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Above: Leaders and partners of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Soldiers were witness to a Live-fire exercise June 9 at the post's range 18 maneuver training area. **Below left:** Co. A, 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt., move rapidly into position after dismounting from their Bradley Fighting Vehicle.



PREPARED FOR THE CALL

Fort Riley Soldiers demonstrate combat readiness for local leaders, partners

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard
2ND ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

As the Soldiers and civilians on Fort Riley celebrated the 98th birthday of the "Big Red One" and the 240th U.S. Army birthday, the Soldiers of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division helped fire things off larger than the fireworks on the Fourth of July.

The brigade's Soldiers conducted a combined-arms, live-fire exercise June 9 on Fort Riley as part of "Victory Week" celebrations. More than 100 leaders from the Flint Hills and Fort Riley's community partners witnessed some of the Army's most advanced equipment and highly trained Soldiers as they synchronously maneuvered, engaged and destroyed identified objectives at the

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'Dragon' brigade reduces property assets rapidly, responsibly

Story and photos by Capt. Keith E. Thayer
4TH IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In May, logistics representatives from multiple Army echelons converged on the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division's motor pool, the designated staging area for consolidating, assessing and direct redistributing property, the process supported by Army Material Command.

"The 701st 'Diligent' Brigade Support Battalion, the Army Field Support Battalion-Riley, together with 1st Inf. Div. G-4, realized that there are entities out there that should be supporting units inactivating," said Col. Peter G. Minalga, 4th IBCT commander. "We just needed to communicate to those logistics professionals. It's a pretty tall order task. It takes a lot of resources and effort."

The need for help dealing with obsolete equipment was also a realization.

"Separate and distinct from unit supply readiness, we are divesting equipment that is no longer necessary in the Army inventory," Minalga said, "so the Red River Army Depot Direct Data Entry Team-Expeditionary is here specifically to take off our hands stuff that is not going back into other units property books. This is stuff that eventually will be coded out because we no longer use it."

Austin Curtis, supply system analyst working with the DDE Team for the last four years, has experience assisting Army units in New York, Colorado and Kentucky.

"The advantage of the DDE Team is ensuring the property gets processed and appropriately directed to the locations where item managers instruct us to send it," said Curtis. "It ensures there is another set of eyes to assist with processing the assets to get it off the unit property books."

To help the DDE Team, the Soldiers applied condition code tags to all of the assets

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Duty Past, Duty Present, Duty First

Soldiers, veterans unite at annual Big Red One society reunion

By J. Parker Roberts
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LOMBARD, Ill. – "You're going to benefit more from four days with these guys than you will from 10 years with me."

That was the advice given to Mark Darrow by a psychologist from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Darrow, a captain with the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, during the Vietnam War, said he hesitated reuniting with the Soldiers he served with during the conflict.

"I had been avoiding things," he said. "I had ... a very difficult time after getting out, and I had been avoiding this."

At the urging of his friends, Darrow joined more than 700 members of the So-

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Amanda Kim Stairrett, 1st Inf. Div. Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, acting senior mission commander and deputy commanding general for support of the 1st Inf. Div., delivers the keynote address June 20 during the 96th Annual Reunion Banquet at the 2015 Big Red One Reunion in Lombard, Illinois.

FINAL KIOWA FORMATION



Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis | 1st Inf. Div.

OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopters fly over a formation of Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division as Soldiers prepare to participate in a division run June 12 at Custer Hill at Fort Riley. The flight was conducted by aviators from the 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., and it was the final formation flight over the Fort Riley area. The flight was performed in conjunction with Fort Riley's 2015 Victory Week.

National Guard tests new long-range capability at Fort Riley

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

Soldiers from Battery A with the 2nd Battalion, 130th Field Artillery from the Kansas Army National Guard conducted their annual live-fire training exercise at Fort Riley, Kansas. However, this year's exercise was historically significant because the firing battery was geographically separated from the battalion headquarters.

During the June 14 training, the firing battery was at Fort Riley but the

headquarters element was at the Great Plains Joint Training Center in Salina.

The exercise was conducted using the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, to launch rockets downrange and a new high-frequency radio system to communicate between launch crews and the Fire Direction Control center almost 60 miles away.

"To my knowledge the 2-130th FA is one of the first units to conduct this type of an exercise over these distances and I believe we are the first to complete section qualification in such a manner," said

Capt. Nick Carlson, 2nd Bn., 130th FA, KSNG.

Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Gibson, 2nd Bn., 130th FA, KSNG, said the use of the radio system allowed the training to be more lifelike.

"With this new radio system, it's been incredible," Gibson said. "It's

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A rocket launches from the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System during a live fire training exercise June 14.

The next USAG Resilience Day Off will be:

July

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SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, June 25

170

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

HIGHLIGHTS



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4th MEB cases colors at inactivation ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Mark Patton
4TH MEB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The teal and gold colors of the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade graced Fort Leonard Wood one last time before being cased June 17 at a ceremony on the rain-soaked grounds of Gammon Field.

Leaders, Soldiers and guests looked on as the 399th Army Band played traditional military music and the 1st Infantry Division’s Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard, which made the trip from Fort Riley, Kansas, and who joined the 4th MEB troops and military dogs in formation.

“Today we commence with inactivation, and the ‘Dauntless’ brigade stands ready to reawaken should the nation need us again,” said Col. Andy Munera, commander of the 4th MEB, 1st Inf. Div., to the crowd.

The 4th MEB was established on Oct. 16, 2008, and for much of the unit’s existence it doubled as Task Force Operations for the Joint Task Force-Civil Support’s Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Response Force, or DCRF. The 4th MEB’s DCRF mission was to save lives and mitigate human suffering in a homeland chemical, biological, ra-



Staff Sgt. Mark Patton | 4th MEB Public Affairs

Col. Andy Munera, commander of the 4th MEB, 1st Inf. Div., left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Stanley, 4th MEB command sergeant major, case the colors of the 4th MEB during an inactivation ceremony June 17 at Fort Leonard Wood’s Gammon Field.

diological or nuclear environment in support of the local, state and federal agencies that would respond.

Soldiers from the 4th MEB also served on a diverse set of missions

al security details, providing patrols, National Training Center and Joint Readiness Training Center rotations and numerous deployments.

“I’m proud of the accomplishments of our Dauntless Soldiers throughout the years,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Stanley, 4th MEB’s senior noncommissioned officer. “The 4th MEB was a disciplined and professional unit and our Soldiers will undoubtedly go on to serve the Army and our nation with pride and competence.”

Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, 1st Inf. Div. acting senior mission commander and deputy commanding general for support, told the attendees that the 4th MEB made the 1st Inf. Div. better than the “Big Red One” would have otherwise been. Wesley added that although the brigade’s history is relatively brief, the Dauntless legacy is eternal.

“The reason is every Soldier that served in the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade will forever be hallmarked in the history of the Big Red One,” Wesley said. “and no one can ever take that away from you.”

Munera echoed similar sentiments. “Today, each and every one of you in the formation should allow yourselves a little extra smile knowing that our contributions to America’s Army,

and the nation will continue to be felt for years to come,” Munera said.

Previously, the 4th MEB consisted of three organic units and held training and readiness authority for a tri-fecta of U.S. Army Forces Command battalions on Fort Leonard Wood. These included the 5th Engineer and the 92nd Military Police battalions, as well as the recently inactivated 94th Engineer Battalion.

The 5th Engr. Bn. and 92nd MP Bn. are slated to remain on Fort Leonard Wood and will don the unit patches of a duo of Fort Hood, Texas-based outfits, the 36th Engineer Brigade and 89th Military Police Brigade, respectively.

While closing out his speech at the ceremony, Munera shared advice to the formation from an unlikely pairing, an iconic folk rock song and Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general.

“So those of you on the parade field today, I have no doubt that as we transition you to other units, you will continue to be brave, responsible and on point for our nation,” Munera said. “I am not sure who said it first, Maj. Gen. Funk or Crosby, Stills and Nash, but as you move to different units, remember to ‘love the one you’re with.’”

Access control procedures outlined north of Vinton School Road

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The access control changes the installation experienced over the last five months, within the main cantonment area of Fort Riley, will expand to include maneuver and training areas north of Vinton School Road effective July 1. Those affected by this are people who do not have a Department of Defense ID card, access pass or badge.

Mark Dombrowski, chief, Security Branch, Directorate of Emergency Services, said this change is one part of the phased approach to get Fort Riley into full compliance with access control procedures. The first phase began in January.

The regulations in which Fort Riley is trying to be in full compliance with are Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, which increases security at all Federal institutions, and Army Regulation 190-13, The Army Physical Security Program.

“The requirement for the training areas is the last phase in order to ensure the installation meets all the requirements by the regulation,” Dombrowski said.

People who do not have the required ID or access pass can apply for one at the installation’s Visitor Control Center, Building 885 near the Henry Gate Access Control Point. The VCC is at exit 301, U.S. Interstate 70 and is open 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. Access passes are based on the requirement of the visit.

Passes are available in advance by stopping by the Visitor Control Center, calling 785-239-2982 or emailing us-army.riley.imcom-central.mbx.

des-vcc@mail.mil. Requesting passes early speeds up the process.

A form of government issued photo identification, vehicle registration and insurance are required to drive on the installation. Wait times for passes during periods of higher traffic are longer. Those without pre-coordinated passes need to allow extra time the day of their visit to get through the processing procedure at the Visitor Control Center.

Dombrowski said the vetting and pass process provides leaders at Fort Riley a better understanding of why people visit.

“Conducting vetting and knowing who is coming on the installation will allow the installation to know who is on the installation at any given time and what for,” Dombrowski said.

To gain access to any maneuver or training area North of Vinton School Road and East of U.S. Highway 77, people are required to use one of the following access points once proper passes have been obtained.

- Four corners, which is at the intersection of Vinton School Road and 1st Division Road.
- Old Highway 77 north of Vinton School Road.

of the proper identification or access pass.

All requirements regarding the check-in and out procedures can be found at fortriley.isportsman.net and remain in effect.

All visitors 16 years of age and older must possess an approved DoD ID card, a Fort Riley access pass or badge. The only exception to this requirement is for individuals who wish to access the Fort Riley Marina area of Milford Lake south of U.S. Highway 82 and west of U.S. Highway 77.

Violators of the new access policy will be warned during the implementation phase of July 1-31. The violator will be issued an information paper of the new procedures and escorted off of the military reservation.

Effective August 1, violators will be issued a ticket for Unauthorized Entry onto Military Property, Title 18 USC 1382. The violator will then be escorted off the military reservation. The ticket comes with a mandatory court appearance before the U.S. Magistrate as directed and a violation may also result in loss of recreational privileges.

Dombrowski said it is important for people to understand why the passes or badges are required. Department of Defense directives instructed all installations to conduct a criminal background check on all non-Department of Defense persons entering the installation regardless of their affiliations. The intent of this program is to provide greater security to the installation and those who visit, work or live there.

“Vetting people and standardizing identification requirements for the installation

allows us to know who is requesting to come on the installation,” Dombrowski said. “Persons who do not successfully pass a background check will not be authorized on the installation.”

Dombrowski added the installation leadership does not want to discourage anyone from visiting the installation. Fort Riley Soldiers and leaders continue to invite community members to visit.

“There is another step in the process, but if you plan ahead ... you can minimize any delays,” Dombrowski said.

REUNION

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Photo left – Maj. David Lombardo of 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., talks with Paul Miller, a retired trooper who served with the squadron during the Vietnam War in Lombard, Illinois June 19 during the 2015 Big Red One Reunion. **Photo right** – First Infantry Division veterans hug members of the Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard on June 20 after the 96th Annual Reunion Banquet. The CGMCG troopers dressed in Vietnam-era uniforms to present the colors during the banquet, the final event of the Society of the 1st Inf. Div.’s annual reunion.

ciety of the First Infantry Division and active-duty Soldiers of the “Big Red One” June 17-21 for the group’s 97th annual reunion in Lombard, Illinois. Between tours of nearby museums and official receptions, veterans from the division’s almost 100-year history met and shared stories with one another and with 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers stationed at Fort Riley.

“It’s been wonderful,” Darrow said of being back with the men he served with almost 50 years ago. “They asked me if they could bring anything, and I said ‘yes, plenty of tissue because I’m going to cry when I walk in the room.’ And it was true.”

The former captain said he came to the reunion this year in part so he didn’t lose more time – and friends.

“Some people that meant a lot to me died before I could get to them,” he said.

Darrow said hearing from Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley acting senior mission commander and deputy commanding general for support, at the reunion banquet June 20 was encouraging.

“What an amazing, amazing group,” Wesley said during the banquet. “I think this is probably the single most valiant group of people I’ve had the opportunity to speak to. When you think of the capacity of what you all contributed, in many cases over decades of service, it’s an honor to be here.”

During the reunion, Wesley and Command Sgt. Maj. Maurice Jackson, acting 1st Inf. Div. senior noncommissioned officer, spent time with veterans, visited the First Division

Museum at Cantigny and toured and spoke with the staff at the McCormick Foundation, the legacy of Col. Robert R. McCormick, who commanded the First Division’s 5th Field Artillery during World War I. His estate in Wheaton, Illinois, is now home to the First Division Museum at Cantigny.

“This division right now is on fire,” Wesley told the society. “It’s not just those in the division who believe that – the senior leadership across the Army recognize that the Soldiers of this division are performing across the spectrum, whether it be in personnel actions or logistics or going out to the National Training Center, even in their deployments the senior leadership of the Army watches every single time.”

For the last 18 months, Wesley said, the 1st Inf. Div. outscored every other Army division on reenlistment, news that was met with thunderous applause from the crowd.

“We have amazing Soldiers in the First Division, and they perform admirably in every single thing they do,” the senior mission commander said. “But the reason we do well now, I think, is because our start point is well beyond any other division in the Army because of the legacy and history of the organization, and every Soldier knows where they came from.”

The 2015 reunion marked 50 years since the division first received orders to deploy to Vietnam and was the first year since the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism that no Soldiers serving with the 1st Inf. Div. fell in battle.

Both marks were discussed during the reunion’s morning memorial service on June 20.

“There are no words to truly express the gratitude we feel for the fallen and their families,” Jackson said during the memorial. “During the 98-year history of the Big Red One, our fallen did more than they could and everything asked of them.”

Since the 2014 reunion, 230 members of the society passed away. Those Soldiers and all who were lost fighting and winning the nation’s wars were honored during the memorial.

Capt. Sean McFarling, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., spoke during the memorial ceremony, reading a passage dedicated to Soldiers who fell during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

“I was honored,” McFarling said. “It was a very moving ceremony.”

This was McFarling’s first reunion, which he said was a great experience.

“Coming here ... gave me a tremendous amount of gratification and satisfaction that there’s another generation that feels exactly as strong about this infantry division and to be serving the country in uniform as we did,” Darrow said. “They were here with us now, and it was wonderful to share time with them.”

“This division especially, and the people who I served with, have a deep, deep tradition of history, and it’s nice to know that people want to keep that going.”

Soldiers young, old take in history at First Division Museum

By J. Parker Roberts
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WHEATON, Ill. – It was no coincidence that the 97th annual reunion of the Society of the First Infantry Division took place in Lombard, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

In addition to providing society members and their families plenty in the way of entertainment and dining options, the location allowed for daily trips to the First Division Museum at Cantigny.

The museum is part of the 500-acre Cantigny Park, the former estate of retired Col. Robert McCormick, a veteran of the “Big Red One” during World War I and longtime publisher of the Chicago Tribune. Today, the museum is dedicated to preserve, interpret and present to the public the continuing history of the 1st Infantry Division, according to information from the museum.

“This is the best crowd we could ever hope for,” said Gayln Piper, director of media for the First Division Museum. “These are the guys that we do our jobs for. It’s a privilege to have a museum of such a distinguished unit.”

The museum takes visitors through the history of the Big Red One, with rooms dedicated to bringing the history of World War I, World War II, Vietnam and other conflicts to life.

“Everyone’s really excited,” Piper said, adding that the staff and volunteers at the museum worked hard to make sure the park was ready for veterans and active-duty Soldiers alike. “This is their museum as

well; they’re the living, breathing part of the division, and we need them and we need their stories.”

As children played on decommissioned tanks behind him, David Christensen reflected on decades-old memories of his time with the 1st Inf. Div.

“I have good memories and bad memories,” said Christensen, a first lieutenant with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. “I’ve been coming (to the reunion) pretty regularly lately, and of course, I’ll be there next year.”

The veteran said it was the men he served with who keep him coming back to the reunion.

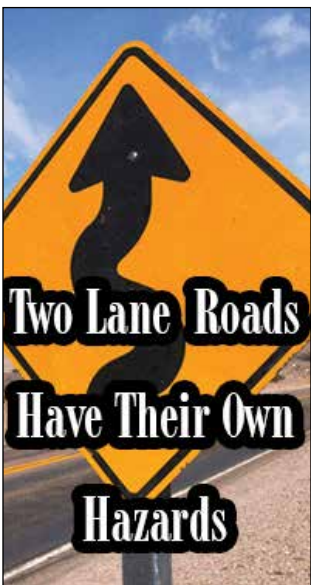
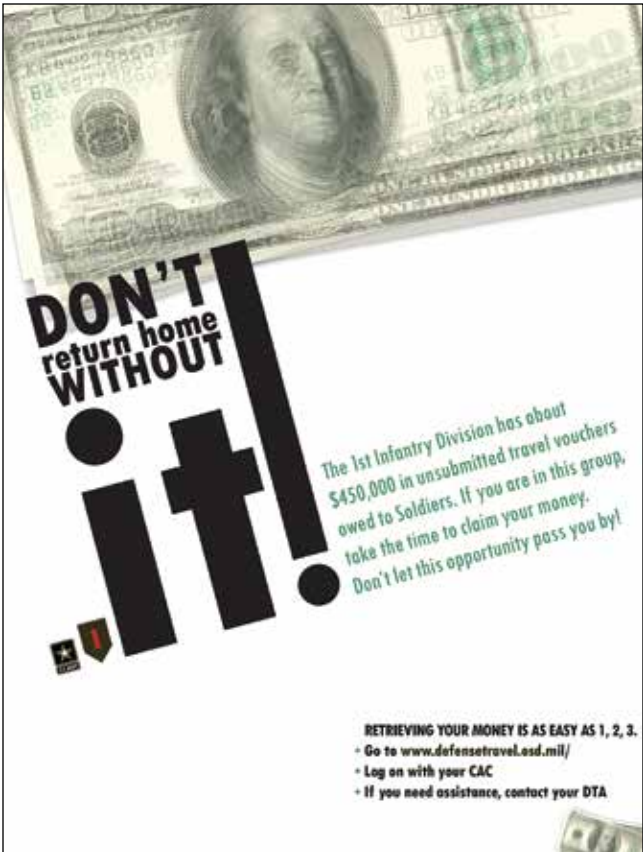
“It’s very impressive,” Christensen said of the museum. “Again, it brings back good and bad memories. But I enjoy it because ... I get to see all the young Soldiers. And here I get to meet old Soldiers. And that’s the other half of the story.”

The lieutenant said the museum and the interest it inspired in the children visiting it makes him proud to be an American.

“The museum was amazing,” said Capt. Sean McFarling, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. “My wife and I went, and she had never seen the museum before and didn’t really understand the full history of the Big Red One. Being able to go through that, she understands the legacy the Big Red One has.”

“You can definitely tell the time, money and effort that was put into putting together and outstanding facility there.”

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TRICARE

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, in 1920, life expectancy for women was one year longer than men. By 2010, however, men were dying approximately 5 years sooner than women. In the U.S., men have a higher death rate for most of the lead-

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Health Statistics report that men are at a greater risk of death in every age group and while there is no definitive cause, there are several suggested explanations:

- A higher percentage of men have no healthcare coverage
- Men make half as many preventive care visits as women
- Men are more often employed in dangerous occupations
- Society discourages healthy behaviors in men and boys

- Research on male-specific diseases is underfunded
- Men may have less healthy lifestyles including risk-taking at younger ages

This month, everyone is encouraged to participate in activities promoting men's health awareness and education. From health care providers to policy makers, each of us can take an opportunity to encourage the men in our lives to get regular medical care and get treatment for disease and injury.

Visit the Preventive Services web page, for more information about TRICARE's preventive health services.

Story by Kalyn Curtis
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Fort Riley adopted the Drunk Driving Prevention Program, a new program to prevent drinking and driving that provides a free ride home to those who had too much to drink and are pre-registered.

The program is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization that got its start in Hawaii. Volunteers not only get the Soldier home safely, but they drive their car home for free as long as they are within a 30-mile radius of Fort Riley.

Volunteers began serving at Fort Riley in March providing rides to 16 participants.

"I think success is defined as if we've had one DUI prevented, which I think we've had probably 10 to 15 calls total" said Fort Riley U.S. Army

Garrison Command Sergeant Major Jason Schmidt. "But if we prevent one then that's one DUI and potentially one life saved."

"It's been successful for the amount of time it's ran," said Dontea Reynolds, Fort Riley Chapter President. "In March we picked up a total of eight people and in April we picked up eight people. So the numbers may sound small, but they are huge when you think about ... eight people off of the road, not drinking and driving."

The program is designed to be a cooperative one. Those interested in participating first register as either a volunteer or as someone needing the ride. After the ride, participants are encouraged to volunteer as a driver to return the favor.

Before becoming a volunteer, drivers are required to take a one hour safety briefing

that explains the rules of the organization.

Along with rules for personal conduct, Reynolds said "It gives them tips on how to handle intoxicated people, so that safety brief helps to mitigate some risk."

Reynolds also said volunteer drivers will be equipped with dash cameras for an added measure of security. The volunteers are also working towards acquiring t-shirts and badges to identify volunteers when picking up participants.

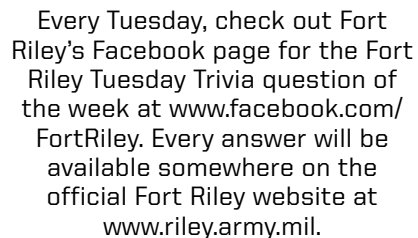
Reynolds said when the volunteer is needed, a text message is sent with the location. The drivers head out to pick up the participant and they drive them back. Reynolds said the great thing about this program is that soldiers get five hours of credit toward their Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

The June 23rd question: “I want to know more about Army Community Service (ACS). Where can I find a list and descriptions of their programs?”

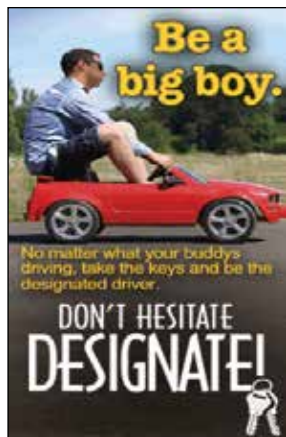
Laura P. Bryant. correctly answered!

Her spouse, David, is a sergeant who serves with the 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade.

In this photo:
Sgt. David Bryant & Laura Bryant



**CONGRATULATIONS,
LAURA P. BRYANT HALL!**



RILEY ROUNDTABLE

“What separates the ‘Big Red One’ from other divisions?”
Asked at the 97th annual reunion
of the First Infantry Division



“The continual service from 1917. We have that proud lineage. We’ve played a pivotal role in the history of the United States.”

CAPT. ZHUOYI GU

Capt. Zhuoyi Gu, Troop C, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, commander



“The amount of pride it has in its history. From 1917 to 2015 and beyond, every Soldier can rest assured their story will be told.”

LAURA SEARS

Volunteer and program coordinator, First Division Museum at Cantigny



“It’s got a great tradition. You can wear that Big Red One patch, and it means something. You see it everywhere.”

PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN

Company C, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, 1967-1968



“That insignia – and of course its reputation.”

LOTTIE DUNCAN-RICHMOND
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



“We’re the best. We have the best fighting troops. We’ve got the best leaders to put is in the right place to fight.”

RETIRED SGT. THOMAS MERCER

Squad leader, Lima Platoon, Company C, 1967-1968

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INSPECTOR GENERAL'S CORNER

In the matter of emergency leave

Dear IG, I received a Red Cross message, saying my grandmother passed away during our company National Training Center rotation. I told my company chain of command that my mother and I moved in with my grandmother after my parents were divorced. My grandmother raised me because my mother worked and my father moved out of state.

My chain of command would not let me go home for the funeral saying that my grandmother was not immediate family and she would not be considered loco parentis. Were they right in denying me emergency leave?
SGT Red Cross Message

Dear SGT Red Cross Message: Your chain of command is correct. But there are a couple of things that factor into that decision.

Army Regulation 600-8-10, “Leaves and Passes”, states the commander has the authority to approve or disapprove a leave request. There is nothing in the regulation that states a commander must approve any type of leave request, to include leave under emergency conditions.

While leave is earned due to your service, if you are never allowed to take leave, you are allowed to sell those days back for financial compensation.

The commander must take the unit’s mission requirements into account prior to approving a leave request. This affects a Soldier’s request when the leave coincides with a deployment or major training exercise, i.e., NTC, Joint Readiness Training Center, Gunnery, Field Training Exercise or the duty roster. Mission requirements are a major factor in the decision making process.

In accordance with AR 600-8-10, Chapter 6-1a. c., Soldiers may request emergency leave with or without American Red Cross verification. Most Soldiers are mature and responsible individuals whose emergency leave needs can be considered on their merits.

The unit may request verification through the Field Director, American Red Cross or, if necessary, from the military activity nearest the location of the emergency, if they doubt the validity of a situation or of the necessity of the Soldier’s presence. Commanders should

not disapprove emergency leave based solely on a lack of a Red Cross message.

Soldiers may be authorized emergency leave for up to 30 days for emergency situations within the immediate family. The immediate family includes the following family members of either the Soldier or the Soldier’s spouse: Parents, including step parents; spouse, children, including stepchildren; sisters, including stepsisters; brothers, including stepbrothers; only living blood relative and a person in loco parentis.

In accordance with AR 600-8-10, Ch 6-1 (d) (7) a person in loco parentis has requirements that must be met or that person cannot be used. If you have a qualified person, you must sign a statement verifying loco parentis.

An example of the statement can be found in the regulation. This needs to be completed on arrival to the unit to avoid complications that slow the decision making process.

A person in loco parentis is one who stood in place of a parent to the Soldier or the Soldier’s spouse for 24-hours-a-day, for at least a 5-year pe-

riod before the Soldier or the Soldier’s spouse became 21 years of age. The person must have provided a home, food, clothing, medical care and other necessities as well as furnished moral and disciplinary guidance and affection.

A grandparent or other person normally is not considered to have stood in place of a person when the parent also lived at the same residence. A person is not considered in loco parentis for performing baby-sitting or providing day care services.

These are the basic factors the appropriate commander uses to consider the leave request. Unfortunately in your situation, the chain of command was right in accordance with the regulation because your grandmother is not defined as immediate family member and cannot be considered loco parentis because your mother lived with your grandmother as well.

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

Sincerely,
Fort Riley IG

THE ARMY PROFESSION

Doctrine defines Army ethic in new chapter

By Bill Ackeryl
MISSION COMMAND CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. – A major revision of Army Doctrine Reference Publication, or ADRP 1, the Army Profession, includes a new chapter on the Army ethic.

“With the addition of Chapter 2 to ADRP 1, we now have a concisely articulated, easily accessible, and understandable expression of the Army ethic,” said Brig. Gen. Bill Burleson, director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence, or MC CoE.

The Center for Army Profession and Ethic, or CAPE, serves as the primary proponent for doctrine on the Army profession. The revision reflects nearly two years of widespread collaboration across the Army. “It’s hard to write doctrine on how you make judgments,” noted a participant at an Army profession symposium last year.

“The heart of the Army profession is the Army ethic, which guides Soldiers and Army civilians in making right decisions and taking right actions in the conduct of the mission, in the performance of duty, and in all aspects of life,” said Col. John Vermeesch, CAPE director.

ADRP 1 is published in PDF format on the Army Publishing Directorate, and in ePub format, which can be read on any mobile device.

As the Army moves further into the 21st century, the Army is in a period of strategic transition, which presents tremendous opportunities for the profession. The Army should be the nation’s leading institution for leader, human capital, and ethical development. The Army must in-

tensify its understanding of what it means for the Army to be a profession and ensure all Soldiers and leaders understand their respective responsibilities.

ADRP 1 describes the essential characteristics, which identify and establish the Army as a military profession: Trust, Honorable service, Military expertise, Stewardship, Esprit de corps

Consistently demonstrated, the characteristics of the Army profession reflect American values, the Army ethic, and the Army’s approach to accomplishing its mission in support and defense of the Constitution.

Trust is the bedrock of the Army’s relationship with the American people. Within the Army profession, mutual

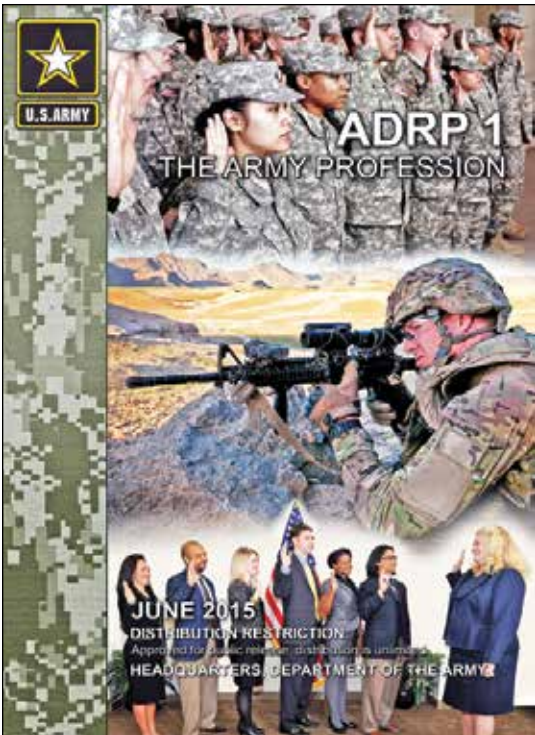
trust is the organizing principle necessary to build cohesive teams. Soldiers pursue a noble calling and contribute honorable service as a partner within the armed forces and, along with other government services, dedicate themselves to defending the nation, the Constitution and the interests of the American people. Soldiers are competent professionals with the expertise to accomplish the mission the right way – ethically, effectively and efficiently.

Soldiers stand strong as stewards to maintain the Army profession by upholding the Army ethic - preventing misconduct and doing what is right to stop unethical practices. The commitment of the Army profession to fulfill this duty is demonstrated with indomitable esprit de corps – winning spirit – and the ability to be always ready and resilient.

The Army ethic is expressed in law, Army values, creeds, oaths, ethos, and shared beliefs embedded within Army culture.

It inspires and motivates the conduct of Army professionals - Soldiers and Army civilians, who are bound together in common, moral purpose.

“As Soldiers and Army professionals, we accomplish the mission as a team - Soldiers and Army civilians, who are bound together in common, moral purpose,” Burleson said. “They contribute their best effort, do what is right to the best of their ability, and always strive for excellence. Leaders set the right example, live by and uphold the Army ethic, establish a positive climate, and inspire the team.”



Increased rainfall prompts focus on boating safety

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Rivers across the state of Kansas are flowing beyond what is normal due to the increased amount of rainfall the Midwest region received in the past month.

Outdoor Recreation staff at Fort Riley say it’s a topic of conversation each time someone wants to rent a boat or visit the Fort Riley Marina. And safety is the number one concern.

“Our biggest thing is making sure people are prepared before they even think about leaving,” said Travis Engle, outdoor recreation specialist.

Engle said the staff asks boaters what their plan is and if they have researched where they are planning to go. Outdoor Rec staff do their own research on Kansas lakes and rivers to know the status of the conservation level and if it is safe for boaters to be on the water.

In 2013, there were 24 recreational boating accidents

and five deaths, according to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism website.

Fatality accidents are exactly what Engle and the rest of the staff at Outdoor Recreation are trying to prevent.

The week of June 15, Milford Lake was sitting 8 feet above its conservation pool elevation, which is the level the lake is designed to operate at a majority of the time. It is also the level all boat ramps, campgrounds and roads are designed for. Tuttle Creek Lake is also above its conservation pool elevation. The Corps of Engineers is advising people to stay off the lake because it is dangerous.

Angelia Lentz, director of Outdoor Recreation, said the levels have very little to do with the amount of rainfall the Fort Riley area receives. It is the rainfall north of here creating the problem because it is being dumped into the lakes, and the lakes dump into the rivers.

“The main thing that affects the river is how much water is being let out of Milford Lake and Tuttle Creek Lake,” Lentz said.

With the levels rising, more debris can be found in the water. Engle said that is one of the most important things to acknowledge about the lakes and rivers.

“It’s not just the flow rate of the river,” Engle said. “Its debris. It’s pulling trees and limbs down.”

This makes the bodies of water not navigable in the Fort Riley area. Lentz said there are a variety of state lakes in the area great for boating, such as the Geary County State Lake or one in Herington, Kansas, and she advises boaters try to use them.

“Even though the water is high, we’re still at a great time of the year for water recreation, it’s just about making sure you take adequate precautions,” Lentz said. “We want people to get out and have a good time, we just want them to do it safely.”

Outdoor Recreation and the Fort Riley Marina requires a boater safety card for anyone renting motorized watercraft. For more information about boating safety and rentals, call 785-239-2363 or 785-239-6368.

TIPS:

Always wear lifejackets even if you are a strong swimmer. .

Don’t use alcohol while operating or planning to operate a boat.

Check water conditions before heading out on your trip.

Check wind speeds before launching the boat from the riverbank.

Tell someone what your plan is and where you are going so they know when to expect you back.

Plan ahead.

Look at the projected forecast when planning water recreation.

Provide proper maintenance on boats to decrease the chance of breaking down while on the water.

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to assist with identification and serviceability.

Good flow of documentation, making sure all information is input into the computer system properly, using the mobile unit that processes information into the Army direct support system to provide an accountability of everything the team handled and what's been sent per the item managers, Curtis said.

"The item managers then give us the instructions," he said. "They give us instructions on where the assets need to be directed to. The items will be selected and packed, placing the items in containers along with the proper form 1348 document for each container. Once the containers are sealed and marked. Our transportation person, Mr. Novell Burton will (make) sure that process is taken care of on the transportation side of the house, and make sure the containers are ready and the seal is on the truck before it leaves Fort Riley."

The team was assembled to assist with the divestiture of more than 1,500 items, which supported the 4th IBCT's mission to inactivate by June 15. The brigade's inactivation was determined during the Army restructuring process and budget control act of 2011. Overall, 52,000 pieces of property were removed from the books for the brigade to officially inactivate. With the inactivation date set for June 15, the target goal for the reduction in property was set at 3.5 percent or less remaining prior to June 15.

The 3.5 percent benchmark was a goal set by Minalga and an objective Lt. Col. Joseph Colacicco, commander, 701st BSB, and provisional unit commander responsible for the final stages of the inactivation, worked to meet.

"It was just a mark on the wall based on lessons learned from other brigades in activations," Colacicco said. "Of the 3.5 percent remaining, 1 percent will be automation property literally being used to inactivate the brigade as well as all the maintenance requirements."

In the last several months, Soldiers of the 4th IBCT completed their mission as the regionally aligned force for U.S. Army Africa and conducted mission readiness training while simultaneously inactivating the five battalions and squadron that comprised the brigade.

The inactivation of the brigade was the primary mission focus. At the same time, commanders also understood the necessity to maintain standards of combat readiness while conducting diverse mission sets on the continent of Africa. Demonstrating the ability to maintain an acceptable level of readiness for more than 3,400 Soldiers as they transition to other organizations across the Army was an imperative.

"It was a definite advantage to continuing our readiness training," Colacicco said. "Continuing to train while inactivating minimized the time between when the Soldiers last trained and their arrival at their next units, maintaining readi-

ness longer and if the units had not been training they would have been attempting to rush their property in here, complicating the process.

"For example, the BSB did convoy Soldier training exercises at the end of March, the same time we were receiving equipment, in the same two weeks the BSB was turning in equipment to itself. Doing it then means my Soldiers who stay the longest — who stay until September — will only have gone about five months without doing any tactical training versus the alternative of roughly a year without any tactical training."

Not only has tactical readiness training continued during the inactivation operation, but support and supply skills were also sharpened.

"The best part of the inactivation has been the ability of the junior leaders in the organization to learn about command supply discipline and to realize that different echelons impact us, whether by policies or by how they execute their business," Minalga said. "I am excited for the 701st for what they're learning from the inactivation, what those young leaders are able to garner for their futures from the inactivation process."

To reduce a brigade from 100 percent property to a target goal of 3.5 percent then to 0 percent requires coordination on many levels. The standard procedures employed by Army units to conduct property transactions take on many forms. Most notably are transfer directives to local units on



U.S. Army photo by Capt. Keith E. Thayer | 4IBCT

Barbara Williams, distribution process leader, Red River Army Depot Direct Data Entry Team (middle-right), discusses the preparation of property items with Maj. Bradley Nelson, deputy commanding officer, 4th IBCT (right), Chief Warrant Officer 3 Russell T. Hale, logistics officer, 701st BSB (middle left) and Maj. Joseph Lee, executive officer, 701st BSB (left), at the 4th IBCT ARSTRUC motor pool, May 18 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

the installation, property turns at the Defense Logistics Agency-Direct Support among others. Partnering with local agencies was vital in facilitating the divestment of property as well.

"Everybody has been real cooperative teammates in the process," Minalga said. "Kudos to the logistics readiness center here on Fort Riley and the E-wing, helping us divest sensitive items and move stuff quickly, the tactical wheeled vehicle divestiture point, they've all done great work with us, to include Central Issue Facility."

Apart from the teamwork and partnerships put into action there were also a few learning moments for the Soldiers and leaders of the "Drag-on" brigade.

"What we've learned is that everybody from across the brigade is a liaison, so you learn to become a liaison officer," said Minalga. "LNOs were educated on the importance of doing a pre-deployment site survey or a rehearsal, or what we commonly refer to the BRO Big 9 as a reconnaissance. If you know the objective, you've been to the objective, one — it's easier to get

back to the objective and two — it's easier to give guidance and clear instructions on what you want to do and in our case it's divesting equipment."

They gave us the appointments and the additional assistance we needed, but this goes back to the importance of our LNOs. We embedded LNOs so they had a point of contact, a face they could put to the unit that was helping them also work with us to streamline our processes. I think we surprised them with the amount of energy and effort we put forth and that is required for an inactivation."

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extremely realistic; you don't get much better than this. If we needed to, we could send the battalion to California and send the launchers to upstate New York."

Due to the minimum range requirement for the rocket to travel through the air, Fort Riley ranges are among the few that can accommodate the unit's needs.

"The unit frequently trains at Fort Riley because the open grassland provides the space and distance needed to fire the artillery

rockets," Carlson said. "Because of the distance we shoot, there aren't a lot of facilities that can support us."

Fort Riley is not the only facility that supports the unit. The battery has trained in Colorado, Oklahoma and other places across the country.

"By building partnerships with the people at Fort Riley, it provides more opportunities for both us here at the 2-130th and the active-duty units stationed here to get more quality training," said Carlson.

According to Carlson, one of the biggest priorities for the 2-130th is continuing to strengthen partnerships like this one to enable future training opportunities.

In the future the brigade hopes to be able to partner up for a combined arms live fire exercise at Fort Riley. There are no HIMARS units stationed at Fort Riley.

"I want to thank Fort Riley for providing us an active duty installation and letting us practice our skills," Gibson said.



Soldiers from Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 130th Field Artillery from the Kansas Army National Guard load a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System before heading out to the field to conduct a live fire training exercise June 14 at Fort Riley.

Random drawing winners hit housing survey jackpot

Corvias entices families to take performance survey

Story and photos by Sarah Falcon
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A Corvias Military Living and Residential Communities Initiative shocked two lucky Fort Riley families with checks for \$1,500 each June 17.

It has been 5 years since Corvias and RCI conducted a performance survey, and this time Jim Champagne, Director of Corvias Military Living, and Steve Milton, Asset and Housing Manager at RCI, decided to sweeten the pot with a prize.

All the participants had to do was fill out the online survey, provide their contact information and wait.

The survey started May 7 and ended June 10.

“We had a 30.3 percent response rate on the survey,” said Champagne. “We did really well.”

The \$1,500 prizes provided incentive for residents to take the online survey. The online survey invitations were sent to all residents at Corvias installations.

Sgt. Adam Tappa, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Armored Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., received the winning check for the Fort Riley drawing.

He said he felt anxious and thought that he was in trouble when he came into McClellan Community Center at 1130. He didn’t know his wife completed the survey.

“She knocks (surveys) out all the time. I’m excited. I was not expecting this at all,” said Tappa.

When asked what they were going to do with the money, he laughed and said, “Pay off bills. We’ll get new

tires for my wife’s car, too.”

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Fischer, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., and spouse Cheryl Fischer received their winning check from the corporate drawing for all Corvias installations.

Cheryl said she told her husband she suspected they were winners when they got the call from the Colyer Forsyth Community Center to come in at 1300.

“Oh my gosh, I am so excited,” said Cheryl, standing next to the celebratory balloons the Corvias team presented to the family.

When asked what they were going to do with their winnings, Fischer pointed to his wife and said, “I don’t get any say in this. This is all her.”

“We will probably put some in savings,” said Cheryl. “But, there are a few things I want to get my grandson. I’m sure he’ll get spoiled off of this.”



The families of Sgt. 1st Class Steven Fischer, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., Top, and Sgt. Adam Tappa, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Armored Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. received \$1,500 checks from Corvias. One for this post and one from among all Corvias installations.

Amanda Kim Stairrett | 1st Inf. Div.

Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, acting senior mission commander and deputy commanding general for support of the 1st Inf. Div., speaks during a joint military affairs luncheon June 10 at Fort Riley. During the 2015 Victory Week celebration, members of the Manhattan, Junction City and surrounding communities gathered at Riley's Conference Center for the event. Wesley talked to the crowd about Fort Riley's updated campaign plan, which lays out goals for the post and division in the next five years.

A LOOK AHEAD

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Above: More than 100 Flint Hill leaders and partners of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley attended the “Victory Week” combined arms Live-fire exercise June 9 at the post’s range 18 maneuver training area. Guests were guided around various static displays manned by 1st Infantry Division Soldiers, prior to the beginning of the live-fire exercise. **Below:** The Live-fire exercise also included AH-64 Apaches from 1st Attack Recon Battalion, 1st Aviation Regt.

post’s Range 18 maneuver training area.

“This exercise was a way of showcasing to local partners and America how significant and valuable the training areas and ranges on Fort Riley are for the units stationed here,” said Lt. Col. Andy Sanchez, commander for 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd ABCT.

Late last year, Soldiers of the brigade covered more than 75,000 acres of training area as they conducted a two month-long situational training exercise and a full-scale combined-arms, live-fire, which led to combat readiness certification earlier this year at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California.

“You have tanks and Bradley’s, close combat air, unmanned aerial vehicles and artillery fire working together in concert with each other,” Sanchez said. “The training that is required to get to this point is just invaluable. This is as close to the real thing as it gets.”

Weston Graves, a 16-year-old high school student and family member of a Fort Riley Soldier, agreed with how real this experience was for him.

“This was the first time I have experienced anything like this ... and my father is in the military,” Graves said. “You could feel the guns shooting and hear it all and even with ear plugs my ears are still ringing.”

“It’s real,” Graves added, “Not just a ‘Call of Duty’ game.”

For two local Kansas television news reporters it was an experience they said they will not forget.

“This was a very exciting exercise,” said WIBW Channel 13 reporter Monte Thompson. “Being this close and personal helped me to identify the noises I use to hear in the distance when I attended K-State.”

Channel 27 KSNT News reporter Katya Leick added the next time she is invited to attend and cover an event



like this, she would bring family and friends.

“I have never seen anything like before,” Leick said. “This was an awesome and memorable experience for me.”

Despite not having as much area as some other Army installations, combined arms units here can

safely and effectively conduct training missions, whether small or large as we demonstrated today with the CAL-FEX without having to leave Fort Riley, said Sanchez.

Sanchez added, “Our units gain very invaluable training at Fort Riley and because of that our Soldiers are Ready Now!”

Member of Kansas Board of Regents visits Fort Riley

Soldiers, contractors discuss benefits of programs provided through Barton Community College

By Jakki Forester
1ST INF. DIV. POST



Bill Raymann, chief of the training division for DPTMS briefs Rita Johnson of the Kansas Board of Regents.

Rita Johnson, senior director of workforce innovation for the Kansas Board of Regents, the governing board over Kansas’ 32 public higher education institutions, visited with the staff at Fort Riley’s Military Schools Training Division of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security June 4.

The purpose of Johnson’s visit was to see the benefits the partnership between Barton Community College and Fort Riley bring to the installation. One of the main benefits of the almost 10-year-old partnership is in the mutual support.

“There is nowhere else where soldiers can get this type of training toward their MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) and apply it to a degree,” said Bill Raymann, chief of the training division for DPTMS. “This program does not just support Soldiers, but it also supports civilians and the community.”

Contractors, civilians and Soldiers were invited to share testimonies of the benefits this partnership has offered them. These trainings include certification courses for many positions and MOS. The certification courses can also count toward credit for degrees from colleges and universities.

These certification courses allow for well-trained and knowledgeable contract employees and Soldiers.

Doug Kneisl, health, environmental, training, security and safety manager for ALOG Corp. at Fort Riley, said he runs the fueling for Fort Ri-

ley. He said all of the contractors ALOG Corp., employs go through a significant amount of training and certification to perform their job.

“This facility helps out immensely with these trainings and certifications,” Kneisl said. “Without this facility, we would have to look elsewhere in other cities to get our contractors trained. But this facility allows us to stay on post, come to the training, get certified or recertified and continue working.”

By offering the trainings contractors, civilians and Soldiers need on Fort Riley, it allows the installation to save money by not having to send these people all over the state or country. Additionally, soldiers from all branches of the U.S. military, as well as many other militaries from all over the world, come to Fort Riley to take certification courses.

“All of the courses and certifications we offer are in compliance with all state and federal standards and mandates,” Raymann said.

David Miles, transition services specialist for the Soldier For Life Transition Assistance Program, emphasized how the education capabilities at Fort Riley encourage military retirees to stay in the area.

“Education is the direct link to better pay and the key to a more successful future outside of the military,” Miles said.

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.

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 Fort Riley 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. June 29 at Wyman Park. Be sure to bring your ID. For more information, call 785-240-5326 or email usofortriley@uso.org

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

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.

ALCOHOL SALE POLICY

All Army and Air Force Exchange Service locations at Fort Riley are no longer selling alcohol from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily. The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley policy was implemented to reduce alcohol-related incidents.

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE

In emergency utility service situations like power outages, contact the Fort Riley Public Works Service Desk at 785-239-0900 to report the problem. You also may call your neighborhood office, and the staff will report the outage for you. For your neighborhood office phone number, visit www.rileypicrne.com, click on "Residents" and "About Our Neighborhoods."

For tips on how to prepare and cope with a power outage, visit www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/Power_Outage_Fact_Sheet.pdf.



Father's Day Barbecue offers families a feast

Attendees recommend event as great place to celebrate holiday as a family unit

By Jakki Forester
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Families from all over the Fort Riley, Kansas, community gathered June 21 at Riley's Conference Center to celebrate Father's Day over

"We like to support the things the installation does."

MAJ. FORREST TAYLOR | 1ST INF. DIV.

a meal of barbecue food hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Riley's Conference center.

Sgt. 1st Class T.J. Reutzel, Inspector General Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., said

his wife chose this as way to spend Father's Day with their children.

"I think this was a good idea," Reutzel said. "I would recommend this to others. It had nice décor and a nice selection of food."

Food options included main dishes of chicken wings, barbecue ribs and

chicken. Sides included potato salad, cole slaw and fruit. Dessert, beverages and beer were also served.

Major Forrest Taylor, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Combat Brigade Team, 1st Inf. Div., said him and his family have been stationed here for two years and attended this event twice.

"It was well done last year, and it was a good event this year," Taylor said. "We like to support the things

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Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley, Kansas, and Col. Andrew Cole Jr., Garrison Commander, presented each participant of the third annual ZAC Camp with a medal, certificate of completion about water safety and ZAC Camp T-shirt June 19 at the Fort Riley Youth Center.

ZAC Camp Graduates

Campers learn water safety in the pool, classroom and through first responders

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

Water splashed children's faces as they kicked and swam June 19 in Custer Hill Pool on the final day of the weeklong ZAC Camp.

The Camps, funded by The ZAC Foundation, teach children 5 to 9 water safety skills through classroom instruction, in-water instruction and interaction with first responders.

The ZAC Foundation was co-founded by Karen and Brian Cohen in memory of their son, Zachary, whose arm became entrapped in a pool drain in 2007. This year Fort Riley was one of 20 grant winners and one of three ZAC Camps on military installations nationwide.

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Some of the children who were part of the third annual ZAC Camp do leg kicks June 19, the final day of the weeklong camp, on the side of Custer Hill Pool.

ZAC CAMPS

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Fort Riley hosted 95 children for the weeklong camp, which concluded June 19 at Custer Hill Pool.

Victory Week keeps kids in loop

Youngsters get opportunity to join in fun via Boot Camp for Heroes obstacle course

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

"I want to do it again," said 2-year-old Rosalia Butler, daughter of Sgt. Brandon Butler, Company D, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, after throwing a bean bag and hitting her target.

The obstacle course she was participating in was called Boot Camp for Heroes and took place June 9 at Custer Hill Parade Field. It is an annual Victory Week event for children. It also included a tire obstacle, balance

beam, bean bag tosses as well as push-ups and sit-ups.

Nehemiah Martin, 8, and stepson of Butler, said his favorite part was the grenade obstacle where children had to throw bean bags at a target while their vision was obstructed by a barricade.

Soldiers from various units, who also belonged to the Warrant Officer Association, provided moral support and helped children and families complete the course.

Chief Warrant Officer 1 Nicole Patterson, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, was one of those Soldiers. She brought her own children to the event, and said it was so much fun for them to participate in the Victory Week celebration.

"It's to get the kids and community involved," Patterson said. "It gives

the kids something to do for Victory Week a lot of the events have to do with the Soldiers. We want to give the kids that opportunity as well."

Patterson said they added stations from last year and the course was appropriate for many ages.

With school being out, she said the event gave kids an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the Kansas weather.

"It got them out and active," Patterson said. "It gives them something to do in the mid-morning and gets them out of their routine."

Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Yantis, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, agreed.

"I couldn't get my kid away from (the grenade obstacle)," Yantis said.



Four-year-old Eli Yantis, son of Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Yantis, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, finishes the tire obstacle at Boot Camp for Heroes June 9 at Custer Hill Parade Field.

Stripe Out Announced for South Dakota Game at Bill Snyder Family Stadium

K-STATE SPORTS

MANHATTAN, Kan. -- K-State Athletics is asking fans to help stripe out Bill Snyder Family Stadium for the season opener and K-State Family Re-union against South Dakota as the department honors Coach Snyder for his 2015 College Football Hall of Fame selection. Fans are asked to wear either purple or white depending on their ticket location in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Fans can access the stadium map showing the shirt color for their section at www.kstatesports.com. “Many fans have reached out over the last several years asking to stripe out the football stadium for a game, and we thought doing so September 5 will be a great visual way to celebrate the start of the season and Coach Snyder’s selection into the College Football Hall of Fame,” said Associate AD for Ticketing and Fan Strategies Scott Garrett. “With another sellout crowd expected for the game, we are

excited for this opportunity to showcase the passion of the K-State Family to the entire nation.” Fans will have the opportunity to purchase a limited edition t-shirt for this game (purple or white depending on seat location) which features Coach Snyder’s 16 Goals and his 2015 hall of fame selection recognition. These t-shirts can be purchased beginning June 22 at the following locations:

- K-State Superstore in Manhattan (McCall Road)
- K-State Super Store at the Stadium
- K-State Superstore online (kstategear.com)
- The official K-State Online Store (k-statesports.com)

In an effort to mobilize the grassroots support that has always been so crucial to K-State’s success, \$5 from each purchased limited edition t-shirt will go directly toward the future northeast corner component of the stadium or Phase 3B of the Vanier Football Complex Project.



A representative from the National Football Foundation will be on hand for the game to honor Coach Snyder’s selection into the hall of fame and will do so in a brief pre-game salute. The season opener will kick off at 6:10 p.m. A limited number of single-game tickets, including standing room only tickets on the northeast hill and scattered single seats throughout the stadium, will be available online at www.kstatesports.com beginning June 22. The game will also be broadcast worldwide on K-StateHD.TV, and following the recent announcement of a new digital partner-

ship with SportsLabs, current monthly and annual K-State-HD.TV subscribers will need to cancel their existing account through the current provider by clicking here. Beginning July 1, fans must re-subscribe to K-State-HD.TV as a new account and can do so at k-statesports.com following launch to gain access to the South Dakota game. Subscribers who have paid for annual subscriptions will be contacted directly via email for specific details and instructions regarding how their subscription will be transferred to the new platform.

Experts offer tips to make changes in work health

Staying fit on the job demands frequency of breaks, not duration

K-STATE NEWS AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

MANHATTAN, Kan. — When it comes to taking a physical activity break at work, it’s more about the frequency than duration. That’s advice Kansas State University experts in human nutrition and kinesiology are offering to employees working in a sedentary environment who are looking to improve their health. “When people sit for a long period of time, our body turns off an enzyme called lipoprotein lipase, which helps

take in fat and use it for energy,” said Sara Rosenkranz, research assistant professor of human nutrition. “Essentially what happens is that enzyme goes away and stops allowing us to uptake the fat that’s circulating in our blood and use it for fuel. We also know physiologically that sitting for long periods of time will actually reduce insulin sensitivity and increase circulating triglycerides. These are two things we know are very highly associated with poor chronic health in the long term.” But Rosenkranz says lots of little changes in a daily work routine can add up to a big change. Get up and stand or take a walk at least once an hour, suggests Emily Mailey, assis-

tant professor of kinesiology and director of the Physical Activity Intervention Research Lab. “When it comes to sitting time, frequent interruptions is what’s really important. We want to break up those long, prolonged bouts of sitting and get people up and moving more throughout the day,” she said. Mailey recommends setting a prompt on your computer to remind you to get up and move. Other ways she suggests to incorporate movement into your work activities:

- Send work to a remote printer.
- Use a restroom on another floor.
- Visit a co-worker’s office instead of sending an email.

- Park further away.
- Take a walk with co-workers.

“Sometimes I think it takes a cultural change because it’s really easy to maintain what we all do,” Rosenkranz said. “It’s also important to remember that it is not just about increasing physical activity. The research is unequivocal that both physical activity and diet are essential in terms of energy balance and health outcomes. Watching what you eat is actually a way that people can make a bigger difference in terms of an energy balance equation. It’s a lot easier for some people to cut out calories as opposed to expending more energy through physical activity.”

COMMUNITY CORNER

Staying safe in the heat of summer requires planning

By Col. Andrew Cole
GARRISON COMMANDER

Summer finally made it to Fort Riley. With it comes trips away from home and the thermometer rising into triple-digits. When the temperature creeps up, we have to be just as prepared as we are for unpredictable violent spring weather. We haven’t faced very many of those triple-digit days yet but warmth and humidity are two facts of summer.



Colonel Cole

With the storm season not quite behind us and the heat indices increasing in frequency, what is your plan for a power outage in the heat? What are you adding to your emergency kits? Will you remember not to open your freezer and fridge until the power returns? Do you have a way to stay cool without the air conditioner running and no power to run a fan? Where is your safe cool-down location? A park, a pool? This season may also signal the time when we pack the kids and the dog into the car and head out on some summer memory-making adventure. Maybe we’ll go camping, fishing or half-way across the country to the grandparents. The reality is we still want to do all the fun summer activities. What we can’t forget is that heat-related injuries are preventable. Hydrate it, shade it, keep it cool or put sunscreen on it. Drink your water but don’t force liquids beyond recommended levels. Know your heat categories and how much rest is recommended for each category and level of

activity. Know the signs of heat stress and keep an eye on those around you. Heat dangers are also present for our pets. And they have a harder time dealing with it than we do. Pets are susceptible to heat and when you add the humidity and a trip in the car into the mix it can be shocking and tragic. Sometimes we see people leave a pet or a child in the car when they run in for a quick errand. Think twice before you do it. Even when it doesn’t feel that hot outside to you and me, the temperature in a car on an 85-degree day, even with the windows cracked open can reach 102 degrees in as little as 10 minutes. Since a dog doesn’t sweat to cool down, that heat has a greater detrimental effect on your beloved pet. Within 30 minutes it can be 110 inside that car. For kids, the younger they are, the harder time they have in the heat. If you can’t leave a responsible adult in the car with them and the AC on, bring them in with you. Yes it takes more time, but as parents or pet owners, that responsibility comes with the package. A few minutes of precaution will deter loads of grief. The bottom line is watch out for your own health in the heat and that of your family and pets. Have a heat emergency plan just like you have a disaster one. Make sure your family travels are safe and memorable for all the right reasons.

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Learning biocontainment research basics

June trainees test out new Biosecurity Research Institue

STORY AND PHOTO BY K-STATE NEWS AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

MANHATTAN, Kan. — If you attend new researcher training at Kansas State University's Biosecurity Research Institute, or BRI, at Pat Roberts Hall, one of the first things you notice is nothing happens quickly. Getting into the building requires passing through several layers of security, and strict rules are followed.

The biosafety experts modeling standard operating procedures for students move slowly and deliberately. They take time to stop and think carefully about what they are doing, including reading instructions for procedures they have done hundreds of times. Even getting dressed to enter lab spaces requires education. And no, you don't get to wear your own underwear beneath the scrubs you don to enter the clean hallway that leads to the secured research labs.

These precautions are necessary because BRI is a Biosafety Level-3, or BSL-3, research facility, which means it houses containment facilities in which researchers are able to investigate infectious diseases that threaten animals, plants and humans. BRI offers new researcher training monthly for everyone who will work on projects in the facility.

Six trainees participated in training in early June. The group included postdoctoral researchers, doctoral students and undergraduate researchers, all of whom will begin working on projects with Kansas State University researchers in the next few months. Trainees complete online modules then spend five days at BRI to hear lectures on the basics of biosafety and biocontainment practices, procedures and facilities, as well as receive hands-on practice implementing research techniques.

Shefali Dobhal will work for Jim Stack, professor of plant pathology, on a wheat blast project as a postdoctoral researcher. Wheat blast emerged in Brazil in 1985 and can be a devastating to the crop, so working with the fungus that causes the disease in containment is necessary for proper handling and control of the pathogen. Dobhal says she is grateful for the thorough training.

"They went through each and every step," Dobhal said.



Students under the supervision of biosafety personnel at Kansas State University's Biosecurity Research Institute wear personal protective equipment and participate in laboratory activities required for their individual research projects. Infectious agent is not present during training but is simulated.

"They made sure every person had the same experience — treated everybody the same. They don't think, 'Oh, this person might know it and we don't have to tell him.'"

Vlad Petrovan, a doctoral student studying with Bob Rowland, professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, also found the class thorough. Petrovan will assist Rowland with swine virus research.

"I learned how to actually work with a pathogen that could infect animals if released and to be prepared in case of an emergency," he said.

Petrovan knows it's a great opportunity. "Not many people can do research that helps eradicate a disease that's not endemic here," he said.

Although attending training is the beginning of the research process for students and postdocs like Dobhal and Petrovan, the faculty member in charge of the project, also known as the principal investigator, or PI, has been working with staff at BRI for a long time before such training takes place. John Webster, education officer at the BRI, monitors compliance with training programs and manages the online learning system. He said the planning and approval phases of research can be a long process. First, a faculty member with a project contacts Stephen Higgs, BRI research director, and BRI staff help fill out the details.

"Then the biosafety team will work with that PI to help develop the appropriate permits to be able to do the work and help guide them through the process with necessary departments on campus," Webster said. "Staff remain in contact as the PI develops standard operating procedures

BSL-3

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for inside the building to make sure we maintain biosafety, biocontainment and biosecurity, and follow all appropriate regulations with federal agencies."

The approval process can be relatively short, but also can be years, he said.

When necessary approvals are in hand, training is next. The first phase of training attended by Dobhal, Petrovan and their four other classmates teaches the fundamentals of working in high-containment research facilities. They receive an in-depth pre-project walk-through from biosafety experts before starting their specific research. Annual refreshers and other as-needed trainings follow for all researchers in containment labs.

Webster and other BRI staff members have worked to integrate more experiential learning in the training sessions. Dobhal, who previously worked at a BSL-2 lab on foodborne pathogens, said the hands-on approach highlighted the differences in BSL-3 requirements.

"Here, it's a double pair of gloves. You discard both pair of gloves, whereas before I just wiped with disinfectant. Here we autoclave the trash; it's a more strict protocol," she said.

BRI also offers introductions to the strict protocols of

working in high-containment facilities to others at the university and around the country. For example, upper-level undergraduate and graduate students at Kansas State University can enroll in a course by the diagnostic medicine and pathobiology department that covers relevant topics, techniques and essential practices.

BRI is also collaborating in June with the university's Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases, or CEEZAD, to offer a Department of Homeland Security-funded two-week training program for graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students from around the nation who demonstrated career interest in transboundary and zoonotic diseases of animals.

The first week consists of hands-on research education. During the second week, students participate in seminars, hear lectures and make field visits to Kansas State University business and industry partners in the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor. A mini-symposium on research requiring high-containment facilities and transboundary diseases of importance to U.S. agricultural health will be June 25 and is open to outside registrations.

Jessica Green, CEEZAD program coordinator, said the training furthers the center's mission of helping DHS protect the U.S. agricultural economy, particularly in light of the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility being built in Manhattan.

"With NBAF coming, part of what's important to DHS is a highly trained workforce that can work in NBAF or that understands that work even if they are in academia, other industries and government entities that will interface with NBAF," Green said.

Experts and students alike want people to know that safety is always a serious subject and that all of their training and research is done to protect the public.

"Everything is secure," said Dobhal. "We are part of the public; we are working to benefit them."

Petrovan echoed his classmate's desire to work for the public good. "We are a research facility. We are working on vaccines. We are trying to help," he said.

That's why the researchers take their time.

"We encourage slow, deliberate work," said Webster.



A Teen Summer Social, hosted by the staff of Corvias Military Living, was filled to the brim with things to do. Corvias workers provided pizza, soda, a video game trailer, music, a photo booth and a large graffiti wall to write and draw on.

Summer social: Parents not invited

Corvias bash lets teenagers enjoy good time with no pressure

Story and photo by Sarah Falcon
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The staff at Corvias Military Living threw a big bash for all the teenagers living in Fort Riley on-post housing at Colyer Forsyth Community Center June 18. The Teen Summer Social lasted from 5 to 7 p.m. and was filled to the brim with things to do. Corvias workers provided pizza, soda, a video game trailer, music, a photo booth and a large graffiti wall to write and draw on.

The only adults in attendance were the staff and volunteers helping run the event. The social was open to teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 and the workers there thought it to be for the best.

"It gives them an opportunity to be teenagers," said Breeana Washington, a Corvias worker. "There's no pressure."

Even though there's no pressure having fun, there is some pressure in figuring out what to do for the summer.

When asked if he had any plans for the rest of the school break, 15-year-old Ricky Hall said, "I'd like to go to anything else Corvias puts on."

Hall said he found the trailer of arcade games to be the coolest and he would have come to a Corvias event before if he knew how many things there were to do.

"I've been here for five years," said Hall's 16-year-old friend, Gabhen Kelly. "But, this is my first time coming to an event."

Though the Corvias staff puts on several events, this was the first geared to the teen population.

"I think it's important for teens to attend because it teaches them to get together and not be shy."

**BREEANA WASHINGTON
CORVIAS**

Kelly's mother was the one who found out about the party while scrolling her newsfeed. Flyers for the summer social were shared over Facebook to advertise and spread awareness.

Washington said to her co-worker that she felt everyone was having a great time because laughter echoed off the gymnasium walls as teens lined up on the free-throw line to play.

One after another, they ran and jumped as high as they could to reach the highest point on the basketball hoop backboard. Onlookers applauded when one would surpass another in height and they laughed when a shorter Corvias worker jumped and couldn't reach the lowest point on the backboard.

That laughter and willingness to fall a little short helped illustrate a vital point to the gathering.

"I think it's important for teens to attend because it teaches them to get together and not be shy," said Washington.

According to several workers at the event, when teenagers come together to play and socialize in fun and friendly environments like Corvias' summer social, they are given the chance to build social skills and learn how to work as a team. They also get to meet new people and hopefully make a friend or two.

Vacation Bible School set for July 28

Registration remains open for military kids ages 5 through 10

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Vacation Bible School is scheduled to begin July 28 at Victory Chapel and registration is under way. Roxanne Martinez, director of religious education at Fort Riley, said children age 5 through 10 are invited to participate. It is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. each day and end at noon.

MORE INFORMATION

- To register or volunteer for **Vacation Bible School**, email Roxanne Martinez at roxanne.g.martinez.civ@mail.mil or call 785-240-1443 or 785-375-4730.

“It’s very interactive,” Martinez said. “Kids remember VBS.” Registration will remain open until all the spaces are filled. About 50 children have been registered for the event, but the annual average attendance is around 150, Martinez said. All military families are

welcome whether they have previously been involved in chapel programs or not. There is an emphasis on inviting new families to become involved in the community because the children meet others. “The kids meet new friends,” Martinez said. “They are encouraged to invite their friends too.” This year the theme is “Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power.” Each day VBS will have a different theme about God’s power and how it relates to their life. The games and activities provided will then reinforce the lesson taught. Each family will

receive a disc with the songs from VBS on it at the end of the week. “Everything reinforces the key verse, including their snacks,” Martinez said. Martinez also said volunteer opportunities are still available for VBS. Pre-school VBS will be available for the children of volunteers who are 5 years old or younger. “As long as the kids have a Fort Riley relation – they are invited,” Martinez said. To register or volunteer for VBS, email Martinez at roxanne.g.martinez.civ@mail.mil or call 785-240-1443 or 785-375-4730.

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Capt. Danny Williams, Operations Company, DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., his wife Naomi, and their family have attended similar events for Easter, Mother’s Day and Valentine’s Day at Riley’s Conference Center and enjoyed them in the past. This was their first time as a family coming out for the Father’s Day event. “It was one of the better places to be for this holiday,” Danny said. “I like that it is early in the afternoon and the quietness of this event. Naomi said all of their past experiences with events similar to this were all great. Plus, she said, Danny enjoys barbecue. Staff Sgt. Sammy Gonzalez, 526 Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Combat Sustainment Support Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., said he attended the event because he wanted to spend time with his mother-in-law and daughter since his wife was away for the day. “I would recommend people to come out to events like this,” Gonzalez said. “They are fun things to do.” Gonzalez said he and his family often enjoy events hosted on the post. “More people need to come out and enjoy the events Fort Riley has to offer,” Gonzalez said.

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“This experience was a lot of fun,” said Mark Rombold, Department of Defense lifeguard and a lifeguard and swim instructor for ZAC Camp. “It helped me grow as a certified swim instructor, teach swim lessons, grow to be more patient with kids and be more well-rounded with kids half my age.” This year the camp hosted 95 children. Each child went through the entire curriculum set forth by the ZAC Foundation. Hedy Noveroske, swimming program manager for Fort Riley Sports, Fitness and Aquatics under the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation, facilitated the coordination of locations, personnel and facilities. Noveroske said she made sure the curriculum for water safety skills was properly executed, lifeguards and swim instructors in the pool were properly trained and prepared, and she coordinated with the Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services, emergency medical technicians from Irwin Army Community Hospital, the canine unit from the 97th Military Police Battalion and the Garrison Safety Office. “We also have ZAC Camp happen during the time we host the World’s Largest Swim Lesson,” Noveroske said. “We like to intertwine the two together.” Rombold said one of the other benefits of ZAC Camp is aquatics is a good way to stay physically fit. He said childhood obesity is a national epidemic, and this is a good way for children to stay fit and learn water safety. People from the ZAC Foundation help coordinate the opening and closing



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A part of the third annual ZAC Camp curriculum was learning about proper use of life jackets June 19, the final day of the weeklong camp, at Custer Hill Pool.

ing ceremonies of the camp. During the closing ceremony after the conclusion of the final lesson, the participants accepted a medal, certificate of completion and a ZAC Camp T-shirt from Col. Andrew Cole Jr., Garrison Commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Major Jason Schmidt. “In my 16 years of being in this position, fewer things have been better than seeing these kids get so excited and learn about water safety,” Noveroske said. “We get about 100 kids for a week for one-on-one swim instruction. But to look at them and think of Zac, which is why we are here, makes for an exciting and emotional week as well.”

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

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

WATERMELON CRAWL

Summer fun for all ages! The Watermelon Crawl is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 11 at Custer Hill Pool. There will be watermelon eating contests, seed spitting, watermelon smashing and greased watermelon relays.

Entry fees for children 5 and older are \$3 and ages 2 through 5 are \$1.50. Children 2 and under are free. Pool Passes will not be accepted for this event.

For more information call 785-239-6398.

10-5-2 PRAIRIE RUN

The 10-5-2 Prairie Run is scheduled to take place at 7 a.m. July 18 at King Field House. The 10-mile course is a qualifier for Fort Riley's Army 10-miler team. No pets, strollers or headsets are allowed.

Registration is online at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/14309>.

For more information, call 785-239-3146.

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.

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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.

AIMING FOR A GOOD TIME



Ollie Hunter, senior readiness manager for Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, left, helps Lilly Kelley, daughter of Sgt. Scott Kelley, Operations Company of Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, right, aim toward where double clay pigeons will be fired during the Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group Youth Trap and Skeet Camp June 19 and 20 at the Trap and Skeet Range.

Youth Trap, Skeet Camp fires fun, safety

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

Gavhen Kelley, son of Sgt. Scott Kelley, Operations Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., faced the grass hill in position with a rifle securely placed in his shoulder as he shouted "pull" for a clay pigeon to be fired into the air at the fifth annual Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group Youth Trap and Skeet Camp June 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Trap and Skeet Range.

A total of five young adults between the ages of 12 and 16 participated in the weekend camp. The camp facilitators' focus is to teach proper gun safety, based on the National Rifle Association's Ten Commandments of Gun Safety and how to shoot both trap and skeet.

"I like shooting and watching the clay pigeons explode," Gavhen said.

This is the first time Gavhen and his sister, Lilly, participated in this type of camp.

"We went shooting with our mom once and liked it, so we thought we'd give this a try," Lilly said.



Ollie Hunter, senior readiness manager for Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, center, reminds the five young adults, who participated in the Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group Youth Trap and Skeet Camp June 19 and 20 at the Trap and Skeet Range, about safety precautions.

Ollie Hunter, senior readiness manager, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., said this is his third year facilitating the camp.

The first two years, under different facilitation, he said only skeet was taught. Since Hunter is familiar with both, he wanted to make sure participants received training in both trap and skeet shooting.

The curriculum and safety requirements for the camp remained the same throughout the years. Safety is the highest priority before and while on the range.

R.J. Hatt, son of Richard Hatt, Bravo Company, 701st Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Armored Brigade combat Team,

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Game night helps families unplug

By Jakki Forester
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Multiple families gather around assorted tables as they dealt out cards, laid down tiles and collected rewards for passing 'go' at USO Fort Riley's Unplugged Family Board Game Night June 19 at the USO Building.

The purpose of the Unplugged Board Game Night is to bring families back to the basics through interacting over board games.

"I think nowadays people are so focused on electronics," said Stefani Roman, wife of Spc. Jonathon Roman, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. "Here, everything is set aside and you can communicate over a board game, especially one you've never played."

Stefani attended the event with her husband and brother, Nick Urrutia. They all played Chinese checkers for the first time.

Stephanie Adams and husband Staff Sgt. Robert Adams, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Armored Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., attended the event with their children.

"I love coming to USO events," Stephanie said. "Events like this provide relief for us when our husbands are gone in the field or on deployment, but allow them to spend time with their family when they're here."

Stephanie said a lot of people get into their routine, but this type of event allows families to get out of the house, away from technology and spend time with one another.

"I actually liked it," Robert said. "I get to spend time with the kids outside of the house and kick my son's [Nicholas'] butt in pool."

Crystal Tinkey, programs coordinator for USO Fort Riley, said in the digital age, it is important to get back to the basics.

"Events like this promote enhancing face to face communication in the digital age," Tinkey said. "Resiliency and communication are what this is all about."

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Softball team remains victorious after playing almost 18 hours

Story and photo by
Jakki Forester
1st Inf. Div. Post

"If you weren't here, you should've been. It was a blast."

A member of the 'Collateral Damage' mixed-unit softball team crossed home plate scoring the 13th home run of the championship game against the 'Bravo Bulls,' from 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

This was the final game of the Midnight Madness Softball Tournament, and it concluded with Collateral Damage going undefeated June 20 at Sacco Softball Fields.

The Midnight Madness Softball Tournament placed 32 teams in a double elimination type tournament. It started at 6 p.m. June 19 and the championship game concluded at noon June 20. The two teams in the championship round played all night and into the morning for a total of almost 18 hours of straight playing time.

"It was essentially a 'survival of the fittest' type of tournament," said Renee Satterlee, intramural sports coordinator for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "The tournament went smoothly. It's not often tournaments run on time, but this one did with the support of field crews, volunteers and everyone else involved."

Collateral Damage consisted of members 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment and 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. and one member from 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

"Well, we lasted longer than last year," said Spc. Cody Nelson, 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. and coach of the Bravo Bulls. "Last year, we got out around 3 a.m., so it's great we made it this far. Everyone is worn out."

Nelson said this is the second year Soldiers from 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. competed in this tournament.

"It's good for the unit," Nelson said. "We like softball, and it is good to get us together on the weekend."

Sgt. Nicholas Ferguson, 2nd Bn. 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. and member of Collateral Damage, said the tournament went really well.



Sgt. Boyd Thomasson, Alpha Company, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. and coach of 'Collateral Damage', right, slid into second base before Spc. Mike Rasmussen, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Combat Brigade Team, 1st Inf. Div. of the 'Bravo Bulls', left, could get the ball to 'Bravo Bulls' second baseman Spc. Dennis Padgett, Bravo Company, 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., center, during the Midnight Madness Softball Tournament June 20 at Sacco Softball Fields.

"We have a great group of guys that are fun to be around," Ferguson said. "If you weren't here, you should have been. It was a blast."

Sgt. Michael Seymour, 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. and assistant coach of Collateral Damage, said it felt great to win.

"We had been traveling around Topeka and hadn't won a lot," Seymour said. "So, it felt great to win the tournament with such a great group of guys."

Seymour said they used to have a traveling team before the brigade was deployed. Then, they got together when they were down range and played softball and continued the team once they returned stateside.

"We knew we were going to win going into the championship round," Seymour said. "We are tired like champions."

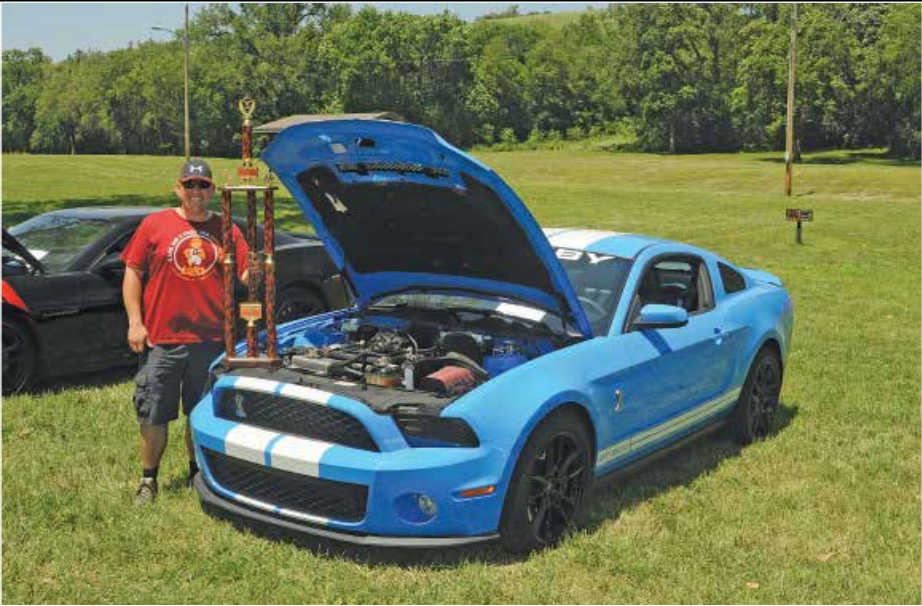


FORT RILEY ANNUAL CAR SHOW



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It was the strong of heart who braved the oppressive heat and made the Fort Riley Car Show at McCormick Park a success on June 20. When it was all said and done, two entrants took home Best in Show honors. Best in Show for model cars 1979 or older was a 1938 Chevy Pick-up owned by Victor Enns, above, a retired civilian from Manhattan. Best in Show for model cars 1980 to present went to a 2010 Shelby Cobra GT 500, below, that belongs to Sgt. Alex Rosado of the 1st Sqdn, 6th Cav. Regt, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div.



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Jill Iwen, director of USO Fort Riley, said this program started about a year ago. It was beta-tested to see if there was interest. Since then, it is grant funded, changed locations and provides food.

Alysia Laursen, wife of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Laursen, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., said she enjoyed the game night with her family.

“I like to get my family out of the house,” Laursen said. “It’s a good place to meet new people and do something different.”

Robert said others should come and participate in future Unplugged Board Game Nights.

“This is a good event,” Robert said. “People shouldn’t be skeptical. I hate stuff like this, but I enjoyed it.”



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Staff Sgt. Robert Adams, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Division, helped his son, Nicholas, line up his pool stick to break for the game June 19 at the Fort Riley USO’s Unplugged Board Game Night.



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Stefani Roman, right, wife of Spc. Jonathon Roman, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., center, played her next move in Chinese checkers after her brother, Nick Urruita, left, explained what she could have done instead checkers June 19 at the Fort Riley USO’s Unplugged Board Game Night.

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said this was his fourth time going through the camp.

“I like this because it’s fun to break stuff without getting in trouble,” R.J. said.

The FROG sponsors participants by paying for all ammunition and facility fees. There is also no registration fee. Participants are only required to bring sunglasses, a cap, sunscreen and something to drink.

“I don’t understand why people wouldn’t come to this camp,” R.J. said. “It’s free ammunition, free pigeons and you can shoot until your heart is content. Also, when shooting, you can also take your time and not feel rushed.”

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LEVI CAVES | SON OF CW5
SCOTT CAVES, 1ST CAB

There are still openings in other FROG Youth Trap and Skeet Camps scheduled for July 10 and 11, July 17 and 18 and July 24 and 25. Contact Ollie Hunter at 785-239-2032 or by email at oliver.h.hunter@us.army.mil to reserve a spot. Those interested can reserve a spot, if available, up until 7:59 a.m. the morning of the event.

Levi Caves, son of Chief Warrant Officer 5 Scott Caves, 1st Combat Aviation

Brigade, participated in this camp twice.

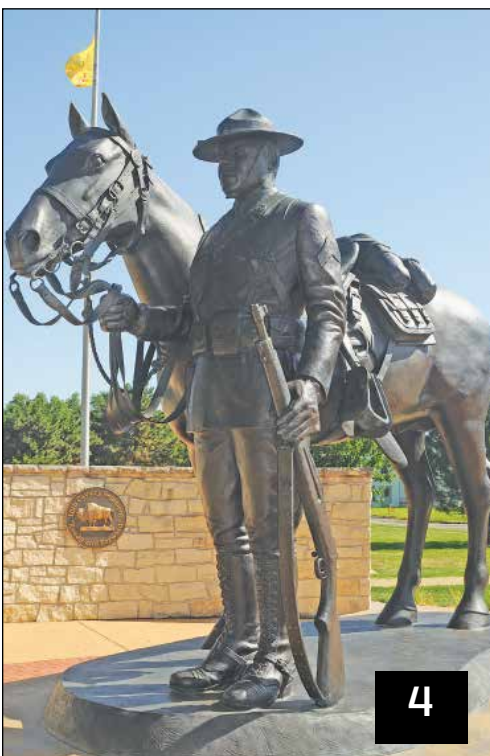
“I come out for the fun of shooting,” Levi said. “It’s fun to shoot stuff and watch it explode.”



Travel & Fun in Kansas

FORT RILEY'S HOME TOWN

JUNCTION CITY-GEARY COUNTY



#1 - Sundown Salute lasts from July 1 to 4 and is an extravaganza of national pride and military pageantry. File Photo

#2 and #3 - Milford Lake is well-known as the fishing capital of Kansas. Photo by Andy Massanet

#4 - The Buffalo Soldier
Memorial celebrates the relationship between the 8th and 9th Buffalo Soldier units that were stationed at Fort Riley and the city of Junction City. Photo by Andy Massanet

#5 - Historic Heritage Park is located at Sixth and Washington in Junction City. Photo by Andy Massanet

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The Junction City-Geary County community is proud to be known as Fort Riley's Hometown. It's hard to beat when it comes to hospitality, historical resonance and outdoor activities.

Outdoorsmen and women can fish at Milford Lake, known as the fishing capital of Kansas. Also available at Milford Lake are opportunities for camping, off-road recreation, swimming at sandy beaches and many other activities.

It also features Milford Nature Center where kids can explore with hands-on activities and have encounters with a variety of live animals, displays and educational programming.

Geary County has the largest Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism public hunting grounds in the state of Kansas, and was listed by Sports Afield as one of the top 10 public Whitetail Deer hunting locations in the United States.

Great golf awaits you in Geary County. Rolling Meadows Golf Course is rated by Golf Digest as one of the top courses to play in Kansas.

Too hot in the summer? The Junction City Municipal Swimming Pool and Spray Park boasts an Olympic size pool, water slides and cannons, jumping jets, crown geysers and a spraying palm tree.

After a day at the pool, head to historic Rathert Stadium where the Junction City Generals baseball team plays a full summer schedule.

Don't miss the free concerts at Heritage Park on Friday nights in June and July. Celebrate the 4th of July at Sundown Salute, the largest free multi-day Independence Day celebration in the state of Kansas.

A variety of cuisines are also available for dining out.

Countless Soldiers and their families have passed through the community and gained an appreciation and understanding that western values and hospitality make this a special place.

For a complete listing of attractions and relocation information, contact the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau at (785) 238-2885 or (800) 528-2489.

For a calendar of events, visit junctioncity.org.