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## New enlisted leadership for the ‘Guardians’

Story and photos by Maria Childs  
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Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Rogers relinquished his duty as the senior non-commissioned officer in the 97th Military Police Battalion as he passed the unit's guidon to the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Alexander Murray, during a change of responsibility ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field July 10.

Murray then passed the guidon to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Counts II entrusting him with the responsibility and care of the unit.

“Today is a celebration for the battalion as two outstanding leaders – Command Sgt. Maj. Rogers and Command Sgt. Maj. Counts – change responsibility,” Murray said. “Over the last two years, Command Sgt. Maj. Rogers has been the epitome of a command sergeant major. Soldiers and leaders of all ranks look up to him for his guidance direction and vision.”

Murray said during Rogers' time with the battalion, he led two MP companies to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, as well as enjoyed some of the highest re-enlistment rates the battalion has seen. The dog kennels are recognized as the best in the 89th MP Brigade with a 100-percent certification rate for the military working dog teams.

The battalion has also awarded more than 200 volunteer awards over the last two years as well as numerous other achievements that were recognized.

“Command Sgt. Maj. Rogers leads his Soldiers like they are his sons and daughters,” Murray said. “His loyalty to the 97th MP Battalion and its Soldiers has been

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Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Counts II stands on the field at the end of the change of responsibility ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field July 10.

## REASSURANCE FROM THE TOP



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**Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey (left) speaks with Spec. Allendrew Santos and other Soldiers from 1st Bn., 18th Inf., 2nd ABCT, 1st inf. Div. July 8 at Fort Riley. The soldiers were training in hopes of earning an expert infantry badge. In his first visit to post as the 15th sergeant major of the Army, Dailey spoke with “Big Red One” troops and held a town hall with Soldiers, family members and civilians.**

## Dailey relieves fears concerning troop cuts during first Fort Riley visit

By Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis  
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The Army's top non-commissioned officer addressed concerns about troop cuts during his first visit with 1st Infantry Division Soldiers from July 7 to 9.

“This is an emotional topic for many people and I know it is a concern for many of you as well,” Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said July 8 to a town hall audience of more than 400 Soldiers, Army civilians and family members at Barlow Theater. “First and foremost, we are going to do this responsibly and we are going to do it with discipline and focus.”

One of the main focuses of Dailey's visit was to discuss troop reductions and the looming budget constraints facing the Army.

“We are getting smaller,” Dailey said. “Some of you may have heard the news announcement today.”

Dailey said the Army was facing a reduction from



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**Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey interacts with an audience July 8 in Barlow Theater at Fort Riley, Kansas.**

490,000 Soldiers to 450,000 and the cut was significant.

According to an Army press conference, this reduction of 40,000 Soldiers will

occur in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and represents a cumulative cut of 120,000 Soldiers from the regular Army, a 21

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## Mounted Color Guard under new command

Story and photos by  
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Leading the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard represents a unique opportunity to honor military history and preserve the legacy of the cavalry in a unique and meaningful way, its new commander said last week.

Capt. Casey Wolfe relinquished the CGMCG colors to Capt. Casey Johnson during a July 7 ceremony at the unit's practice arena at Fort Riley. Col. Thomas Hip-skind, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, commander, accepted the colors from Wolfe and passed them to Johnson.

Wolfe, a native of Tribune, Kansas, took command of the ceremonial 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley unit in July 2013. While serving as a platoon leader for Troop C, 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, Dec. 18, 2011, in Afghanistan, Wolfe was wounded by a roadside bomb. He spent 11 months recovering from severe wounds at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. It was there he saw a demonstration by the 1st Cavalry Division's Horse Cavalry Detachment, which is based out of Fort Hood, Texas. The HCD is one of a handful of active-duty equestrian units across the Army.

“My mom and I both agreed that was a cool job, so I tracked down the commander in my wheelchair after the event and asked him how he got the job,” Wolfe said.

More than a year later and back with the squadron at Fort Riley, the opportunity arose for Wolfe to lead the kind of unit that piqued his interest at BAMC.

“I wanted to do it because I had been told for several reasons that I couldn't do it,” Wolfe said. “I don't like being told what I can't do, and I savor proving people wrong.”

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## A NEW ERA BEGINS FOR FORT RILEY COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE



**Photo left:** Brig. Gen. John S. Kolasheski, deputy commanding general for maneuver, 1st Infantry Division, takes the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., colors from Col. Matthew R. Lewis, outgoing commander of the “Demon” brigade, during the brigade's change of command ceremony July 8 at Fort Riley's Cavalry Parade Field. Kolasheski then transferred the colors, along with command of 1st CAB, to the brigade's incoming commander, Col. John M. Cyrulik, a recent graduate of the U.S. Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. **Photo right:** Col. Cyrulik, cuts the celebratory cake with a cavalry saber while his wife, Lisa, and sons, Jackson and Grant, observe.



Capt. Keith E. Thayer | 1ST CAB

The next USAG Resilience Day Off will be:

July  
17

### SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, July 16

**191**

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

### HIGHLIGHTS



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**FAST-PACED FIRECRACKER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TOOK PLACE AT THE SACCO SOFTBALL COMPLEX. SEE PAGE 15**





# New commander takes charge of 10th Air Support Operations Squadron



Air Force Lt. Col. Sean R. Monteiro, former commander of the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, provides brief remarks after being presented with the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters and a going away gift before relinquishing command of 10th ASOS July 10 at the 10th ASOS Headquarters Building. **RIGHT** Air Force Lt. Col. Sean R. Monteiro, former commander of the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, right, shakes hands with Lt. Col. Jason Grubaugh, new 10th ASOS commander.



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

“I relinquish command.” Air Force Lt. Col. Sean R. Monteiro, former commander of the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, said those words as he handed the squadron’s guidon to Air Force Col. Rodney Singleton, commander of 3rd Air Support Operations and III Corps, Air Liaison Officer at Fort Hood, Texas, to relinquish the command of the 10th ASOS after saluting Singleton.

Air Force Lt. Col. Jason Grubaugh, commander of 10th ASOS, received the guidon from Singleton and said, “I accept this command.”

The 10th ASOS change of command was held in the conference room at the 10th ASOS Headquarters Building

July 10. Monteiro was presented with a Meritorious Service Medal, with two oak leaf clusters and a going away gift before relinquishing command to Grubaugh.

“This morning I had the privilege of recognizing two warriors,” Singleton said. “One who has led, and one who will lead.”

Singleton mentioned many of Monteiro accomplishments while serving as commander of 10th ASOS including executing more than 13,000 training events to maintain the squadron’s readiness for combat and support of the 1st Inf. Div. While commanding 10th ASOS, Monteiro deployed to Iraq with his squadron at short notice.

“Your personal commitment to 10th ASOS has exceeded all expectations,” Singleton said about Monteiro. “Not

only have you maintained a combat ready squadron, but your personal touch has changed the lives of all in your unit.”

Monteiro said he had worked with Grubaugh previously.

“I have known you for a while, and I can attest that the Air Force could not have picked a more qualified airman to lead the Sandhogs,” Monteiro said about Grubaugh. “I know that you will continue to provide superior integration, air advocacy and execution for our nation. I expect to hear great things about your exploits for the next few years and beyond.”

Grubaugh is not new to air support operations squadrons. He came to Fort Riley after serving as the commander of the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Carson, Colorado.

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unwavering and resolute. Under his guidance and direction, the accomplishments of the 97th MP Battalion were both extraordinary and historic.”

Rogers addressed his Soldiers for a final time during the ceremony.

“They are the finest Soldiers in the Army, and I am honored to have served them as the command sergeant major for the past two years,” Rogers said.

Rogers explained the military police are behind every event at Fort Riley making a more secure environment.

“The Soldiers of the 97th MP battalion do more than just check your ID cards at the gate or perform law enforcement,” he said. “They are Fort Riley’s Quick Reaction Force. They run the POV (privately owned vehicle) storage lot and the Visitors Control Center. They sup-

port brigades during deployments to NTC and JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center). They secure events such as Apple Day and other MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) events.”

Rogers said the success of the battalion relies on the Soldiers who make up the unit.

As Counts addressed his Soldiers for the first time, he said he is humbled to be allowed to serve the 97th MP Battalion and its Soldiers.

“I look at my role as a senior NCO of this organization and the role of every Sergeant in this organization as a servant to the nation, to this Army, to the 1st Infantry Division, the 89th MP Brigade and the 97th MP Battalion and most importantly to our Soldiers – you are first and foremost their servant,” Counts said.



Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Rogers and Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Counts II stand at parade rest in front the 97th Military Police Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Alexander Murray during a change of responsibility ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field July 10.



# Quality training key to workforce development

By Maria Childs  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Fort Riley Soldiers train in the field, but when it comes to civilians supporting the mission, Kathy Basset is the one-person band of workforce development.

Although Basset receives help from training coordinators throughout the garrison directorates, she coordinates and plans most of the training for civilian employees at Fort Riley.

“I’m all about helping out civilians become leaders and helping them understand the difference between leadership and management,” Basset said.

Basset provides local training and job skills development through a civilian leader development program. The program is 18 courses offered through Barton Community College. Civilian employees go to her classroom where Barton instructors and subject matter experts within different directorates help teach the lessons.

Mike Huff, garrison management analyst, said the civilian leader development program was a good refresher course for him. He said the interaction with other employees was one of the most beneficial aspects to the training. And the

training is designed to provide a lot of different outcomes.

“There’s the kind of training that you get that broadens your perspective and there’s the kind of training you get that is a direct skill enhancer – and she offers both of those,” Huff said.

“I do the marketing, registration and I collaborate with Barton to make it the best it can be using their instructors and our subject matter experts,” Basset said.

In 2012, Basset’s team of workforce development aids was reassigned. Now, she has a local development assignment, which means every six months she is reassigned a garrison employee who is temporarily in her office.

Basset began working at Fort Riley when she was 17 years old. She was originally in the finance department. She was then hired by the Army Education Center in 1985 where she began counseling Soldiers on how to stay in the Army and earn promotions.

In 2000, she became the first school liaison officer at Fort Riley and she began working with new families while they were acclimating to a new school system. In 2008, she accepted the job with workforce development, which at the time was a new program within Installation Management Command.

Basset said she was lucky enough to never leave her hometown – Junction City, Kansas.

“I am the poster child for being in the right place at the right time with the right attitude,” Basset said.

Each year Basset does an analysis of what training needs are not being met. She talks to employers within the directorates about what the gaps are in education. Every week, she coordinates a webinar designed to give interested employees a one-hour look at various topics.

“My major challenge right now is that garrison employees are spread so thin, it’s hard for them to have time to go to training,” Basset said. “So when their supervisor allows them to go to training, it needs to be high quality and it can’t be a whole lot of time. So, I’ve done things like instead of full day classes, I offer two half-day classes and these webinars are part of that.”

All of Basset’s local programs line up with what the Army programs teach as well. The Army has a civilian education program that allows garrison employees to complete mandatory training including anti-harassment and safety courses among others that must be routinely completed.

The Army Career Tracker is a tool Basset teaches employees about. The military has a

step-by-step process about how to be promoted and what to complete to obtain a new rank. The civilian version of that is the tracker.

Basset is responsible for providing opportunities for the civilian workforce to improve skills, and though she’s the only permanent staff member of the workforce development office, she isn’t doing it alone.

“I am not doing this by myself,” Basset said. “I have training coordinators in each of the directorates. I trained them on what I do and how they at their level can help the civilians in their directorate to do the things that I provide. They’re kind of the conduit from me to their directorate employees.”

With the help of the training coordinators, Basset said she is dedicated to helping provide top-notch training to civilian employees both at Fort Riley and wherever their career might take them.

“It’s all about adaptive and agile leaders – people who are well-rounded, people who have done the things they should do for their own development and then are helping their coworkers and subordinates to do the same thing,” Basset said. “All of the things I do are developed and meant to help employees to do their jobs and prepare them for the next job.”

# Practice correct fire safety during summer months

By Sarah Falcon  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

With the summer months comes popular outdoor activities like grilling and camping. Even though it’s easy to be carefree while having fun in the sun, it is important to stay aware of fire safety. Typically, fireworks, grilling, fire pits and camp fires are the biggest fire risks during summer.

For outdoor celebrations and cookouts, remember to open your gas grill before lighting it.

“Don’t leave your grill running without any type of an igniter or flame right away,” said Lars Vesper, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention. “Don’t sit there and let it build up inside the tank and light it.”

It’s good to clean grills after each use to remove grease that can start a fire and to keep a 3-foot ‘safe zone’ around the grill. Stephon Dailing, Fire Inspector, also said to grill 12 to 15 feet away from the vinyl sidings of on post housing. The heat will warp and possibly ignite the vinyl.

“Any kind of residual heat needs to stay away until it’s completely cool,” said Dailing.

Place coals from the grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

It also important to be aware of what is above the grill. Dailing said not to grill inside car ports or garage, even if there is inclement weather. Smoke and heat from the grill will rise. The worst-case scenario is that something will ignite.

“The gas that is given off from those charcoal briquettes is toxic,” said Vesper. “If you grill inside your car port

or garage, it’s going to go inside your house.”

Lastly, it is imperative to see what is below the grill. The embers from the charcoal or wood chips could fly out and ignite mulch and grass.

“We had a fire on post,” said Dailing. “It ignited some mulch, it went up the side of the house, and it went into the house. Not a good day for them.”

But, no matter how much you prepare, accidents can happen. Vesper said to always be prepared and

have an extinguishing agent available whenever handling fire.

“If there is any kind of unforeseen fire, don’t be embarrassed by it,” said Dailing. “Call us. We will come and take a look to make sure that the fire is out, there’s no hidden extension anywhere in the trees, the soffits, in the garage, anything like that.”

It’s a requirement to call the fire department, because they will be the investigative authority to say if the fire is out or not.

For more information, or to obtain free resources, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)

# Army scientists test new warfighter uniforms

By ECBC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The Defense Threat Reduction Agency is leading an effort to design a new warfighter uniform - with added protection against chemical warfare agents encountered in the field.

Army scientists are using both standard and new methods to test fabrics, which will be used in the new suit.

The new uniform is designed to decrease thermal burden to the warfighter while maintaining the same or better protection against chemical agents. Different fabrics may be used in the uniform based on where heat is more common, like the chest and groin area; but a greater protection factor is needed for places where the warfighter is likely to come in contact with agent, such as on the shoulders, elbows or knees.

The effort is part of a joint U.S. Army and Air Force program called the Integrated Protective Fabric System program. It is led by the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research Development and Engineering Center in Natick, Massachusetts, and the U.S. Air Force Civil Engineering Center. The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, is supporting the effort.

Industry and academia are also partners in the program including Calgon/Chemviron, Emory University, Enropics and Phasex.

In collaboration with NSRDEC, the ECBC Permeation and Analytical Solutions Branch recently tested agent absorption on different fabrics, which could be used. All testing needed to meet the chemical and biological defense program test and evaluation standards, as well as program requirements.

“Natick brought us on board based on our previous work with them, as well as our unique ability to test using live agents and our understanding of transport phenomenon,” said Brian MacIver, ECBC



Edgewood Chemical Biological Center researchers are part of a team looking to design a new warfighter uniform, which will decrease thermal burden to the warfighter while maintaining the same or better protection against chemical agents.

Permeation and Analytical Solutions branch chief. “The quality of our labs and test methods, and our reach-back support from subject-matter experts in toxicology and decontamination from across the center make us an ideal partner for this type of program.”

To test the fabrics, branch scientists used innovative and effective test methods to identify reactions. Scientists used three test methods - low-volatility agent permeation, air liquid vapor aerosol group and advanced super-shedding efficacy test - the latter being a brand-new capability developed specifically for this program.

ECBC researchers recently developed the low-volatility agent permeation method, which will soon become an official test and evaluation method with the Department of Defense for VX permeation through protective equipment. The deputy undersecretary of the Army-test and evaluation evaluated the test, which permits the experimental evaluation of protective materials against contaminants that were traditionally difficult to analyze.

Scientists used the air liquid vapor aerosol group test cell to evaluate multiple layers of experimental carbon and shell fabrics to measure quantitative permeation of specific agents through the material. From past development efforts, the scientists have been able to “well-characterize” the system and reduce variability in the data through more accurate control over testing variables that are inherent to it or any other test cell or device.

The branch supported the development of “super-shedding” coating capability specifically for this program. A modification of the air liquid vapor aerosol group method, the advanced super-shedding efficacy test method uses a different application of agent to the material. “With this method, we aided NSRDEC in their development of fabric that sheds liquid contamination,” said Christopher Steinbach, chemist. “The coating reduces agent permeation by allowing agent to run off the fabric.”

To perform the tests, scientists used the same advanced super-shedding efficacy test cells, but placed on a tilt table

custom built by the ECBC researchers. The table was tilted at a range of 45 to 75 degrees so the agent could run off the fabric swatches. “The tilting represents a warfighter’s movements, as well as the how the uniform will naturally conform to their body,” Steinbach said.

Then samples of air were pulled from the cells every few minutes to develop a curve for the growth of the concentration of agent on the fabric. Scientists monitored the cells in real time for 24 hours, with 13 to 26 cells being used at a time. “The higher throughput allows for better statistics for evaluation,” Steinbach said.

Testing will continue through fiscal 2015. Any necessary follow-on testing will be conducted at the request of NSRDEC.

# Visitor Center building renovations begun

By Maria Childs  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Visitor Control Center at Fort Riley is temporarily located in a trailer behind the main center, building 885, for renovations that began July 8.

The remodel is designed to better serve customers trying to access the installation, according to Mark Dombrowski, chief, Security Branch, Directorate of Emergency Services.

Dombrowski said the renovations were initially set to be in place before the center opened, but due to an unexpected change of plan, the center opened its doors earlier than expected.

“It wasn’t necessarily designed in such a manner that it could facilitate good customer service,” Dombrowski said. “We threw some desks together so we could meet a compliance.”

The renovations will include a new counter space to better serve visitors to Fort Riley and more security measures safeguarding the privacy of visitors.

“Instead of there being office furniture out there, it will be a more professional environment with a servicing counter,” Dombrowski said.

To add to the professional atmosphere, Dombrowski said the visitor center staff will be able to focus on the privacy of the visitor and helping them get their access badge in a timely manner.

“We want to try to get the flow of customers through in

a more efficient manner by trying to deal with people faster so they can be on their way as quickly as possible,” Dombrowski said.

If visitors know the exact date of their visit, Dombrowski said it is highly recommended to get a temporary pass or badge early.

Visitors can pre-register for an access badge online by filling out the form electronically and emailing it to [usarmy.riley.imcom-central.mbx.des-vcc@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.riley.imcom-central.mbx.des-vcc@mail.mil). Forms can also be mailed.

For more information about the center, call 785-239-2982.



# Summertime means skin protection season under way

By Molly Francis  
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It is finally summertime, so what better way to celebrate than by going out and enjoying the summer sun? Folks probably put on sunscreen before going swimming or going to the beach because they know the sun’s ultraviolet rays, or UV rays, can damage skin in just 15 minutes. But wait, not so fast. The sun’s UV rays pose a danger any time one is outside.

Ultraviolet radiation is defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as the “part of sunlight

that is an invisible form of radiation.” There are two types of harmful UV rays: ultraviolet A and ultraviolet B. While UVA is the most dangerous type, the CDC cautions that UVB rays can also have negative health effects.

Too much exposure to UV rays can cause sunburn, where the radiation literally burns skin and causes it to age prematurely. Along with being painful, sunburn can have long-term consequences. The World Health Organization warns that UV rays cause damage to skin cells that can result in skin cancer along with other harmful effects to eyes, skin, and immune system. The National

Cancer Institute cautions that skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States and getting just one blistering sunburn increases your risk.

The UV rays can reflect off a variety of surfaces like water, sand and pavement and cause havoc year round and anywhere outside. It is important to safeguard against the sun’s harmful rays. Follow these “SUN-SHINE” tips:

S: Sunscreen. Always wear sunscreen. The CDC recommends wearing sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15 and offers protection from both UVA and UVB rays. Sunscreen should

be worn any time you go outside for the most protection.

U: Use sunscreen correctly. Apply sunscreen at least a half an hour before going into the sun. Also make sure to reapply sunscreen at least every two hours or more often if you are swimming. If you are swimming, reapply sunscreen every time you dry yourself off.

N: No expired sunscreen. Always make sure to check the sunscreen’s expiration date, as all sunscreens expire. If one cannot be found, replace the sunscreen after three years or if the sunscreen appears discolored.

S: Sunglasses. Wear sunglasses. Look for sunglasses that

offer 100 percent UVA and UVB protection. Sunglasses can help protect eyes from cataracts and yellowing of the lens.

H: Have and wear protective clothing. Protective clothing includes a wide-brimmed hat that shields face and neck from the sun, long sleeves and pants. The American Cancer Society advises that clothes that are dry, darker and have tighter knits are better at protecting skin from UV rays. However, also wear sunscreen for ultimate protection.

I: Inside. Avoid being outside from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when possible. These are the peak hours for UV rays. If one is outside during this time of the day, take precau-

tions like staying in the shade.

N: Tanning beds produce UV rays just like tanning outside. Getting a base tan before going to the beach does not protect skin from the sun while at the beach.

E: Examine skin. Look for moles that are growing larger, black or uneven in color and look for discolored skin patches. These marks could be signs of melanoma, and should be discussed with a doctor.

Remember also that UV rays pose a problem year-round. Follow these “SUN-SHINE” tips, and be sure to enjoy the summer responsibly and protect skin--the largest organ in the body.

## Prepare for tax season, register in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

TRICARE

When service members register in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, they provide information necessary for them and their families to receive the full spectrum of military benefits.

Not adding family members to DEERS records can affect their access to health care,

submitted claim forms and now, income tax reporting.

For tax season 2014, individuals self-reported on the federal tax form whether or not they and their family members had minimum essential coverage. This tax season, the Department of Defense will report health care coverage of its service member and their dependents to the Internal Revenue Service. This report allows

the IRS to determine which families had minimum essential coverage as required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

For tax purposes, individuals and family members are identified by their Social Security Numbers. If a sponsor receives a letter indicating that their SSN or a family members’ SSN need to be updated in DEERS please follow the instructions in the

letter to ensure your information is correctly reported to the IRS. Letters will be mailed in early August. Those who have not met the MEC requirement will be required to pay a fee for the number of months each family member did not have

coverage. If family information is not reported accurately in DEERS, then IRS information will be reported incorrectly.

Beginning June 2015, the DOD asked all uniformed service members, retirees and annuitants serviced by Defense

Finance and Accounting Services to opt-in to receive their IRS Form electronically via myPay.

For more information on how TRICARE works with the ACA, go to the TRICARE website at [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil).

### Home wanted

*This pet’s name is Wilbur. He loves food, people and relaxing at home. He is approximately two years old and calm but loves to play when the mood strikes. He prefers a human lap over a couch, and he will tell you when its time to stop working by sitting on your keyboard. Wilbur appears to be good with other animals as long they are introduced the proper way, with patience and time.*



*Wilbur is up to date on shots, chipped, neutered and dewormed. Wilbur’s Adoption Fee is \$92, which includes: Microchip, Vaccines: Distemper and Rabies, Leukemia test and deworming. If you’re interested please call 785-239-6183. If no one answers then leave a message. You can also contact us via email at [nicole.p.storm@us.army.mil](mailto:nicole.p.storm@us.army.mil)*

*Other shelter animals can be seen on [www.facebook.com/fortrileypets](http://www.facebook.com/fortrileypets).*

*All stray animals picked up by the Military Police on Fort Riley are brought to the Fort Riley Stray facility. The animals are held there for three business days to allow owners to claim their pets. After this time the animals may be adopted out or euthanized. Animals are usually only euthanized in the cases of severe aggression or life-threatening illness. Animals must be registered, micro-chipped and up to date on vaccines before released to owners. Fort Riley Stray Facility, Building 226 Custer Ave., Main Post, 10 am - noon and 1 p.m.- 4 p.m., Monday through Friday 785-239-6183 or 785-239-3886*

### TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER

The July 14 question was: “Can I visit military relatives on the installation? Where can I learn the answer to this and one of approx. 100 other Frequently Asked Questions concerning access control?”

Answer: [www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/EmergencyServices/AccessFAQs.aspx](http://www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/EmergencyServices/AccessFAQs.aspx)

The winner is Tanya Thurn. Kaitlyn is the spouse of Sgt. Joey Thurn, 116th MP Company, 97th MP Battalion



In this photo: Tanya, Elijah, Aidyn, Sgt. Joey Thurn.

Every Tuesday, check out Fort Riley’s Facebook page for the Fort Riley Tuesday Trivia question of the week at [www.facebook.com/FortRiley](http://www.facebook.com/FortRiley).

[facebook.com/FortRiley](http://facebook.com/FortRiley). Every answer will be available somewhere on the official Fort Riley website at [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil).

**CONGRATULATIONS, TANYA THURN!**

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## RILEY ROUNDTABLE

### “What the best care package you’ve gotten while deployed?”



“Quest bars. The best protein bars of all time. Hashtag that.”

**SGT HECTOR FALCON**  
**SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

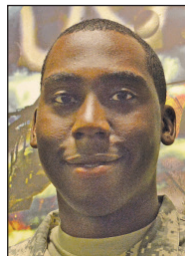
1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment



“Best things to have are ‘lickies and chewies’, some sort of playing cards and puzzle books.”

**SGT SEAN ALLEN**  
**IDAHO SPRINGS, COLORADO**

1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment



“A teddy bear with my daughter’s heartbeat, an ultrasound and a whole bunch of snacks you can only get in Chicago.”

**SPC COLBY THOMAS**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment



“Honey buns, chips ahoy ... a whole bunch of snacks. I’m a fat boy, you know?”

**PVT DARIUS MOODY**  
**BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND**

1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment



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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ASHTON CARTER

## New strategies needed for Veterans outreach

By Jim Garamone  
DOD NEWS  
DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON – As the nation’s military adapts new strategies and personnel policies, Defense Secretary Ashton Carter today asked counties and communities across America to consider new ways to provide service to troops and veterans.

Carter told the National Association of Counties conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, that as strategies change to keep America safe, personnel policies will change, too. Counties, cities and towns across America will be affected, he said.

“Our men and women don’t come from the Pentagon,” the defense secretary said. “They come from your communities. We recruit from your communities. Our service members and their families live in your communities while they’re serving, including our Guardsmen and reservists. And when they leave military service, they are, once again, in your communities.”

This is happening at a time when fewer Americans have a personal connection to the military, Carter said. From World War II to the advent of the all-volunteer force in 1973, three out of four Americans had a personal connection to the military. That number is now one in three and is likely to go down. Put another way, at the end of World War II, 10 percent of Americans were in the military. Today it is around 1 percent.

### DEPARTMENT SEEKS TALENT

America’s military today is the “finest fighting force the world has ever seen,” he said. People are at the heart of that and attracting the right mix of people moving forward is key to military preeminence in the future.

Attracting and retaining men and women with high-demand talents and high-level skills means moving away from an Industrial Age recruit-



Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean Hurt | DOD photo

**Defense Secretary Ashton Carter delivers the keynote address at the 80th Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties in Charlotte, N.C., July 11, 2015. Carter called on counties and communities across America to consider new ways to provide service to troops and veterans.**

ing and retention model, the defense secretary said.

“To attract and compete for talent in these new generations, we’re trying to build what I call the Force of the Future. We’re pushing to be attractive to this new generation,” Carter said. The military needs to be more geographically diverse, he said. There has to be “more on-ramps and off-ramps to give our people more choices” as DOD brings the personnel system into the 21st century.

“We’re drilling tunnels through the walls that too often separate government and the private sector particularly in scientific and commercial technology areas,” he said. “Because we need America’s brightest minds to contribute to our mission.”

### COMMUNITY HEALTH TIED TO EDUCATION

These changes will affect communities across the country, the defense secretary said. He noted that community schools are the wellsprings for future scientists and technology professionals and he urged members of the association to continue the recent emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math programs.

The bottom line is that counties and local commu-

nities “are the source of the American military’s enduring strength, because you provide our men and women in uniform the preparation, the care and the purpose they need to defend our country,” he said.

And when their military service is over, they will return to their communities. But even that will change, Carter said.

“Transition out of the military will look different than it did 70 years ago, or, for that matter, 10 years ago,” he said. “It’ll mean that in the future, some might only serve for a time, while others may spend 25 years moving back and forth between national service and other opportunities.”

Service members and their families may spend more time in communities without having to move around as often as they do now, Carter said.

### SUPPORT TROOPS BY KNOWING THEM

Each community is different, as are the foundations of preparation, care and purpose, the defense secretary said.

“People from urban areas and rural areas may have different ideas of what their community should look like,” he said. “Still, in a future where each community’s foundation

should be different ... there should be some elements that they have in common.

“For example, let’s make a future where more Americans nationwide strive not only to support our troops, but to know our troops. Let’s make a future where this is a two-way street where both military and civilian communities contribute to each other,” Carter said.

Embracing service members, veterans and their families also makes good sense for local jurisdictions, he said. When veterans come into communities, “empower them with opportunities to continue leading lives of meaning and purpose,” he told the conference-goers.

“To be clear, they aren’t looking for handouts,” Carter said.

Veterans are 20 percent more likely to give to charities, volunteer 30 percent more hours per year and are three times more likely to join a service or civic organization, the defense secretary said.

“The 9/11 generation volunteered to serve in a time of war, and they have a strong desire to continue making a difference in the world,” he said. “All it takes is finding the right opportunity.”

ARMY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. DANIEL B. ALLYN

## ‘Soldier empowerment’ emphasized for global land power network

Story and photo by J.D. Leipold  
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON – The Army’s vice chief of staff opened the fifth Association of the United States Army “Hot Topic” symposium of the year, June 9, by emphasizing the importance of leadership development, mission command and Soldier empowerment from the bottom up.

Pulling together the Army Operating Concept, or AOC, the Army Network Campaign Plan and how they tie into the global landpower network, keynote speaker Gen. Daniel B. Allyn said the AOC recognizes the Army will face networked enemies in the future.

Those enemies include, “transitional terrorist networks and nation states networked with guerrilla and insurgent organizations, which all want to leverage physical and cyber networks to attack and degrade our systems and spread disinformation and propaganda,” Allyn said.

“In future conflict, as in our recent campaigns, it will take a network to beat this network - that is why the AOC calls for the Army to establish a global landpower network along with our special operations forces, the Marine Corps and allied nations capable of shaping the security environment, preventing conflict and



**Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel B. Allyn addresses members of the Association of the U.S. Army during a one-day symposium on the Army and global land power network in Arlington, Va., July 9.**

enabling us to win,” he said. “The idea of a global landpower network is not new.”

The general said what is new about the idea of a global landpower network is that such a network would allow the Army to not only win a war, but would also enable the nation to achieve strategic gains without the use of force. “The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting,” Allyn said, quoting Sun Tzu. “This global landpower network is focused on doing just that.”

The day-long symposium focused on development of

Army networks, resources, strategy and policy required to execute the Army Network Campaign Plan.

Allyn said the plan relies on leaders, who are “agile, adaptive and innovative - leaders who thrive in conditions of uncertainty ... and, yes, chaos, and who possess the character and commitment to make the nation stronger and our world safer.”

Addressing mission command, the vice chief said it’s more than the equipment and hardware that’s used, it demands a culture where competent, trained leaders

exercise intuitiveness and operate with prudent risk within the commander’s intent.

“Here our Army is on the right track; our young Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers operating across our force are truly impressive,” Allyn said.

He added that science and technology must focus on delivering solutions, which empower leaders at the lowest levels with relevant combat information, situational understanding and access to joint and Army capabilities.



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percent decrease since 2012. These changes will be accompanied by a reduction of about 17,000 Department of the Army civilian employees.

“We have to invest in one thing, and nothing against our other services, but we don’t have big aircraft carriers, we don’t have fancy airplanes – what we have is people,” Dailey said. “The American Soldier fights and wins on the ground.”

Also during his visit to Fort Riley – the first since being named sergeant major of the Army in January – Dailey participated in physical training with Soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade; observed 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, training; and visited with the post’s Soldier For Life and Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention staffs.

Dailey said the Army’s foremost priority was developing leaders and enhancing the performance of its officers, enlisted Soldiers and civilians to optimize retainability.

Driven by fiscal constraints resulting from the Budget Control Act of 2011 and defense strategic and budgetary guidance, these cuts will impact almost every Army installation, both in the continental United States and overseas.

“Even though we are no longer at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, we still have a very high operational tempo,” Dailey said. “Over 100,000 Soldiers are deployed today, and that will continue or at least persist for the foreseeable future.”

Army officials were directed by Congress to make reductions and used an approach to preserve the Army’s warfighting capability while simultaneously avoiding detrimental



Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis, 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs

**Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey engages in morning physical training with “Big Red One” Soldiers July 8 on Fort Riley. “PT is not the most important thing you will do today,” Dailey said during his two-day visit to the historic post. “But it is the most important thing you will do every day.”**

changes as the Army faces continuing fiscal pressures.

“At the end of the day, we fight and win our nation’s wars, but our job is also to prevent and deter war,” Dailey said. “We need to maintain the most credible and lethal fighting force the world has ever known.”

Dailey discussed the importance of balancing budget constraints with assessing the needs of the Army.

“The most expensive thing in the United States Army is us,” Dailey said to the Sol-

diers surrounding him. “We have a responsibility to the American people to make sure that we do not become too expensive so that we no longer exist.”

Dailey opened the town hall up for questions after his talk, and Soldiers asked Dailey about the selection process for reducing the force.

“We are going to manage ascensions and attrition to get to 450,000,” Dailey said. “Natural attrition occurs and we are going to allow that to happen.”

Dailey said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno requested one to three years for the cuts to occur so that attrition could absorb some personnel losses as Soldiers leave the Army due to their contracts being fulfilled.

Ending his discussion at the town hall, the 15th sergeant major of the Army tried to quell Soldiers’ concerns.

“There is plenty of room in the Army at 450,000 for Soldiers that want to be a part of the profession. You should have no fear.”

TRAFFIC REPORT

ESTES ROAD

The opening of Estes Rd. west of Normandy Dr. continues to be on hold. The opening will occur once new signage is in place.

ROAD STRIPING TO BEGIN

Road striping and crosswalk painting will begin the weekend of July 18 and 19. The work will begin on all major thoroughfares on Fort Riley then move onto secondary roads. In addition, stripes on parking lots at post schools are also slated to begin. Motorists may be re-directed to the road shoulders, but no roads are expected to close. All are asked to exercise extreme caution while driving in these areas.

DICKMAN AVENUE

The unusually wet weather recently has delayed the opening of Dickman Avenue. Estimates are now that Dickman Avenue will remain closed for work until the first week of August.

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

The designated detour between Huebner Road and Dickman Avenue is Holbrook Avenue. Detour signage is posted. During the road closure, the GSA ve-

hicle service facility, Bldg. 386, and the main post fuel point is only accessible via Carr Avenue from Pershing Avenue.

HAMPTON PLACE

A portion of Hampton Place, from Jackson Avenue north to Ashby Drive, will be closed to thru traffic through September. A pedestrian and bike detour is in place during this time. The closure is part of the demolition and construction project in the Warner Peterson Community. Access to Custer Hill Elementary School will be available from Ashby Avenue. For more information, contact Corvias Military Living at 785-717-2200.

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**Photo left:** Capt. Casey Wolfe talks about the hard work of the CGMCG's noncommissioned officers and troopers during his July 7 change of command at Fort Riley. Wolfe, a native of Tribune, Kansas, relinquished command of the ceremonial unit to Capt. Casey Johnson after two years of leadership. **Photo right:** Col. Thomas Hipskind, DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., commander, passes the CGMCG colors to Capt. Casey Johnson on July 7 during a change of command ceremony for the unit at Fort Riley. To symbolize the transfer of command, 1st Sgt. James Trunck, the CGMCG's senior noncommissioned officer, passed the colors to Capt. Casey Wolfe, who then passed them to Hipskind, symbolizing the end of his time as the unit's senior leader.

CGMCG officials were concerned about Wolfe's ability to ride because of his wounds, he said.

"I set out to prove them wrong, starting bareback training on my very first day at the unit," Wolfe said of one of the CGMCG's training requirements. "While I never got to the skill set of our demonstration riders, I stunned my doctors and therapist by simply being able to get in the saddle and ride."

Johnson, a native of Hartford, Iowa, first saw the CGMCG in action while serving as the assistant operations officer for DHHB, the unit's higher headquarters.

"It is easy to see that the NCOs and Soldiers of the CGMCG represent a distinguished team of remarkable individuals," Johnson said. "I have always possessed a profound level of interest in the history of the cavalry and of our nation's military as a whole."

"As a cavalry officer by trade, I am overwhelmingly humbled by the opportunity that this command affords."

The CGMCG is unique and special to the division and post because it represents a recognizable facets of Fort Riley life, Johnson said, not only to the Soldiers and civilians who work there, but to the surrounding communities of the Flint Hills region and beyond.

"People are excited to see what it is that we do, whether it be our participation in a parade, a cavalry tactics demonstration or a cavalry charge," Johnson said. "The outreach conducted by the CGMCG generates countless positive community-based interactions and ensures the continued promotion of the 'Big Red One' legacy."

Johnson's goal is to lead and represent the NCOs and Soldiers "who do so very much to represent Fort Riley and the division," he said.

"I want to brag about the tremendous men and women of the CGMCG to anyone who will listen," he added. "In support of what

these Soldiers do, I want to continue to expand the infrastructure and capabilities of the unit to ensure the preservation and growth of one of Fort Riley's greatest assets."

Wolfe said leading the unit and the issues that came with it was a challenge, but was also easy because of the cadre of noncommissioned officers at his disposal and the support of the DHHB command team and staff. He said he learned more from the CGMCG's last two senior NCOs, 1st Sgt. Brandon McGuire and 1st Sgt. James Trunck, in two years then he did in 10 years in the Army.

"There is no course or manual that can fully prepare one to lead the CGMCG," Wolfe said. "Capt. Johnson has a great wealth of knowledge and resources at his disposal, from trainers to veterinarians, NCOs and even agronomists. At the end of the day, the final decision is his and he needs to weigh the advice of his peers and subordinates against the mission at hand, make the decision and own it."

Never get complacent and continue to challenge the troopers and horses, he added.

"It's that attitude that has made the CGMCG the best in the Army."






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# Hiring military veterans a ‘win-win’ for businesses

By Army Sgt. 1st Class  
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WASHINGTON — Hiring military veterans as they transition back into America’s communities is beneficial for businesses and the nation, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

Navy Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr. spoke before the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Mission Transition Summit, where he encouraged businesses to hire veterans and their spouses and dispelled misconceptions connecting veterans and post-traumatic stress.

**REASONS TO HIRE VETS**

Winnefeld said there are many good reasons why American businesses should hire veterans.

“First, our people motivated by the right ideals,” Winnefeld said. “Our recruiting statistics show that most of these folks entered the military because they wanted to do something important.”

The vice chairman pointed to a recent survey that said people join the military for reasons of “pride, self-esteem and honor, followed by a desire to better their lives, then duty and obligation to country and everything else you would imagine came after that.”

Winnefeld added, “I would sure want to hire someone mature enough at a young age to think of country before self. Americans can count on the fact that we’ve only added to that maturity over their time in uniform.”

**A DIVERSE WORKFORCE**

Winnefeld said the military has invested in a diverse workforce, including additional education.

“In many cases,” he said, “these veterans offer technical expertise directly relevant to the job for which they’re applying. In other cases, they bring the ability to quickly absorb new training in a skill similar to what they might have been doing in the service.”

The vice chairman said veterans “just know how to learn,” and service members gain highly sought-after skills and experiences during their time in the military.

“It’s a diverse workforce that made the cut to get into the military in the first place from a generation in which only three of 10 young people qualify,” the admiral said.

**KEY ATTRIBUTES OF MILITARY VETS**

Winnefeld cited more than 40 years of peer-reviewed academic articles from several fields suggesting several key attributes required for success in business and industry that the military passes onto its veterans. These include being entrepreneurial, assuming high levels of trust, being adept at skills that transfer across contexts and tasks, leveraging advanced technical training and advanced team-building, he said.

“Who wouldn’t want these characteristics in their workforce?” he asked. “And that’s before you consider the tax credits that are available under several programs under which you can hire a veteran.”

**CHARACTER OF VETERANS**

Winnefeld also lauded what he called the “vital” values veterans bring to any organization — values that include loyalty, integrity and teamwork.

“When asked about employees they’ve recently released, employers most often cite character flaws rather than gaps in skill as their rationale,” he said. “Well, we’re pretty good at ironing out character flaws in the military, yet many companies hire for a skill set listed in a vacancy announcement, not character.”

**HIGHER PERFORMANCE**

The vice chairman also cited a study by CEB aimed at capturing the value proposition of veteran employees.

“They found that veteran performance is 4 percent higher than for non-veterans, and that veterans experience 3 percent less turnover,” he told the audience.

“When you apply this to a company with a workforce of only 25 percent veterans,” Winnefeld added, “that translates into at least an extra percent or two in annual revenue.”

A survey conducted by the job-search company Monster notes that 99 percent of employers believe their veteran employees perform better than, or as well as, their non-veteran peers, the vice chairman noted.

Winnefeld said hiring veterans should not be looked upon as an act of charity, but rather as an act of patriotism, because it contributes to the military’s future.

**HELPING VETERANS MAKE THE TRANSITION**

The admiral also discussed what military leadership is doing to help service members as they transition to civilian life.

“We recently redesigned our Transition Assistance Program ... to provide contemporary, relevant, and mandatory information, tools, and training to ensure our members are prepared for civilian life,” he said. “This year, the services will begin implementing the Military Life Cycle model into their TAP programs, including grabbing on to whatever equivalency certifications that we can find.”

Military leaders recognized that simply briefing people as they walk out the door will not lead them to success, Winnefeld said. This model is designed to ensure service members’ careers are aligned with their civilian career goals and highlights things they should address well before they separate, he explained.

Successful transition is an individual responsibility requiring planning and deliberate execution, the admiral said. Military leaders are making Soldiers’ transition a priority.

“I believe it’s going to take a while to get our program right,” he acknowledged, “and we definitely need your feedback — what we’re looking for is continuous improvement over time.”

**MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT VETERANS**

But despite programs to assist companies with hiring transitioning service members, Winnefeld said, veterans still face stereotypes that can raise barriers to their ability to find employment.

“Many prospective employers are scared off by the misimpression that veterans suffer disproportionately from post-traumatic stress,” the admiral said. “Indeed, 46 percent of (human resources) pros surveyed by the Society for Human Resource Management cited PTSD and mental health issues as potential barriers to hiring employees with military experience. What a shame.”

The reality, he said, while a small minority of veterans do experience post-traumatic stress and mild traumatic brain injury, their susceptibility to it is no greater than the average American.

Moreover, Winnefeld said, these conditions can be treated, and may well be better treated for some veterans than any other sector of society — although there is still much more that can be done.

“But there’s no data that confidently links PTS with a propensity for violence, so we need to dispense with that narrative,” he added.

**HIRING VETERANS IS A ‘WIN-WIN’**

Winnefeld encouraged all Americans to take an interest in successfully transitioning the nation’s veterans who have regained their rightful place of dignity in America that they’d unfairly lost decades ago in the wake of the Vietnam War.

That dignity, Winnefeld said, is extended and leveraged in a “good and honorable and profitable way when these magnificent men and women come home and their talents are put to use in the private sector.”

He added, “I don’t use the phrase ‘give them a job’ — that sounds like a handout. I much prefer, ‘recognize their exceptional potential to make a solid contribution to the bottom line.’”

Hiring veterans is a “win-win” proposition, the vice chairman said — one that benefits the nation’s veterans as well as America’s businesses.



Navy Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks during the Mission Transition conference in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s “Hiring Our Heroes” program and the George W. Bush Institute’s Military Service Initiative hosted the national summit, which focused on creating employment opportunities for post-9/11 veterans and military families.







## IN BRIEF

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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 Dinners are scheduled for July 13 at McCormick Park from 5 to 6:30 p.m., then on July 31 at Moon Lake 6 to 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Night at Moon Lake. For more information, call 785-240-5326 or email [usofortriley@uso.org](mailto:usofortriley@uso.org)

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### 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 third Wednesday each month. USO Fort Riley is located at 6918 Trooper Drive. For more information, call 785-240-5326.

### RILEY RIDE

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### 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.

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Melissa Lesondak, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ben Lesondak, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., and painting instructor for Cocktails and Canvases, shows participants how to paint the different components of the water lily and lily pad scene July 2 at Rally Point.

## Cocktails & CANVASES

### Ladies Night event paints flowers, fun

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

About 20 women each picked up their number 10 brush and dipped it into the light green acrylic paint each had near them. They were instructed to use this color to paint over the vague white shapes of lily pads already on their canvases. They laughed as they continued to paint throughout the evening at the first Cocktails and Canvases event this month for Ladies July Night Out, sponsored by Rally Point and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, July 2 at Rally Point.

The Cocktails and Canvases event was led by Melisa Lesondak, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ben Lesondak, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. She instructed participants on what brushes to use,



About 22 participants painted a lily pad and water lily scene at the Cocktails and Canvases event July 2 at Rally Point.

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### INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

The next two Cocktails and Canvases events are scheduled for July 16 and July 30 at 7 p.m. at Rally Point. The \$25 admission fee covers all supplies and one drink ticket.

## ON THE MOVE

More than 100 people a week are leaving Fort Riley this summer. About 80 are moving to the post. In June, there were 587 moves going out of Fort Riley. From April through May there were nearly 2,000 and another 2,000 are expected to depart in July and August.

## When it comes to a move, get early start

Resources available on post to help make moving as smooth as possible

By Gail Parsons  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

In every military family there comes a day the service member comes home and announces he has orders. After initial emotional responses, those families are faced with the daunting task of the move.

More than 100 people a week are leaving Fort Riley this summer. Personal Property Chief Greg Paine said in June there were 587 moves going out and about 470 inbound to Fort Riley. From April through May there were nearly 2,000 and another 2,000 are expected to depart in July and August.

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Making that move as smooth as possible is the goal of the staff of the Logistic Readiness Center-Riley Installation Transportation Office Personnel Property and Official Travel section. But they can only do so much, the bulk of the responsibility falls on the service member.

Rachel Johnson, traffic manager specialist, said during peak season the window of opportunity to book a move diminishes.

"If somebody was to go into transportation today with their orders the first available date they could even look at would be Aug. 9," she said on July 8. "It is a month out to even be looked at. Take your orders to transportation as soon as possible."

Tasks like scheduling movers, getting passports, setting up the clearing inspection all take time and cannot be done on last minute notice. Procrastination can cause huge headaches later. On the flip side, the ITO staff have soldiers jump the gun and try to get everything lined up as soon as they learn they are moving – even before they have orders in hand.

"Bottom line, up front, nothing moves without orders" said Installation Transportation Officer Scot Bird.

But, once those orders are in, the service member should waste no time in getting to the transportation office. Darryl White, one of three personal quality control inspectors, said the job he, Glenn Nelson and Herbert Hatcher does is to get out and meet face-to-face with the service members who are leaving Fort Riley. They travel to locations both on and off post to ensure the move is going smooth and that the packers and movers are doing their job according to military standards. If they cannot travel to a residence a phone call will be placed to the service member to ensure everything is going well.

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Staff Sgt. Andrew Scarborough, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., participates in one of the watermelon eating contests, coming in second place for ages 12 and older, at the Watermelon Crawl July 11 at Custer Hill Pool.

## Enjoying the fruits of summer labor

### Inaugural Watermelon Crawl offers a little something for everyone

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

Kylee Wilkins, niece of Amanda Tobin, wife of Spc. Anthony Tobin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., swung a hammer smashing a watermelon all over the ground at the inaugural Watermelon Crawl July 11 at Custer Hill Pool.

The Watermelon Crawl had events such as three watermelon eating con-

tests, watermelon relays, greased watermelons, the watermelon smash, a rind toss and a dunk tank. This event was sponsored by the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics and Outdoor Recreation agencies of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

Chris Mullins, recreation coordinator for DFMWR, said this was one of the first times this many organizations have teamed up together for an event. He said many of the volunteers for the event were BOSS soldiers.

"Having single soldier volunteers has been amazing," said Sgt. Amber Minear, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison and president of BOSS. "It's good to see everyone out here having a fun

time and smiling and just enjoying themselves."

Pfc. Michael Hardin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., said he often volunteers, which is why he decided to also step forward for this event.

"It was just a fun atmosphere," Hardin said. "This was a great opportunity for people to get out of the house or barracks. It's something fun to do, and it's not too costly."

Because most of the volunteers were found through BOSS, many of them were not from the same units or brigades.

"I really have liked the camaraderie between the volunteers," said Spc.

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Retired Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Newsom, in front, supply technician for 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment at Fort Riley, offers country line dancing at Rally Point on Fort Riley. For more information about events at Rally Point, call 785-375-3260.

# Staying in step with others

## Country line dancing brings Rally Point to Kansas roots

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

Samantha Kirkland, wife of Cpl. Marion Kirkland, 258th Signal Company, had her boots on and her mind focused as she watched the country line dance instructor's feet and tried to improve her own dance moves.

Kirkland was one of the people at the country line dancing lessons at Rally Point July 9.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Newsom, supply technician for 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment at Fort Riley, teaches country line dances at Coyote Saloon in Junction City, Kansas, every Wednesday night. He is also offering country line dancing at Rally Point on post.

"I like being around Soldiers and being able to teach them a little bit about what they don't know," Newsom said.

He said he enjoys that in his day job as well as his line dancing lessons. A typical session



Samantha Kirkland, wife of Spc. Marion Kirkland, 258th Human Resources Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, follows Chuck Newsom while he tries to teach her how to country line dance at Rally Point July 9.

includes one-on-one instruction about dancing and group lessons. Newsom said he enjoys putting everyone on the dance floor and having them watch his steps and try to mimic them to learn the dance.

"I like to take my time when I'm teaching someone and explain to them what I'm doing

so they understand and know it better," Newsom said.

He said there will usually be a few who need some more help learning the dance after the group lesson, and he helps them too. He began instructing at Coyote Saloon in 2005 and since then, line dancing has become increasingly more popular.

"You won't realize how many calories you can burn by doing these type of line dances," Newsom said. "You'll use muscles you don't even know you got. It's just fun, and it's something different."

Newsom will be offering country line dancing lessons at the Warrior Zone July 19 at 3 p.m. and Rally Point July 23 at 7 p.m.

Kirkland said Newsom is a great teacher. She was inspired to come to Rally Point because it was a way to get out of her house and meet new people. She said she would recommend country line dancing to anyone who was thinking about trying it.

"Just come out and try it – don't be shy," Kirkland said. "He definitely wasn't going to let us be shy."

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Jarred Shor, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. "It's great to bring soldiers from all these different units to come together to bond in a way."

This was a come-and-go event allowing families to participate in all the activities of the Watermelon Crawl and Custer Hill Pool.

"My wife told me about the event and thought why not," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Scarborough, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. "I heard about the watermelon eating contest and thought I would give it a try."

Scarborough took second place for ages 12 and older..

"I would have gotten first but I ate so much at one time," Scarborough said. "It's a good thing I didn't vomit."

Amanda said she heard about the event from a flier she found at the commissary. She said she thought it sounded like something fun to do.

Amanda said it was a lot of fun and that her niece enjoyed her time there smashing watermelons.

Scarborough and Hardin said they would both recom-



Photos by Jakki Forester | POST  
Chris Mullins, above, recreation coordinator for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Kylee Wilkins, left, niece of Amanda Tobin, use sledgehammers to annihilate watermelons at the Watermelon Crawl July 11 at Custer Hill Pool.

mend this event for people in the future because it's a way for single soldiers to get out of the barracks and for those with families to bond while not having to spend a lot of money.

"I liked being with my family," Scarborough said. "It's about making memories. Fort Riley only lasts so long, so you might as well make memories while you can."

## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Volunteering in your community an investment that always pays off

By Col. Andrew Cole  
GARRISON COMMANDER

There are a lot of things to get involved with around the Fort Riley community. There are classes, softball, golf, bowling and any number of outdoor pursuits worthy of the time we invest in them.

And investment is the key word. When we spend our time to chase that work-life balance, are we also building a balance in the giving forward or paying back columns of our personal ledger? What I mean is – are you giving back through a volunteer opportunity? There are hundreds of them inside and outside of our gates. As we start gearing up for the return to school, those opportunities to invest in a future generation increase.

There is an opportunity to match any personal interest. So while you pay it forward, you can be getting a return on your personal investment as well. Face it, doing something for someone else and knowing you made a positive impact on even one person feels good.

If you love sports, check in with Child, Youth and School

Services. They always need coaches and advisors to help our kids have a good time while learning to play a team sport.

Another opportunity where you could step up and provide service to others is through our own USO Fort Riley. Stop by and see the activities the staff and volunteers are always putting together to provide fun times for the Soldiers and Army families here. There is a spot on that team for you to lend a hand – just ask.

Another installation partner who is staffed predominantly by volunteers is the American Red Cross. A recent reorganization has left them needing volunteers for a number of areas. The staff in our office serves most of Kansas including McConnell Air Force Base. Maybe you are the one to organize supplies, teach a first-aid class for babysitters or to respond and pass an official Red Cross message through the service to military channels.

Our Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is another



Colonel Cole

option for volunteering. Give them a call and see the list of opportunities. With BOSS, our single Soldiers have a resource to find service organizations who need an extra hand.

But you don't have to look far or wide to find a way to invest

time in your community. You don't have to go to an organization to fulfill a need. You could look next door. Does someone need a hand with the yard? While you are walking to the shoppette, pick up that piece of paper blowing around the parking lot. That's a ten second investment in your environment. It's one you make by yourself but it adds up as others do the same.

With all the active summer things to do, don't forget to participate in the ultimate team sport — volunteering.

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what colors to use and how to use paint strokes to get the desired result of water lilies and lily pads.

"I think it's awesome to be here teaching these classes," Lesondak said. "It is a huge excitement for me. My friend, Katy Jenkins, asked if I would teach a class like this about 16 months ago and I did. I've been teaching them ever since."

As a military spouse, Lesondak began providing these classes in her home. It was only recently she was contacted by DFMWR and Rally Point to instruct classes on a larger scale.

Quinton Williams, assistant business manager for Rally Point, said Lesondak came highly recommended from the Junction City Buy/Sell/Trade, Fort Riley Army Wives and Coyer Forsyth Community Facebook pages.

Shay Stone, wife of Sgt. LaQuawn Stone, Forward Support Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., said it was very relaxing to just paint. She said she likes to do artistic things, and this was an opportunity to do that.

"If you want to try something new, this is your opportunity, even if you have never painted or done anything like this before," Stone said.

"I saw that DFMWR had posted it on their Facebook,



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Melissa Lesondak, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ben Lesondak, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. and painting instructor for Cocktails and Canvases, showed participants in the event the painting each one would complete July 2 at Rally Point.

and I wanted to get out of the house," Alison Schueman, wife of Sgt. Jonathan Schueman, Troop C, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., said. "I really liked the conversation and expressing my non-artistic skills."

Schueman said it was also a great opportunity to spend time with her girlfriends.

"It was cheap, an easy way to get out of the house and plus you get to take the art home," Schueman said.

This Cocktails and Canvases event was the first of three this month for Ladies July Night Out. The next two are scheduled for July 16 and July 30 at 7 p.m. at Rally Point. The \$25 admission fee covers all supplies and one drink ticket.

"I like to see people discover a love for painting they didn't know they had," Lesondak said. "You don't have to be an artist to come to these events. There is no experience necessary, you get to leave with your art and you get to drink with your friends. Everybody wins."





Staff Sgt. Jessica Cotton is taking three years off of active duty with the Army Career Intermission Pilot Program to pursue her dreams of becoming a lawyer.

# Army looking after its ‘best’

## Career Intermission Pilot program offers Soldiers a break

Story and photo by Lisa Ferdinando ARNEWS

WASHINGTON — Staff Sgt. Jessica Cotton had a tough choice to make. Should she reenlist in the Army or hang up her uniform and go be a lawyer? But the drill sergeant on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, who has been in the Army for eight years, didn't have to choose between the Army or law school. She chose both with help from the Career Intermission Pilot Program.

The program allows as many as 20 enlisted Soldiers and 20 officers each year to take a break from service for up to three years, said Albert S. Eggerton, with the Career Intermission Pilot Program, G-1. During that time, they will be in the Individual Ready Reserve, or IRR.

The program is designed for “our best people who have a future in the Army and have future career success on the horizon but are facing challenges in their own personal life or in their professional development lives that the Army can't meet,” Eggerton said.

The program allows the Army to retain service members who otherwise might have left, he said. The program is selective, Eggerton said, noting the Army is looking for enlisted members and officers who have the greatest need for this benefit.

Service members return after their break with the same rank and same time in service when they left. They are paid 1/15 of their base pay during their time away. For every month off, a Soldier owes the Army two months of active duty service.

**MORE INFORMATION**

- Soldiers who are interested in applying to the **Career Intermission Pilot Program** can go to the Human Resources Command, or HRC, website for more information, or contact their career representatives at HRC.

No promises are made about where a Soldier will be assigned upon return. While the Army will do its best to accommodate Soldiers, return assignments ultimately depend upon the needs of the Army, Eggerton said.

The Army started the program in 2014. The first selectees are just now beginning their sabbatical period. The application process is rolling, Eggerton said.

Soldiers who are interested in applying can go to the Human Resources Command, or HRC, website for more information, or contact their career representatives at HRC, he said.

**FOLLOWING DREAMS**

“I was dead set on going to law school,” said Cotton, a student at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University in Alabama.

Cotton, who wants to concentrate on criminal law, is happy to have been selected for the sabbatical program. Her goal is to join the JAG Corps when she returns after her three year break.

Her advice to Soldiers who are considering taking time off: “Save, save, save ... and save some more.”

For Soldiers wanting to pursue higher education, Cotton recommends they consider a military-friendly school that has a Veterans Affairs representative.

“Because this is a new program, because it is a pilot program, you need somebody who is familiar with your benefits and things like that to be able to navigate this program and what you are entitled to,” she said.

**FAMILY COMMITMENTS**

Balancing commitments in a dual-military family was a challenge for Staff Sgt. Mylinda DuRousseau, a public affairs noncommissioned officer on Fort Wainwright, Alaska, who has been in the Army for 11 years. She is the mother of two teenagers and a toddler.

“We definitely were having some issues with our ops tempo,” she said.

DuRousseau and her husband, a first sergeant, had to fly family to Alaska for four months to care for their youngest child, as they juggled their commitments with the Army.

“My husband is eligible for retirement in three years, so our plan is for him to retire and stay home with her as I come back in,” she said.

DuRousseau opted to take three years off to tend to her family, and provide support to her husband as he takes care of his company.

“I just feel that that was becoming a challenge. I felt like I wasn't able to do all positions – mother, spouse, and Soldier equally well,” she said.

DuRousseau will finish her bachelor's degree in hospitality management. She would like to come back into Army public affairs and be an event coordinator after she retires from the service.

“It has been wonderful,” DuRousseau said about the break.

“It's been something that gives me a chance to complete my goals and it's been a really emotional and mentally very stabilizing and wonderful thing for us all,” she said.

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# MOVING

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“We want to assure them if they have any questions, problems, or concerns – we are here for them. We ask them for a complete tour of their residence,” he said.

During this tour the inspectors will identify potential problems and find out what items might cost more to move. Items like German Shrunks – a type of tall furniture that can be a combination of cabinetry, shelving, drawers and closets – and grandfather clocks are items moving companies will charge more for and the transportation office needs to visually see them in advance.

“We are also looking for access to the home, will a big truck be able to get near the house to actually load and unload the shipment, will need a smaller truck to shuttle the household goods,” Nelson said.

Before the movers arrive, the service member should have disconnected all electronic equipment, removed large items off the walls, and dismantled all outdoor equipment such as play sets, trampolines and dog kennels. They also need to have set aside in a safe place anything they do not want packed.

Hatcher said the movers need to know in advance about such items like collectibles, high dollar paintings and some of the more interesting items like buffalo heads or a black bear they had shot and had mounted, which might need special care.

Hatcher recommends clearing out a room, which will be off limits to the packers; or packing stuff into the car. The transportation staff are aware of situations where the service member discovers, after their goods are moved out, their passports, wallet, and identification was inadvertently packed. It’s not an easy or inexpensive task to retrieve those items.

They were all in agreement that the spouse should attend a moving briefing offered on Fort Riley. There is no requirement for it, but during the briefings service members and their spouses can learn about the rules, requirements and

## FIRSTHAND ADVICE, TIPS FOR MOVING

- “Don’t have your pick-up date the same day you want to clear quarters.”
- “Don’t make appointments for the day of your move, plan on always having an adult present at the residence.”
- “Give yourself plenty of time. ACS now has a lending closet open so you can get stuff you need if your stuff gets shipped out.”
- “Go to [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil), click under customer service, then link to “it’s your move.”
- “Toothpaste is a quick fix for holes in the wall from pictures. WD-40 removes rust stains and ice cubes raise the carpet in the flat spots where heavy furniture were.”
- Start decluttering 2 to 3 months out. Take pictures of your high value items and of your rooms prior to moving so you can prove quality of items in case they become damaged during the move. Organize & ziplock bag everything you can before the packers come to include utility drawers, silverware, towels, & clothing. Lay out your jewelry individually on press and seal saran wrap to prevent tangles and take it with you. Bag clothes with hanger hooks sticking out, it will save you time on the other end. Keep pets in a room with a do not open sign on the door (she knows from experience as one of her cats did get packed once). Purchase paper plates, cups, lots of paper towels, and plastic utensils for the pack and move week – make sure those are not packed up though. Clean your home before the packers come – if the house is a disaster the packers can refuse to pack up until it’s clean. As uncomfortable as it might be to see someone work while you are not, stay with the packers – make small talk and provide refreshments if you can. Ask a friend to watch the kids during pack days.
- Say your see you later with friends at least a week before you move – there is so much to do the week of the move.”
- “Bring with you air mattresses, set of towels, a pot and pan, anything you need to just get by.” This advice helped her during a move when the truck was lost for five days.

changes, which have occurred since their last move.

Lt. Colonel Jeff Britton and his wife Mary were just one of dozens of Fort Riley families who were having their household goods packed up last week. Mary was quick to agree about the importance of attending the briefings.

Even after 10 moves, this being her 11th, she still finds the briefings valuable because of regulation changes she might not have been aware of, like changes in the weight limit her family is permitted. If a service member goes over their weight limit, they will be charged the difference –but sometimes that bill might not catch up to the service member for several years.

There have also been recent changes in the pro gear. Formerly awards, plaques, trophies, and military memorabilia was considered pro gear along with technical books, manuals and computers. Those items no longer are classified as pro gear.

During Britton’s move White stopped by to check on the progress. Mary had nothing but praise for the crew from Stoddard Moving Group who

“Organization is the key. If you can, start 30 days in advance; make a list of what you need to keep set aside and what you need to do.”

MARY BURTON  
MILITARY SPOUSE

were packing her house. She had already had her house organized for the move when they arrived. One area was taped off where furniture, which was to stay with the historic home, was stored. Her pro gear was stacked neatly in one corner, while her husband’s was in different room – to avoid any confusion.

“Organization is the key,” she said. “If you can, start 30 days in advance; make a list of what you need to keep set aside and what you need to do.”

She speaks from experience and recalls the worst disaster she had with moving was during her second move. She was in Germany and the move was in

country – the packers packed a bag of trash with her son’s clothing. By the time it arrived and she unpacked it, she was greeted with a box full of maggots.

“It was a nightmare,” she said. “Part of it was the language barrier, and I didn’t understand my rights.”

The inspectors and the transportation office are the points of contact when it comes to the service member’s rights during a move. They are aware of the regulations the moving companies have to follow. As White approached an Andrews Van Line parked in front of Sgt. Laquawn Stone’s home he immediately saw something not right.

Before he even had a chance to ask about it, van operator Tony Corbin quickly told him the mattresses already on the truck were part of a civilian move.

Mattresses have to be boxed or bagged in a special bag, but for a civilian move they can simply be wrapped. Regulations like how a mattress is to be packed is not something the service member usually is aware of, but there other rules and those are explained during the

briefings, the self-counseling done on the computer, or the in-person counseling available at transportation.

Rachel Johnson, traffic manager specialist, explained the system the soldiers operate under has undergone changes, which puts the move between the service member and the transportation service provider (TSP) and makes the transportation office more of a liaison.

But the level of service provided at Fort Riley exceeds many other military installations, said Lead Inspector Ford Smith.

“We are better equipped to help the soldiers,” he said.

Stone recognizes the difference, this is his second move – during the first, he wishes there had been an inspector who would come around, he said while waiting for the movers to return to the house to finish some packing they hadn’t done the day before and had to be done before the truck could be loaded.

“And the service doesn’t stop when they leave Fort Riley. We get a lot of calls from people when they get to where they are going,” Hatcher said.

Even if the move is over as far as Fort Riley is concerned, the transportation office continues to help its service members.

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# Sports & Recreation

## IN BRIEF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10-5-2 PRAIRIE RUN**

The 10-5-2 Prairie Run is scheduled to take place at 6 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.

**LINE DANCING LESSONS**

Country line dancing lessons are scheduled to take place at Rally Point July 23. This event is part of the Ladie's Night Out event. Children under the age of 18 are not allowed for this event.

The instructor is Chuck Newsom, the Coyote Saloon dance instructor. Admission is free.

For more information, call 785-375-3260.

**PT GOLF**

PT Golf runs through Aug. 27 on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. at Custer Hill Golf Course. PT Golf is open to platoon-level four-person teams. It is a nine-hole alternate shot format and players run from shot to shot.

Teams get the following four clubs: driver, seven-iron, wedge and a putter. Teams may use their own clubs but must stick to those four.

For more information, call 785-784-6000.

**YOUTH SPORTS OFFICIALS**

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

Volunteer and paid positions are available. Training provided and experience is not necessary. A background check is required.

For more information, call CYSS Sports at 785-239-9223 or 785-240-5207.

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE VETERANS?**

Team Red, White and Blue is a national veterans outreach organization enriches lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. For more information, visit [www.teamrwb.org](http://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.

## Outdoor volunteers offer education, sports skills

By Maria Childs  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group is different than others on the installation. It is a group comprised of Soldiers, civilians and retirees who have a passion for outdoor sports such as archery, hunting, fishing as well as trap and skeet.

The group was established in 2005 when members of several private organizations were once fulfilling the same job FROG volunteers do now on the installation. The board of directors and representatives from the private organizations agreed one group could sustain the outdoor education and preservation of Fort Riley.

The volunteers from FROG partner with private non-profit organizations such as Ducks Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

"We talked about bringing a group together that would bring all groups together yet still focus on Fort Riley," said Shawn Stratton, a hunter's safety instructor for FROG and the supervisory fish and wildlife biologist for Directorate of Public Works..

Stratton was one of the founding members. He said the FROG has grown leaps and bounds from what it was when it started. Each year, FROG volunteers host a banquet to raise funds for the next year's programs. The attendance is limited to 300 guests, yet membership is more than 800 people.

"All the money that is raised is given right back to the installation

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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 FROG Youth Trap and Skeet Camp June 19 and 20 at the Trap and Skeet Range.

## FIRED UP ABOUT SOFTBALL



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Pvt. 1st Class James Kelley, Company B, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. and member of the Yard Bustas softball team, swings and hits the softball during the Firecracker Softball Tournament July 11 at Sacco Softball Complex.

## Soldiers compete in fast-paced Firecracker Softball Tournament at Sacco Complex

ByJakki Forester  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Staff Sgt. Sammy Gonzales, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division and captain of the Black Jack softball team, led the line of players from his turn to slap the hands of the Yard Bustas softball team, who beat the Black Jacks for the second time. With the second loss under their belts, the Yard Bustas were proclaimed the winners in the double elimination Firecracker Softball Tournament July 11 at Sacco Softball Complex.

The Firecracker Softball Tournament was a one-pitch style competition. That means batters had one pitch to hit the ball, strike out or walk to first base. Games were about 30 minutes in length, and it was double elimination.

By the final games, the Black Jacks had one loss to the Yard Bustas, earlier in the tournament. But they won the first game forcing the

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Spc. David Carter, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. and member of the Black Jacks softball team, slid into third base before Staff Sgt. Christopher Hand, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 97th Military Police Battalion and third baseman of the Yard Bustas softball team, could receive the ball from another teammate at the Firecracker Softball Tournament July 11 at Sacco Softball Complex.

## Manager aims for safety, positive business

By jakki Forester  
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A young adult stood at the line aiming a shotgun at the horizon, moving from left to right then left again, then he yelled, "pull." When he heard that word, Mike Moore, manager of the Fort Riley Trap and Skeet Range, pressed a button to release a clay pigeon. The shooter aimed, shot and hit. Pieces of the annihilated clay pigeon fell to the ground as the youth did a four-point safety check before re-



Trap and Skeet Manager  
Mike Moore

assessing to shoot again.

Moore assists all range customers, and he interacts with and accompanies them throughout their time at the range.

He has worked at the Trap and Skeet Range for about four years and hunted and used firearms almost all of his life.

"Everybody hunts in my family," Moore said.

"K-State used to have a rifle class that taught kids safety when working with

and shooting guns, and I took that when I was about 10 years old. Then, I shot my first pheasant at 13."

Moore served in the Air Force for four years as a jet mechanic during the Vietnam War.

Once he ended his time in service, he became a firefighter, similar to others in his family. He worked as a firefighter in Manhattan for about five years then, about 25 years ago, found a position on the team of Fort Riley firefighters.

"My son-in-law is a firefighter here now too and drives my old truck," Moore said. "I come from a long line

of family members who were firefighters and police officers."

But no matter what his occupation was, Moore always maintained his passion for hunting and shooting guns, specifically trap. He said he quit hunting four-legged animals like deer years ago but he still hunts birds.

"I like the challenge," Moore said. "If you're used to shooting a rifle and try to shoot a bird, you will miss. When shooting with a shotgun, you have to shoot ahead of the target in order to make the shot."

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tournament to go into an extra game. The Yard Bustas won the final game with a score of 17-3.

“We did what we wanted to do, which was win,” said Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Glass, Company B, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. and captain of the Yard Bustas.

Sgt. Corey Bloom, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. another member of the Yard Bustas, said it was good to go to the tournament and win some big games.

“It’s always a good time coming out here,” Bloom said. “One of the best parts of softball season is meeting new people. You can network through softball and meet people from all different units and brigades out here on the fields.”

The Yard Bustas are mixed unit team. Members of their team include Soldiers from 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 3rd AHB, 1st Avn. Regt., 1st CAB, 97th Military Police Battalion, and 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. among others. All members of the Black Jacks team are from 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company.

“The mixed talent that we put together was absolutely amazing,” Glass said. “This is the first time a lot of these guys have played together. So to win the tournament says a lot about what we can do when we put our heads together.”

Although this might be the first time all of these Yard Bustas played together as a team, some of the members played together on other softball teams all over the world including South Korea, Germany, Colorado, Texas and when down range.

When it came to the Black Jacks softball team, since all of the players are from the same unit, Gonzales said playing softball together as a team helped platoon morale.

“They played excellent,” Gonzales said. “I am proud of them. I am proud of this team.”

Gonzales said that they got that far as a team, and no one really expected them to. Sgt. Kenric Moore, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, said the final game was the third time the Black Jacks played the Yard Bustas, and both of the Black Jacks’ losses came from that team.

“Overall, we felt wonderful,” Gonzales said. “We beat ‘em once, and we came this far and still got second place. It felt good.”



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**Sgt. Corey Bloom, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. and member of the Yard Bustas softball team, smacks the softball with his bat during the Firecracker Softball Tournament July 11 at Sacco Softball Complex.**

United States Armed Forces team takes women’s basketball bronze

By Armed Forces Sports

ANGERS, France – The United States Armed Forces Women’s Basketball Team beat host team France, 78-41, July 4, to win a bronze medal in the first Conseil International du Sport Militaire, or CISM, Women’s World Basketball Championship.

Army Spc. Danielle Salley, Army Sgt. Kimberly Smith and Air Force Staff Sgt. Tifanie Guthrie led the U.S. team by posting double-doubles – both scoring and rebounding in the double digits during the game.

The 6-foot-4 center Salley scored 12 points and brought down 13 rebounds. Guthrie posted 12 points and 10 rebounds, followed by Smith’s 11-point, 12-rebound performance.

Army Sgt. Angela Tisdale and Spc. Vanessa Lamison scored 11 and 10 points respectively, while Air Force 1st Lt. Micah Wessinger scored 10 points to round out the offensive show.

Led by Coach Army Lt. Col. William Johnson and Navy’s Tonya Strobridge, the



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**The U.S. Armed Forces Women's Basketball team is shown as they prepare for action at the 1st Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Women's Basketball Championship in Angers, France, June 28 to July 5, 2015. The team beat the host team, France, 78-41.**

U.S. Armed Forces Women’s Basketball team was selected from players at the 2014 Armed Forces Women’s Basketball Championship at Camp Pendleton, California, Nov. 7 through 13.

TOUGH LOSS TO CHINA

The day before the bronze-medal game, the U.S. lost to China in the semi-finals. Despite leading 37-31 at halftime, the U.S. went down by one point within one minute of regulation play, July 3.

China was then able to sink four unanswered free throws to win 79-74. U.S.

Courtesy Photo | ARMED FORCES SPORTS  
**Army Spc. Danielle Salley lays up during the bronze medal game against France. The U.S. defeated France 78-41 during the 1st Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Women's Basketball Championship in Angers, France, June 28 to July 5.**

Army Spc. Kquanise Byrd led the U.S. effort in that game with 17 points.

China ended up taking home the silver medal after losing to Brazil by a single point. Brazil took home the gold after prevailing 87-86 in the championship.

LOOKING FORWARD

The U.S. began the tournament by defeating host-nation France in their opener, 71-59, followed by a dominating performance over Sri Lanka, winning 137-37.

Although this was the first CISM World Women’s Basketball Championship, France hosted four nations last year at the CISM Regional Championship in Meyenheim.

The U.S. took silver behind Brazil in 2014.

The U.S. will host the second edition of the CISM World Women’s Basketball Championship on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, July 23 through 30, 2016.

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There is just more of a challenge to it.”

He became familiar with skeet shooting after acquiring his position at the Trap and Skeet Range and becoming the manager.

Trap shooting involves single targets rising and flying at different angles. Skeet shooting involves the crossing of at least two targets at different angles.

“I’ve shot trap all my life,” Moore said. “I only started skeet shooting when I started here. I actually stopped shooting trap about three years ago because there is a higher challenge with skeet shooting.”

Having shooting shotguns, gun safety and being familiar with trap shooting, Moore had many qualities that qualified him to work at the Trap and Skeet Range. Angelia Lentz, outdoor recreation manager for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, hired Moore for the assistant position and promoted him when the manager position became available.

“[Moore] is great to work with,” Lentz said. “He cares about his patrons, always goes above and beyond and is a huge advocate for trap and skeet as well.”

One thing Moore appreciates most about the customers at the Trap and Skeet Range is when they come back multiple times to continue to shoot in this style.

“Lots of people come in and say they shoot trap in their back yard but had never come to the range,” Moore said. “It is absolutely great to see them come back again and again. They will be able to enjoy shooting for the rest of their lives.”

Lentz said the Trap and Skeet Range is open to all experience

levels. Civilians may also use the facility.

“Whether you’re an expert or a first time shooter, [Moore] will make sure you have a fun time while you’re at the range,” Lentz said.

Moore said he is willing to work with people who have never shot trap or skeet before to those who have been shooting all their lives. He said there have been women who have come in who have wanted to learn this style of shooting, but didn’t want their husbands to teach them. There have also been young adults, who came in with their parents, who have never shot a

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ANGELIA LENTZ  
OUTDOOR RECREATION  
MANAGER

gun before, let alone trap or skeet shooting.

“One of my favorite parts is working with brand new shooters who may never have even held a gun before,” Moore said. “The look on their faces when they hit their first target is priceless - that look of ‘I can actually hit that speedy rascal.’”

Any person is welcome to use the Trap and Skeet Range, at 99373 Vinton School Rd., including civilians who have a Department of Defense cardholder sponsor to get on post.

The range is open Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Young adults ages 12 to 18 can use the range with an accompanied parent or guardian. Prices vary per round, and a round consists of 25 shots. There is no cost for use for range shotguns, vests or eye and ear protection. All personal firearms used at the range must be registered on post.

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to promote the mission,” Stratton said.

Ollie Hunter, readiness manager for Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion and volunteer instructor for FROG, came to Fort Riley in 2008. He was part of hunting organizations at every other installation where he was previously stationed. So when he arrived, it seemed logical to seek Fort Riley’s version of that club.

“There are more youth programs here than what I’ve seen in the past,” Hunter said.

One of the many youth programs is the youth trap and skeet camps during the summer, which Hunter created and runs. He said the goal is to educate the youth so they can carry the sport through their life.

“Not only am I teaching trap and skeet the sport, I’m educating on safe gun handling, I’m educating on courtesy when you’re on the range and I’m educating about the care of the equipment,” Hunter said.

Hunter said youth is the target audience for programs like this because education and safety are FROG top priorities. Hunter also is a guide and mentor on youth hunts where he guides the young hunters to get their first deer, pheasant or other wild game.

“All of these are life sports,” Hunter said. “You can only play football for so many years, you can only run marathons for so many years. These are things that hopefully you pick up early, you’re doing them correctly and ethically, and you do it for the rest of your life. And hopefully along the way you take time to mentor others.”

DID YOU KNOW?

The FROG 11th Annual Banquet is scheduled for August 7 at the Ogden Community Center. For more information, contact Shawn Stratton at 785-239- 8579.







# Travel & Fun in Kansas



Atwo-hour drive from Fort Riley, is a town that transforms each June during the annual Comic Con and Smallville festival into a replica of the rural hometown of the DC Comics’ Superman character. But there is more to discover in Hutchinson, Kansas, and much of it is perfect for a family outing.

Within the community are two Blue Star Museums, where active-duty Soldiers and family members gain free admission through Labor Day.

The two are the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center and Strataca, the underground salt museum. The Cosmosphere is open every day except Christmas. For more information visit [www.cosmo.org](http://www.cosmo.org). Strataca is open every day except Mondays for visitors to travel 650 feet below the surface to discover the mine’s history.

There are several other museums in the city including the Reno County Museum, Kansas Kids Museum and Hutchinson Art Center.

In September, the Kansas State Fair takes over in the middle of town. Dubbed as Kansas’ largest outdoors classroom, the fair website boasts there is something for everyone including, “enormous vegetables, odd artifacts, homemade crafts and the infamous butter sculpture ...”

Other events can be enjoyed at the fairgrounds throughout the year also. To check the schedule or for more information about the fairgrounds, visit [kansasstatefair.com](http://kansasstatefair.com) or call 620-669-3600.

The Downtown Hutchinson business district is a destination for art and music lovers on the third Thursday of every month. Third Thursdays are set aside to highlight local artists and musicians amid the shops. The event runs all day and the atmosphere is safe for kids of every age.

Dillon Nature Center is a free outdoor adventure and 100-acre “wild arboretum” designated as a National Urban Wildlife Sanctuary. The center is a botanical

gardens that features adventure camps, a spring-fed pond is stocked for fishing, interactive exhibits, a meeting room, natural science classroom, nature library, observation deck and gift shop.

When the family is done exploring and it’s time to cool off, there are four water or splash parks in the city.

Salt City Splash Aquatic Center is a 6-acre water park in the heart of Carey Park. The center has two large slides, a 141-foot flume slide and an 89-foot twisty tube one. For more information about Salt City Center visit [www.saltcitysplash.com](http://www.saltcitysplash.com).

The next two are free splash parks operated by the city.

Fairgrounds Water Park near the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Avenue A Water Park in downtown Hutchinson on the corner of Washington Street and Avenue A.

For more information about Hutchinson, or to plan a visit, go to the convention and visitor bureau web site at [www.visithutch.com](http://www.visithutch.com)



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