening ear and good counsel, helping me remain steady and on track.”

The 701st BSB Soldiers’ and leaders’ last mission is to facilitate the divestment of all remaining brigade personnel and property. The 701st will remain in a provisional unit status through September 2015 as the unit processes remaining property, transfers Soldiers out and relinquishes buildings and infrastructure to complete the brigade inactivation.

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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

HUELSKAMP REP AVAILABLE

Congressman Tim Huelskamp announced that a staff representative from his Kansas office will be available on Thursday, June 18 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in Junction City at the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library. During these office hours, Huelskamp's staff representative will be available to meet individually with Kansans to learn about their concerns and to serve as a resource for constituents struggling to navigate bureaucratic red tape. Constituents seeking assistance are encouraged to schedule an appointment by contacting Congressman Huelskamp's Salina District office at 785-309-0572.

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 recommended 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>

SPOUSES' SIP AND CHAT

Spouses of active duty service members are welcome to join USO Fort Riley for coffee, snacks, friends and fellowship from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday each month. USO Fort Riley is located at 6918 Trooper Drive. For more information, call 785-240-5326.

RILEY RIDE

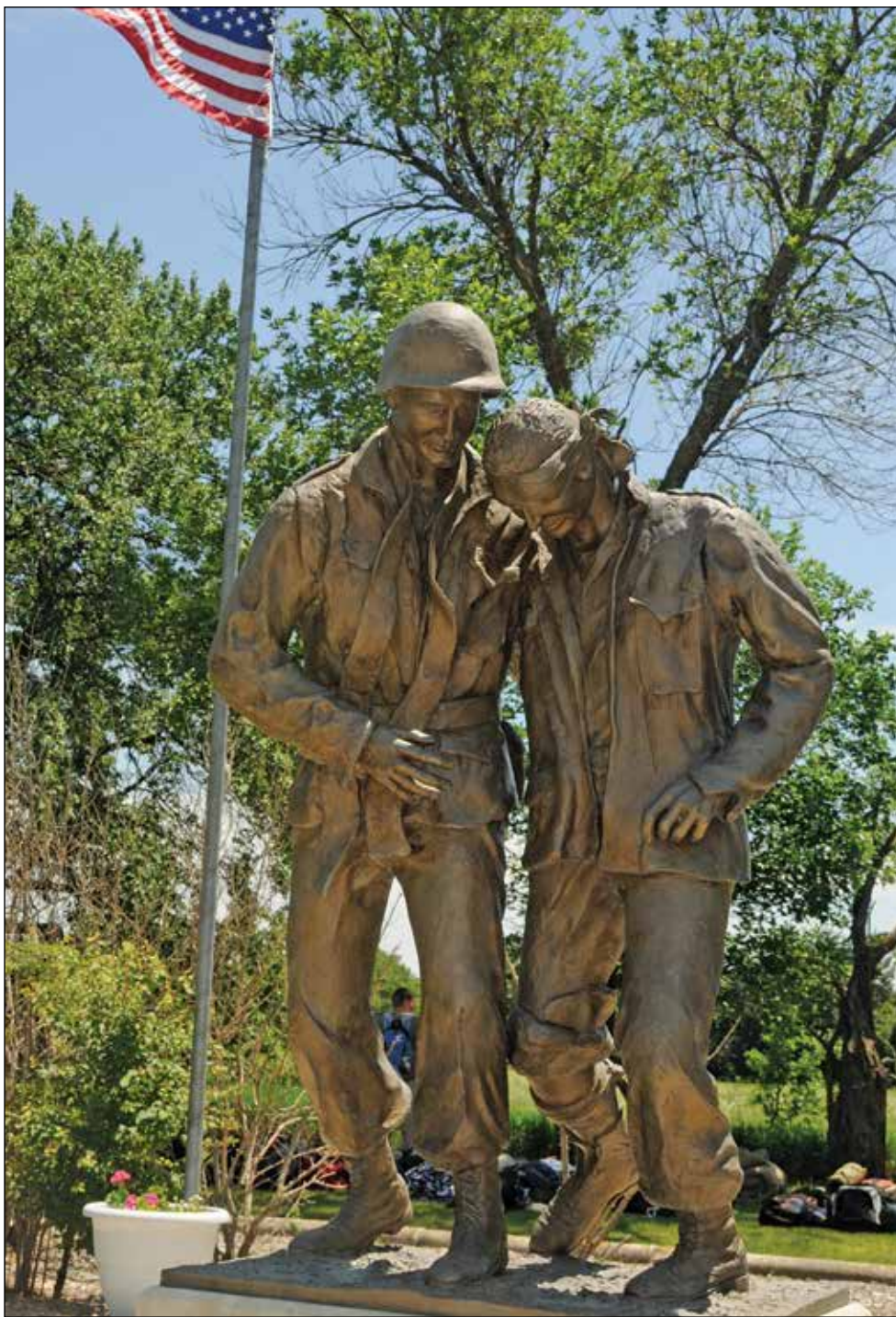
Heading to Aggieville for drinks? Get home to Fort Riley safely with Riley Ride. The transportation service is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and runs Friday and Saturday evenings. For more information, call 785-239-5614.

COSMIC BINGO MUSTACHE BASH

Enjoy some cash prizes, drink specials, minute to win it games, and karaoke at Rally Point on June 20. Doors open at 6 p.m. event starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15, which includes a bingo package and mustache swag. The event is open to all DOD ID card holders and their guests ages 16 and older.

For more information, call 785-784-5733.

FATHER EMIL JOSEPH KAPAUN (1916-1951)



At St. John Nepomucene Church in Pilsen stands a bronze statue of Fr. Emil Joseph Kapaun helping a Soldier. Nearly a century after Kapaun's birth, approximately 200 pilgrims, including Soldiers from Fort Riley and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, walked from Wichita to Pilsen to honor the memory of the Medal of Honor recipient after whom Fort Riley's Kapaun Chapel is named. In front of the statue is a plaque, which reads the information that is shown below.

Sacred pilgrimage

Soldiers' trek from Wichita to Pilsen honors service of American chaplain, Medal of Honor recipient Kapaun

Story and photos by Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

On the plains of Marion County, Kansas, sits the hamlet of Pilsen. Born on a farm some miles southwest of Pilsen April 20, 1916 was Emil Joseph Kapaun, Catholic priest and Medal of Honor recipient after whom Fort Riley's Kapaun Chapel is named.

Nearly a century after Kapaun's birth, approximately 200 pilgrims, including a host of Soldiers from Fort Riley and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, walked from Wichita to Pilsen to honor his memory.

Fort Riley was represented by a contingent of Soldiers from Apache troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

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Chaplain (Captain) Emil J. Kapaun
1st Cavalry United States Army

April 20, 1916
Born Pilsen, Kansas

June 9, 1940
Ordained

November 2, 1950
Captured by Chinese Communists

May 23, 1951
Died P.O.W. Pyoktong, Korea

Nurtured by the soil of Kansas
He consecrated the soul of Korea.

"As spouses, we constantly have to reinvent ourselves. Having the ability to articulate our skills and then translate them into something marketable is highly important."

BETH FUNK | WIFE OF
MAJ. GEN. PAUL E. FUNK II

Military spouses learn about job options

Group's traveling Military Family Forum offers advice on securing employment

By Kalyn Curtis
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Association of the United States Army brought their traveling Military Family Forum, "Military Spouse Employment: What You Need to Know," to Riley's Conference Center Wednesday. The forum was designed to help military spouses through the process of finding employment by informing them of their options.

The forum consisted of speakers, followed by a discussion panel, ending with a network lunch and exhibit booths presented by local and national partners.

Eddie Mentzer, Program Manager of the Military Spouse Employment Program, said across the United States there are more than one million military spouses, 92 percent of whom are women.

"Spouses who are employed are paid 25 percent less than those who are not spouses of the military," said Mentzer. "Spouses also have a 25 percent unemployment rate and 65 percent of all spouses have some college education."

Beth Funk, wife of Major General Paul E. Funk II, commander of the 1st Infantry Division-led Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Iraq, said the resources she acquired while listening to this forum can be universal for all spouses. Even spouses who are not thinking about employment at this time can tuck the information away for later use.

"As spouses, we constantly have to reinvent ourselves," Funk said. "Having the ability to articulate our skills and then translate them into something marketable is highly important."

Stacy Hipskind, spouse of a deployed soldier, said in her career as a nurse it has been easier for her to find jobs than spouses looking for a job outside of the medical career.

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Teamwork stressed at unit Life skills training

Soldiers tackle rock wall at K-State, earn certificate to be buddy for climbers

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

Teamwork was the name of the game at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers life skills training event held at Kansas State University at the end of May and beginning of June.

Each group spent one day at K-State. The events included a challenge course that involved working as a team to solve a common goal, lunch and a rock climbing session where Soldiers walked away with belay certification. The belay certification means each Soldier is certified to be a buddy for a climber on the wall.

Spc. Jarred Shorr, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support



Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, said the training gives Soldiers an opportunity to become more self-aware by identifying character strengths and building meaningful relationships and connections with other Soldiers.

"It's based on teamwork, problem solving skills, camaraderie, working together to solve an overall situation," said Shorr said. "It includes cognitive and physical thinking."

Shorr is a representative from the Fort Riley BOSS program. He attended all the events. A life skill can be defined as any skill that enhances the ability to solve problems, cope with stress or build teamwork, according to Shorr.

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Spc. Gerson Rodriguez, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, balances himself on a tightrope during the life skills training at Kansas State University. The training included a challenge course and rock climbing certification.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Firearms safety demands constant vigilance, continual education

By Col. Andrew Cole
GARRISON COMMANDER

In the middle of our victory week celebrations where we extol our profession of arms through observing the Army’s origins and those of the 1st Infantry Division, it is as good a time as any to look at our arms safety at home.

The incidents of accidental death and injury from firearms have come way down in recent years. I’m a firm believer that

it’s because we keep gun safety fresh in our minds. There are resources in our own Garrison Safety Office and the Fort Riley Police Department that can help you with a plan for storing and transporting your firearms safely and there are some other great resources available to you also.



Colonel Cole

Project Child Safe runs a “S.A.F.E. Summer” campaign to help families with their weapons safety. The acronym, just like all of ours, has a specific meaning and acts as a memory aid for weapon safety.

Secure your firearms when not in use; be Aware of those around you who should not have unauthorized access to guns; Focus on your responsibility as a firearm owner; and Educate yourself and others about safe firearm handling and storage.

Here are a few tips from www.projectchildsafes.org

- Store your firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case when not in use, ensuring they are in a location inaccessible by children and cannot be handled by anyone without your permission.
- Store your ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.
- Always unload, clean and place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after returning from

a hunting trip or a day at the range.

- Educate everyone in your family about firearms safety

You also can contact your safety office or the Fort Riley Police Department to find out more about firearm safety.

For hunters, there are another considerations. Our game wardens, in coordination with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offers a hunter safety course at Fort Riley twice each year. But there are several more

tips and courses listed at ksoutdoors.com/Education.

If your weapon is for recreational target practice or sport hunting, make sure it isn’t a danger to your family. Take care of it when it’s not in use and take care of them always. Educate them and follow the tips to check your own safety and storage plan.

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Guidelines for child care meals may change

K-State nutritionist: Proposed changes victory for everyone

K-STATE NEWS AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

MANHATTAN — The guidelines for meal requirements in child care settings are being revised for the first time since 1968, something a Kansas State University nutritionist says is a victory for both children’s nutrition and business owners.

Similar to the school lunch guidelines, the Child and Adult Care Feeding Program regulates the type of meals provided to children in child care settings and adults in care settings. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is updating those guidelines to better align the meal patterns with the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

“The current rule these providers follow means serving meals that are less nutritious by regulation than what you may want your child to be served,” said Sandy Procter, Kansas

PROPOSED CHANGES

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture is updating the guidelines to the **Child and Adult Care Feeding Program** to better align the meal patterns with the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- Requiring fruits and vegetables as part of the snacks provided.
 - Incorporating more whole grains.
 - Reducing sugar and fat in meals served.
 - No longer offering fruit juice to children younger than age 1.
 - More support for breastfeeding in child care settings.

State University assistant professor of human nutrition and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program coordinator in Kansas. “Parents are really becoming more nutritionally aware and we know it’s important that the feeding guidance keeps up with what the rest of the country is living by as far as dietary guidelines.”

“We know breastfeeding is really the most nutritious meal that a baby can have up to 6 months of age,” Procter said. “Before, it was actually counterproductive if a mother wanted to breast-feed a child. The center actually lost money. This new guidance

would reimburse the center for providing a nutritionally adequate meal to a breast-fed baby, so it really encourages the centers to be financially able to do the right thing for the baby — which is a really great change.”

More than 3 million children receive meals through the Child and Adult Care Feeding Program each day. Procter says these changes will not only improve the health of those being served, but also give the providers a healthy bottom line.

“They’re able to receive reimbursement for healthy meals that are the right thing to be serving these kids,” Procter

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SANDY PROCTER | KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

said. “It really has a double positive effect. It improves the health of our young children, but also makes it economically feasible for these caretakers to provide nutritious food.”

It is unclear when the rule will be finalized.

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Enhance your developing skills through primitive workshop series

Participants to gain hands-on experience, develop awareness

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Flint Hills Discovery Center is offering multiple skills workshops throughout the summer.

The first workshop explores a variety of primitive technologies and is scheduled for June 20 from 12 to 8 p.m. This field course is off-site in the Flint Hills so come prepared to spend a day in the field. The course is limited to 12 participants, ages 16 and up. Youth ages 12 to 15 may be accompanied by an adult.

Participants will receive veteran instruction and hands-on experience with a variety of primitive technologies including fire, cordage, containers, tools and thermoregulation. Participants will develop an awareness of nature-based decision making and will be given ample opportunity to apply techniques during the course.

Additional workshops are available July 18 and August 15. Workshops are \$55 for Flint Hills Discovery Center members and \$65 for non-members.

Instructor Daniel Schapaugh is an Education Specialist at the Flint Hills Discovery

ABOUT FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER

The Flint Hills Discovery Center affords a tourism and community experience designed to inspire people to celebrate, explore and care for the Flint Hills. The Flint Hills Discovery Center is a division of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Manhattan and has been consistently ranked No. 1 of 30 things to do in Manhattan on TripAdvisor. Visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org or call 785-587-2726 for more information about programs or events at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.



Center. In the last 20 years, he has taught a variety of outdoor skills workshops and credit courses through K-State Global Campus, KDWPT, BSA and UFM.

Contact the Flint Hills Discovery Center at 785-587-2726 for scouting group offers.

EXPLORE THE FLINT HILLS AND WINEMAKING

The Flint Hills Discovery Center has lectures planned for the summer months. In June, learn about winemaking from regional expert, Dominic Martin. Martin will discuss varieties and cultivation of grapes, the winemaking process and the state of winemaking in the Flint Hills.

Participants also will learn about the fermentation process and vineyards they can go see. The first lecture is Thursday, June 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older are welcome to attend this free lecture. Those

who attend will learn about the science behind wine and how the Flint Hills region is making a name for itself in this highly competitive field.

Martin is an enology, or winemaking, instructor at Highland Community College in Wamego. He is also manager of the Highland Community College Winery, overseeing four vineyards. Martin has shared his wineries expertise and technical expertise with regional vineyards through partnerships with Kansas State University Research and Extension, Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Viticulture and Enology Science and Technology Alliance program.

Upcoming lectures are scheduled for the rest of the summer and include topics on home brewing and sustainable food. For more information, visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org.

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“I have been a military spouse for 26 years,” Hipskind said. “I feel like being a nurse, I have had an easier experience with finding jobs every time we moved duty stations. In my profession it’s always helped me to be diverse, however, starting over and looking for a job is always stressful.”

Once hired, another issue is longevity within the company. Many military families do not stay in one place long enough to develop a strong relationship within the community or their place of employment.

“You find that one job you like and have to give it up,”

“When you volunteer, have a career in mind. Volunteering is work, and it gives you an opportunity to explore new values.”

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Hipskind said. “It always seems impossible. The retirement issue is big. You’re never in one place long enough to establish one (retirement plan).”

During the panel discussion, Mentzel said for spouses who haven’t enough experience to put on a resume, vol-

unteering can go a long way.

“When you volunteer, have a career in mind,” said Mentzel. “Volunteering is work and it gives you an opportunity to explore new values.”

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PILGRIMAGE

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Fort Sill was represented by the 100th Brigade Support Battalion, 75th Fires Brigade.

It was a distance of 60 miles south to north, and the trek took more than three days, beginning at 6 a.m. June 5th with a Mass at the Church of the Magdalene in Wichita and ending with Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church in Pilsen the afternoon of June 7th.

The pace was about 22 miles each day and accommodations primitive. They camped Friday at a farm near Whitewater. They proceeded Saturday to Aulne United Methodist Church where they spent the second night.

The distance covered during each leg of the pilgrimage is significant. According to Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Whitehead of the 3-1 Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, as well as official narratives, Fr. Kapaun and his comrades from the 3rd Battalion of the 8th Cavalry Regiment were forced to march about 20 to 23 miles each day over a period of about two to three weeks.

“He didn’t just help himself keep going,” Whitehead said, “he helped keep everyone else going because if you stopped more than 10 minutes, you invited death. The injured were executed.”

“It was a lot more physically demanding than I expected it to be,” Whitehead added about the Pilgrimage.

Chaplain (Capt.) Ryan Mills of the 1-5 Field Artillery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, echoed his feelings.

“I really started to feel it with about four miles to go on the first night,” Mills said.



Group shot in Pilsen: in alphabetical order: Pfc. Anthony Amoratis, Sgt. Robert Biles, Spc. Brandon Breese, Spc. Andrew Gardiner, Capt. Justin Hill, Spc Michael Holloway, Sgt. Casey Jones, 1st Sgt. John Laconico, Chaplain (Capt) Ryan Mills, Staff Sgt. James Smith, Sgt. Brian Simmons, Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Trumppore, Chaplain (Capt) Matthew Whitehead. Also pictured is Ms. Sandy Law, the spouse of Col. Robert A Law III, 1st Sustainment Brigade commander.



Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Whitehead of the 3-1 Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (center); and Chaplain (Capt.) Ryan Mills of the 1-5 Field Artillery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (left), prepare to eat a meal after the final day of the Kapaun Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage was hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Wichita to further make the case for Fr. Kapaun’s canonization, which is the act of making Fr. Kapaun a Saint. Already the

Diocese has declared 2015 ‘The Year of Fr. Kapaun.’

According to historical records, St. John Nepomucene Church was Fr. Kapaun’s childhood parish. He was ordained

June 9, 1940 and for a time served as the parish priest. But in August 1944, he asked for and received permission to leave the parish to apply to become a chaplain in the Army. He served in Burma from April 1945 to May 1946.

He left active duty in July 1946 and earned a graduate degree before returning to the Army Chaplaincy. Kapaun left home for the final time in December 1949.

In January 1950, he was stationed near Mount Fuji, Japan. Kapaun became a chaplain in the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. On July 15, 1950, the 1st Cavalry Division and Kapaun embarked and left Tokyo Bay sailing for Korea, less than a month after North Korea invaded South Korea.

To find out more about the nature and character of Fr. Kapaun’s service for which he received the Medal of Honor, log on to <http://www.army.mil/article/100778/>.

Over the past two years of the observance, the pilgrimage included what are called “Fr. Kapaun Stations,” every 2-3 miles. At these stations the pilgrims paused for reflection on different aspects of Fr. Kapaun’s life beginning with his birth to his death May 23, 1951 in an unheated Communist Chinese hospital at the Pyoktong Prisoner of War camp in Korea.

Also, along the way were group rosaries, silence, discussions, daily Mass and confessions.

Supporting the pilgrims was a team of volunteers who assisted with food, transportation or campsites.



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Soldiers from the 1st Sustainment Brigade pose with Kansas State University Recreational Complex staff after Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers life skills training. The training took place May 26 and 27 and June 2 through 4 at K-State.

TEAMWORK

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The challenge course included many team building exercises, such as getting from point A to point B without touching the ground as a team. The course challenged the Soldiers to solve problems while also working as a team, Shorr said.

“It was a combination of balance, teamwork and strategy,” Shorr said.

Participants were most excited about the rock climbing wall.

“Getting the certification in rock climbing was awesome,” said Sgt. Drake Myers, 630th EOD, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. “The beginning class was great as well. It was a fun way for everyone to get to know each other.”

Many conquered fears during the training.

“I accomplished overcoming my fear of heights,” said Pfc. Joshua Vigil, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade.

Others thought the training was a good workout and helped build camaraderie.

“I learned how to trust the equipment when climbing with my battle buddy and learned the fundamentals of climbing,” said Pfc. William Webber, HHC, 541st CSTB.

“The Soldier’s ultimate goal is to be able to demonstrate tasks successfully while challenging their mind and body to perform various climbing techniques,” Shorr said.

Shorr said the life skills training is part of a pilot program being implemented at 18 Army installations and if the program continues, it could be expanded.

Sports & Recreation

IN BRIEF

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 play stations 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.

CUSTER HILL POOL

Custer Hill Outdoor Pool opened for the season May 23. The pool has 5 water slides, a diving board, the AquaClimb wall, a kiddie pool and party area.

The pool is open daily from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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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 are 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.



1st Lt. Matthew Bell, 97th Military Police Battalion, held the torch for the last portion of the run before handing it off to the Special Olympics athletes. Each battalion ran six miles, passing off the torch to the next battalion. The run took place June 4, and spanned from Ogden gate to Grant gate, ending with a hand off to the Special Olympics athletes.

TORCH RUN

Local law enforcement run to raise awareness for Special Olympics

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

The Fort Riley Military Police gathered on Fort Riley June 4 to show support for the 45th annual Special Olympics Summer Games that took place at Wichita State University earlier this month by running the torch across the Post.

"This run is something that we do every year," said Danelle Gamble, commander of the 73rd military working dog detachment. "It's an honor to participate, it's an honor to be a commander, to lead a formation and it's an honor to work with these Olympians and support them in the Olympics."

While rain poured down, the 97th MP Battalion Soldiers along with runners from the Directorate of the Emergency Services ran from the Ogden gate to Grant gate.

Gamble said throughout the run cars stopped along the side of the road to let the group continue through the course.

"I think it's awesome to show (the) support that we have for our community," Gamble said. "It shows the support that the community has for us, and that they would provide us with this honor to continue this tradition and partner with them (the Special Olympics) throughout. We enjoyed bringing attention to it."

At the end of the run, the group got together to do the ceremonial hand off of the torch, signifying that the Fort Riley portion of the run is over. The torch was transported to the next city and the next, until it reaches the Wichita city hall.

"It's going in like spokes of a wheel," said John Hagerty, head coach. "They'll run the last four miles from city hall to Wichita State University,



Lt. Col. Alexander Murray, commander of the 97th Military Police Battalion, leads Soldiers in the last of their portion of the Special Olympics Torch Run June 4.

where they'll light the torch for the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics."

Hagerty said this run in support of the Special Olympics means a lot to him, because he once participated in it when he was a part of the 7-16th MP battalion.

"In 1990, I retired and went to the police department in Junction City so I ran as a police officer," Hagerty said. "I started in '91 or '92 running the torch run with the police department until I retired in 2009."

Hagerty said that was part of the reason he was inspired to take on the role of head coach. He said he enjoys seeing the competitive side of athletes.

"The main thing is to have fun," said Hagerty. "That's what I tell them. They get some exercise and they get out and they have fun."

While having fun is the main focus, the Olympians still have their eye on winning the gold.

Bowling Center site of 40-frame tournament

Summer action a running start to fall, winter leagues

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A 40-Frame Bowling Tournament is scheduled for June 27 at the Fort Riley Bowling Center.

The tournament is a single person game and up to 40 people can register. It will be a continuous game of bowling that will be 40 frames long, according to Ashaleen Noriega, business manager.

"It provides an opportunity for our community to have fun," Noriega said. "This tournament is fun for everyone from the beginner bowler to the experienced."

Because summer leagues are not typically offered at the bowling center, this opportunity is being provided to the community to help generate an interest in the bowling leagues, which are offered in the fall and spring.

Noriega said it has been a long time since a tournament has been scheduled at the bowling alley, so the staff is particularly excited about this one.

"We hope that we have more people involved for the tournament," Noriega said.

She added the bowling center has family friendly activities including a family fun day every Sunday. There will also be a new program in July called 'Beat the Heat.'

"This program is a great way to stay cool indoors and bowl at a discounted price," Noriega said.

During area construction, the Bowling Center hours will be reduced. The center will be closed temporarily on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The center is open Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

The snack bar is open during all hours of operation.

For more information about birthday parties or specials at the bowling center, call 785-239-4366.

K-State B-ball players go pro

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Two-time All-Big 12 First Team honoree Shane Conlon, selected in the 34th round by the Oakland Athletics, and All-Big 12 Honorable Mention Max Brown, drafted in the 37th round by the Arizona Diamondbacks, were joined by five K-State signees taken on the final day of the 2015 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

A total of three current Wildcats and six signees were selected over the three-day draft, with Conlon and Brown being joined by Nate Griep to form the trio of 'Cats. K-State has now had at least three players taken in each of the last eight MLB Drafts for a total of 34 selections since 2007.

Pitchers John Boushelle and Jacob Ruder, infielders Luke Doyle and Ethan Skender, and catcher Josh Rolette joined fourth-round pick Willie Calhoun to make up the group of six signees selected. Rolette was the first future Wildcat taken on Wednesday as he was drafted in the 18th round (551st overall) by the St. Louis Cardinals and was followed by Doyle (20th round, 611th overall by St. Louis), Boushelle (20th round, 612th overall by Los Angeles Dodgers), Skender (31st round, 925th overall by the Cincinnati Reds), and Ruder (37th round, 1,119th overall by the Kansas City Royals).

The six signees drafted are the most ever under head coach Brad Hill, surpassing the previous high of four (2008, 2010).

D-Day Dashers take strides for memorial

By Jakki Forester
1ST INF. DIV. POST

As the 10K runners took to the starting line and set their watches, a blow horn sounded. A few dozen runners took off around Marshall Air Field at the inaugural D-Day Dash sponsored by the Army Aviation Association of America, AAAA, at 10 a.m. June 6. The rest of the runners participating in the 5K started minutes later.

The D-Day Dash highlighted two goals. One was to remember D-Day,

which happened 71 years ago. The second was to honor combat aviation soldiers killed in action, including aviators from Fort Riley.

Losses from Fort Riley include Soldiers onboard "Cowboy 15" a UH-60 Black Hawk, a medical evacuation helicopter in 1991 and "Arrowsmith 35" also a Black Hawk shot down in Afghanistan.

"We will use the funds raised from this event, and other events, to pay for a memorial for those fallen soldiers who were a part of these two units from here at Fort Riley," said 1st Lt.

Alex Duncan, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division and member of the sponsor association.

There were a total of about 125 participants in the event. To support the runners, there were 20 volunteers who set up tents, marked the course for both events, handed out water, directed people to parking, guarded roads and served as medical personnel.

The association's chapter president, Col. Matthew Lewis, com-

mander of 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., approached Duncan and other members about hosting the event.

"This is the first time we've ever done an event like this, and it would be ideal to make it annual," Duncan said.

Participants joined the event for reasons of their own.

"I wanted to participate because I love to run," said Capt. Teresa Haltom, commander of 3rd AHB, 1st Avn. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div. "It

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is also for a perfect cause. We will be building a memorial for fallen CAB soldiers.”

Haltom said although she runs a lot, she didn’t have any goals for herself during this run. She was using it as a training run for future 10K events.

Sgt. David Buck, A. Co., 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., said he participated in the D-Day Dash because he also likes running.

“It’s fun to run as it is, but having an incentive for a cause like this one makes it that much better,” Buck said.

There were awards for the top three participants of both genders in the 10K and 5K events. The first place male 5K finisher, and the first person to cross the finish line for both events, was 1st Lt. Austin Barrett, A. Com., 3rd AHB, 1st Avn. Regt. 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div.

“Even though I felt awful and was a little dehydrated and felt a little sick, it was a good time, and I’m glad I came out,” Barrett said.

Sgt. Dylan Sonnenberg, D-troop, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., ran the 5K with his regiment’s guidon.

“There was a lot of resistance from the wind,” Sonnenberg said. “My arms also got really tired even though someone else ran with it for the first mile.”



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The participants in the 5K event at the D-Day Dash around Marshall Air Field took off June 6 at 10:10 a.m.

Sonnenberg said he likes fitness and wanted to support and honor the D-Day event. He said he also wanted to run with fellow troopers.

Veronica Griffith, a Fort Riley military spouse, carried the American flag during the 5K.

“It was pretty cool carrying the American flag,” said Griffith, wife of Sgt. 1st Class James Griffith, 1st Combat Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. “There was a trucker who honked on the interstate as we were running past. It was fun.”

TAKIN’ IT HOME



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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Paul McNeill, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division runs to home base in the second inning of the game. The 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment won against the 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, June 3 at Sacco Softball Complex.



Travel & Fun in Kansas



Nearby city contains family friendly attractions, sites

Story and Photos by Jakki Forester
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Manhattan, Kansas, 20 minutes east of Fort Riley, offers a variety of family-friendly activities, attractions and restaurants both indoors and out. Within the city of Manhattan there are educational, recreational and historic sites to explore.

Some outdoor recreation options include Manhattan City Park and Manhattan City Park Pool. Within City Park are multi-

ple basketball courts, a playground and paths to walk, jog or bike. Manhattan City Park Pool brings a water park style of recreation to the town with water slides, a splash pool and kiddie pools with shallow depths.

Some educational options include the Riley County Historical Museum and the Isaac T. Goodnow State Historic Site. Other educational options include Sunset Zoo, Kansas State University and the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

Manhattan is worth exploring and discovering family favorites.



1. Manhattan Hill, one of the most iconic places within the city, offers some of the sights of the city.
2. The Aggieville Business District, on Moro St., contains a variety of locally owned restaurants, bars and shops.
3. The Sunset Zoo offers exhibits, classes and camps throughout the summer for children and families.
4. At the K-State main campus, a Vietnam Veterans Memorial is in front of All Faiths Chapel.
5. Echoing the style of Fort Riley's Historic Main Post, Kansas State University's Hale Library, in the center of campus, is known for the Great Room, also known as the Harry Potter Room.
6. The World War II Memorial, also on the K-State campus, stands in front of the McCain Auditorium. The McCain itself is the site of lectures, musical and theatrical performances throughout the year.
7. The Blue Earth Plaza has a free way to beat the heat but waterproof sunscreen is recommended.
8. In east Manhattan, the Flint Hills Discovery Center provides exploratory learning for all ages.

