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Why I Serve: tragedies put Soldier on path of service

By Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After witnessing one of his best friends being killed in a drive-by shooting by a local Chicago street gang on the campus of his former high school, Pfc. Dylan Cadle's life changed dramatically. The event pushed him into a life of service.

Cadle, an armor crewman with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry

Division, has served in the military for almost two years.

"When you are scared to leave your house because you might get shot, it's time to make a change," Cadle said.

Cadle's family immigrated to the United States from Belize in 1990 and settled in Chicago's west side. Two years after his family arrived in the United States, Cadle's mother and

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Maj. Fredrick Williams | 1ST ABCT
Pfc. Dylan Cadle, an armor crewman with Co. D, 2nd Bn. 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., nears the end of a four-mile march during the Soldier 2020 Physical Demands Study on June 26 near Marshall Army Airfield on Fort Riley. Cadle's family immigrated to the United States from Belize in 1990.



'Devil' providers recharge during caregiver event

Story and photo by
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Chaplains, religious affairs specialists and medical providers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, took time out of their schedules to participate in the brigade's Care for the Caregiver event Aug. 14 at the Whitside Fitness Center.

Attendees spent the morning participating in activities like climbing the fitness center's indoor rock wall and playing bubble soccer.

Chaplain (Maj.) Michael McDonald, spiritual leader, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said the event provides brigade medical personnel and unit ministry teams, who assist Soldiers and their families on a daily basis, a way to manage stress and help them remember to take time out for themselves and their families

"It's normal for chaplains and medical providers to care for others," McDonald said. "Who will care for the caregivers if they don't care for themselves?"

McDonald, a native of San Angelo, Texas, said the event was an opportunity for the staff to relax and

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Chaplain (Maj.) Michael McDonald, spiritual leader, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., climbs into a giant bubble as he prepares to play bubble soccer Aug. 14 at the Whitside Fitness Center on Fort Riley, Kansas. Chaplains, religious affairs specialists and medical providers took time out of their schedules to participate in the brigade's Care for the Caregiver event.

Strike up the band



Kellie Pickler greets Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, toward the end of her performance Aug. 18 at Hanger 833 at Marshall Army Airfield. Pickler invited Big Red One Soldiers on stage to sing the Big Red One song.

USO brings country star Kellie Pickler to the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley

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

Spc. Daxton McDaniel, 1st Support Maintenance Company, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, thought Aug. 18 was going to be a regular Tuesday until he received a text message from his platoon sergeant the night before asking if he wanted to have lunch with Kellie Pickler at the Cantigny Dining Facility.

"I just thought it was going to be lunch and then it turned into going on stage with her," McDaniel said.

Being a country music fan, McDaniel couldn't pass up the opportunity to sit within one foot of the country music singer, let alone being able to stand on stage and sing the "Big Red One" song with her.

"It's one thing to perform overseas and then it's another thing to come here and meet Soldiers that I met in Afghanistan or Iraq and see them in their civilian clothes, with their wives and kids and families and know that they made it home here and they are here with their families and seeing them on this side of the world – there's no greater joy."

KELLIE PICKLER
COUNTRY MUSIC ARTIST AND TV PERSONALITY

"It was phenomenal," McDaniel said.

During her 9th USO tour, Kellie Pickler made her first appearance at Fort Riley. She started her day at the Henry gate and ended it at Hanger 833 at Marshall Army

Airfield after a meet-and-greet for Gold Star families in the audience.

"It's been life-changing," Pickler said about her USO tours.

Throughout her visit to Fort Riley, Pickler was presented a horse

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Division, Fort Riley honors fallen combat engineer

Sgt. 1st Class John William Alton

passes away

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

The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley honored Sgt. 1st Class John William Alton Aug. 20 in a memorial ceremony at Morris Hill Chapel. Alton, Operations Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., died Aug. 2 in Clay Center of natural causes.

Alton, a combat engineer with almost 25 years of service, served two tours in Iraq and three in Afghanistan. He was approaching his military retirement at the time of his death.

"John was a noncommissioned officer's noncommissioned officer," said Maj. Stephen Shank, 1st Inf. Div. deputy engineer.

Alton put his heart into being a Soldier, Shank said, highlighting some of his accomplishments and awards. Those included the Bronze Star with "V" Device for valor, a Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachute Badge and Sapper Tab. Each award was a story of his life experiences, Shank added.

Alton served in leadership positions in his career, and as the operations noncommissioned officer, he contributed those skills toward the engineer section.

"We owe him and his family a debt of gratitude," Shank said of Alton and his loved ones. "I'm proud to have known John. I'm proud to call him a co-worker and friend."

Sgt. 1st Class Luis Romero said Alton upheld standards and always did what was best.

Romero spoke of Alton's work as a noncommissioned officer and pranks he pulled when he knew Romero was having an off day and needed to lighten the mood. When Romeo was going through a rough time in his

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Use-or-lose leave deadline fast approaching

FROM STAFF REPORT

The use-or-lose leave deadline is approaching, and officials from the 1st Infantry Division's personnel office want to remind Soldiers if their leave balances exceed 60 days on Sept. 30, the excess days for most will be lost.

Effective Oct. 1, service members will no longer be permitted to carry up to 75 days of ordinary leave days into the next fiscal year. Soldiers can check their use-or-lose numbers by looking at their Leave

and Earning Statements for the most recent month.

"Not only will the Soldiers lose their hard earned leave, but they lose the opportunity to relax, recharge, and reconnect with their family, friends, and things they love to do," said Lt. Col. Trina Rice of the "Big Red One's" personnel office.

The only exception is Special Leave Accrual. SLA is leave days a Soldiers accrue while serving in an area where they are eligible for hazardous duty pay or imminent

danger pay for a period of at least 120 days, or four months. These Soldiers are authorized to accumulate and retain a maximum of 120 days of leave. These days are broken down as follows: 60 days of ordinary leave or 60 days of SLA.

The leave a Soldier earns before deployment, including leave days earned while deployed, is SLA protected. If a Soldier has SLA, it and an expiration date will be listed in the remarks section of the LES next to "Combat Zone LV Carryover

Bal." SLA protection ends either on the expiration date or when the Soldier's current leave balance, listed as "Cr Bal," drops lower than 60 days. SLA days cannot be sold and must be used before their expiration date.

To view the most recent LES and check balances, sign in to the online myPay account at mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx. To read more on use-or-lose leave, refer to All Army Activities, or ALARACT, 022/1213 or contact the unit's human resources office.

SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, August 27

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

HIGHLIGHTS



MARIA CHILDS, REPORTER FOR THE 1ST INF. DIV. POST, SPENT TIME WITH THE FORT RILEY COURTESY PATROL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN AGGIEVILLE. SEE PAGE 11.

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Senior noncommissioned leader visits, conducts professional development class

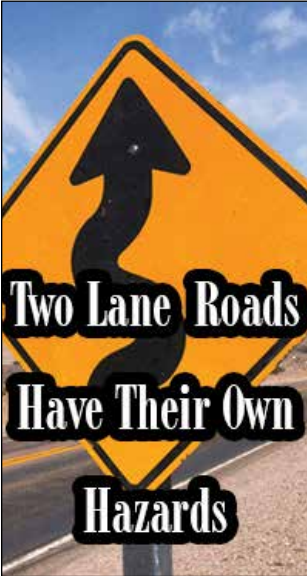


Photos by Staff Sgt. Jeffy Griffis | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Command Sgt. Maj. Sam K. Young, First Army senior noncommissioned officer, visited 1st Infantry Division Soldiers at Fort Riley Aug. 20 to engage, listen and conduct professional development training. Young also conducted physical training with senior noncommissioned officers from across the post, ate lunch at Cantigny Dining Facility and visited the post's Warrior Leader Course facility. **Photo left**, Command Sgt. Maj. Young listens to input from Soldiers during a professional development class. Young discussed the way ahead for evaluations and the effects of downsizing for the U.S. Army. **Photo right**, Command Sgt. Maj. Young (center) speaks to 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Soldiers participating in Expert Infantryman Badge training.

Streamlining logistics part of the plan at training session



Sgt. 1st Class Rob Frazier | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Spc. Colton Poppell, a supply clerk with the 97th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, listens to a brief from a Global Combat Support System-Army representative during an Aug. 19 training session at Fort Riley. GCSS-A is working to coordinate multiple processes into one program to streamline logistics across the Army.





Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets gain first-hand experience



Photos by Capt. Keith E. Thayer | 1ST CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from St. John’s Military School in Salina received a comprehensive orientation on Aug. 20 at Marshall Army Airfield, Fort Riley, courtesy of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. **Photo top left:** Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brandon K. Gaines (left), CH-47 Chinook pilot, Company B, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment provides a capabilities brief on the UH-47 to the group. **Photo top right:** Cadet Alex Masso (left), St. John’s Military School, Salina, Kansas, listens as Chief Warrant Officer 3 Timothy Sifuentes, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, answers his question regarding the HH-60M Black Hawk helicopter. **Photo upper left:** Sgt. 1st Class Omar K. Anderson, platoon sergeant, Company B, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, educates Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from St. John’s Military School on the capabilities and uses of the hoist system of the HH-60M MEDEVAC Black Hawk helicopter. **Photo upper right:** Cadets climb aboard and familiarize themselves with an HH-60M MEDEVAC Black Hawk helicopter.

Forty-three cadets and nine faculty members visited Fort Riley as part of a two-week summer camp prior to the start of the school year. The visit helped the 1st Inf. Div. and St. John’s Military School continue to build upon a longstanding partnership. The faculty and staff, several of whom are military veterans and some of which who have also served in the 1st Inf. Div., are dedicated to helping young men develop their leadership and academic skills in a safe, structured, achievement-based environment.

Make children part of security effort

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Talking to your family about anti-terrorism and defensive measures can be important conversation.

Pat Burch, anti-terrorism officer at Fort Riley, said speaking to children about anti-terrorism can be a sensitive subject. Children can help prevent terrorism just as much as adults, he said, acknowledging no one is immune to threats is the first step in this process.

“You want to try to give them some scenarios and try to use those scenarios to teach them what to do if they saw it,” Burch said.

Burch said he encourages parents to talk to their kids about stranger danger and how to react when a situation arises. He said explaining to them as simply as possible what to do in specific situations such as a stranger sitting and watching the bus stop or dropping a backpack somewhere is the most effective way to talk to kids.

“Teach the child to think through different steps of a plan,” Burch said.

Burch also said parents need to be more aware since kids are getting access to smartphones. He said parents need to be aware of what their children are doing online or with their smartphones because there are apps that can be used in a negative way.

Parents can use www.onlineonguard.com or the Army One Source webpage to educate themselves on the technology kids are being targeted with. The National Crime Prevention Council through its online website www.McGruff.org also offers ideas about talking to children about dangers.

“They need to educate themselves on the technology and understand what apps are

out there that are not friendly,” Burch said.

Burch said the last step is teaching children to report suspicious activity they might see at school or in the community. With smartphones, teenagers can call the police and report suspicious activity if no one else is immediately available. Phone numbers to local emergency personnel can be programmed into a phone.

“Set the phone up to help, facilitate them, to make the phone call,” Burch said.

Watch for signs of vision trouble in children

TRICARE

August is Child Eye Health and Safety Month. As summer fun comes to an end and school starts it is time to focus on reading, writing and arithmetic. It is also a good time to watch a child's behavior for signs of vision problems.

Common signs of vision problems in children include frequently rubbing their eyes, squinting, tilting or turning their head to look at objects, wandering eyes, or squeezing their eyes. When a child displays any of these symptoms, schedule an appointment to have their eyes checked. These symptoms could indicate one of several common eye conditions in children including lazy eye, or amblyopia; crossed eyes, or strabismus; color blindness, also called color deficiency; and refractive errors such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, less than 15 per-

cent of preschool children receive an eye exam and 25 percent of children and adolescents have vision impairments related to refractive errors. Early detection increases the likelihood of effective treatment of vision problems.

TRICARE covers eye and vision screening by a primary care provider at birth and approximately six months of age. Children also receive one routine eye examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist every two years from three to six years of age. Children six and older, retirees and their family members, who are enrolled in Prime, continue to receive routine eye exams every two years. Active Duty Family members, including family members of activated Guard and Reserve members, can also get annual eye exams.

When older children wear contacts, it is important to emphasize having clean hands when removing and handling the lenses. This reduces the risk of develop-

ing eye infection and suffering permanent injury. Symptoms of eye infection are irritated, red eyes; light sensitivity; blurred vision and unusually watery eyes or discharge. If these symptoms occur see a health care provider. For more information, see the Healthy Contact Lens Wear and Care page on the CDC website.

Protect children from damaging eye conditions by offering them a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, particularly dark leafy greens, such as spinach, kale or collard greens. Also, make sure they wear protective eyewear for sports and recreation.

If a child experiences an eye injury, seek care from a provider immediately. Do not allow the child to touch or rub their eye, try to remove any debris or apply medication to the eye.

Keep children happy and healthy. Use this month to learn about the many ways to protect unnecessary eye conditions or injury.

IRWINFORMATION

Q: What is the Nurse Advice Line?

A: The Nurse Advice Line is a toll-free number that puts you in contact with a registered nurse who can answer your urgent healthcare questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It helps you decide if you should get care from a doctor or if there are other home options that may work for you. To get advice, call 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) and select option one. If you have a medical emergency, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911.

If you have a question for IrwINformation, send it to LACHInformation@amedd.army.mil or call 785-239-8414.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER



The August 25 question was: Where do area retirees find out what services are available to them here at Fort Riley?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/Services/RetireeServices.aspx

The winner is: Lacie McGraw. Lacie is the spouse of Pvt. Brandon McGraw who is serving with E. Co. 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment – “Gunfighters” 1st Combat Aviation Brigade

In this photo from left to right: Lacie and Pvt. McGraw’s daughter Jordyn; Lacie; son Jackson, and Pvt. McGraw. .

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

Every answer will be available somewhere on the official Fort Riley website at www.riley.army.mil.

CONGRATULATIONS, LACIE!

New base operations support pilot begins

Civilian workforce would enhance contingency efforts

By Joshua Ford
IMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAN ANTONIO – The Army is looking to its civilian workforce to provide base support operations on contingency bases around the globe.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command is forming this capability with the Expeditionary Base Operations Support program.

Currently in a pilot phase, EBOS aims to compliment the Army Civilian Expeditionary Workforce with small teams of civilian installation management professionals that will deploy to current or opening contingency bases to support operations.

The military has been opening and running contingency operating bases for nearly 15 years. During this time a lack of continuity was identified.

This lack of experience in base operation led to inefficient management, according to Army leadership.

“Working with the IG at United States Forces – Afghanistan, one of the management issues I was seeing was that the right skill sets weren’t coming over to perform the required tasks that needed to be done on base,” said James R. Peterson, an employee of the IMCOM Headquarters’ IG office who recently returned from deployment.

Army senior leaders across Afghanistan and Iraq found continuity challenges and capability gaps at contingency bases managed by rotational units. As a result, installation management was inefficient, costly and over-dependent on contractors.

The EBOS pilot will produce a roster of IMCOM civilians willing to deploy to advise and assist in contingency operations of installations anywhere in the world.

The civilians will be “on call” until a need is identified and they are called to deploy.

With more than 31,000 employees operating more than 60 installations Army-wide, IMCOM makes the best source for EBOS, according to IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless.

“IMCOM employees manage infrastructure and Soldier and Family support programs on more than 60 garrisons world-wide every day,” said Hartless. “No other command can say that.”

Not only will EBOS make contingency base management more efficient, Hartless said, but it will also allow the Army to provide the best ser-

vices for Soldiers serving in contingency operations.

An added benefit to this pilot, according to Hartless, will be a more professional and well-rounded installation management workforce.

The EBOS pilot opens deployment opportunities to more Army civilian employees and offers them an opportunity to challenge their skills with a change of pace in a fast-moving environment.

“I wanted a change from the day-to-day that I had at the time,” said Reginald J. Ghiden, chief for assistance and investigations in the office of the IMCOM inspector general.

“I gained some job experience dealing with matters I don’t ordinarily see in IMCOM, and got to operate in a leaner environment where I could make more direct contributions,” he said.

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TRAFFIC REPORT

CONSTRUCTION ON RIFLE RANGE ROAD HAS BEGUN

Construction on Rifle Range Road will affect traffic flow for approximately the next 374 days. As a result, the work will affect travel to the schools in the area. School officials have been briefed and can offer guidance. There are detour and guidance signs posted, including detour routes along tank trail purple and through the Forsythe Housing area. Motorists are asked to exercise patience and follow all guidance posted on signs.

ALL SCHOOL ZONES IN EFFECT

School zones are now in effect. Tickets will be issued. Be vigilant. Some school zones have lights and others have posted times.

ROAD STRIPING UNDERWAY

Road striping and crosswalk painting is underway. The work will involve all major thoroughfares on Fort Riley, then move onto secondary roads. In addition, stripes on parking lots at post schools will also be painted. 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.

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.

ACP HOURS OF OPERATION

Access control point hours are:
Four Corners/Trooper/Ogden: Open 24/7
Henry: Open 24/7
12th Street: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; closed on Sunday and federal holidays.
Rifle Range: Closed to all traffic.
Grant: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; closed Sundays and federal holidays.
Estes: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; closed on Sunday and federal holidays.

Home wanted

This pet's name is Coal W. He came to the facility several weeks ago with a broken hind leg and had to undergo emergency surgery to save his leg. Now this spunky guy is fully healed and you would never know he has a pin in his leg. He is ready to find a new family. He is playful, loves people and other cats and would make a great addition to any family.

Coal W. would love to find a home where he could stay together with his best friend Kristy, who he met at the shelter, but it is not a must. His adoption fee is \$52, 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

Other shelter animals can be seen on 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, microchipped 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

RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What are your plans for Labor Day weekend?



“Going to Disneyworld for my daughter’s third birthday.”

TABITHA SMITH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Wife of Sgt. Christopher Allen, MEDDAC



“Going to visit my sister. We are meeting halfway between Fort Riley and Fort Bliss, Texas.”

SPC. JACK HENRY BROWN
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



“I’m probably going to Kansas City to hang out with friends.”

PFC. GANEGODAGE RODRIGO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



“My family is coming to visit me from Indiana.”

PVT. ADRIAN ECHOLS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



“Probably visiting somewhere close or doing a barbecue.”

PVT. JORDAN KRAUSE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

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TO THE LEADERSHIP FROM DANGER 6

Loss of Soldier affords opportunity to teach, lead

A Big Red One Soldier lost his life in a personally owned motor vehicle accident that occurred on Aug. 22, at approximately 2:25 a.m.

The Army had a substantial rise in fatal automobile accidents this past fiscal year. Forces Command alone had 23 fatalities and four permanently disabled service members. We, as leaders at all levels, must communicate how important safe driving is to preserve our force across the Division and the installation. As you all know, we face an increased risk on our roadways between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

So far this fiscal year, 68 percent of all personally owned motor vehicle fatalities reported Army-wide involved Soldiers in the rank of E-1 through E-4 and 63 percent were between the ages of 18 and 24. The young BRO Soldier who lost his life this weekend was 19 years old. The majority of all personally owned motor vehicle accidents



Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr.

COMMANDING GENERAL,
1ST INF. DIV AT FORT RILEY

involving Soldiers were single vehicle accidents, often caused by excessive speed and distracted or inattentive driving. Most of these accidents occurred over the weekend as this one did.

It is important that we, as leaders, teach our Soldiers, that driving on our roads and highways demands great responsibility. Engaged leaders are the solution to this problem. Command Sgt. Maj.

Grinston and I need you to talk to your Soldiers, let them know what they mean to our Army and our Nation. Encourage them to stay “On Point” as they drive our roadways. Below are tips you can share with your Soldiers and Families to keep them safe while driving.

- Buckle up, slow down, and don’t drive impaired.
- Be well rested and alert.
- Give your full attention to the road. Using cell phones and texting while driving can take your focus away from the task at hand: arriving safely at your destination.
- Observe speed limits.
- Make frequent stops. If you’re too tired to drive, stop and get some rest.
- Don’t tailgate.
- Ensure your vehicle is in good working order and safe to drive.
- Prepare your vehicle for changing weather conditions. Pack high protein snacks, water, first aid kit, flashlight, small battery-operated radio,

emergency contact card, and warm clothing for adverse weather conditions.

- Pay attention to the weather forecast for your destination.

Our engaged leaders did a tremendous job mitigating driving risks for our Soldiers this summer but we must remain engaged to prepare for the arrival of fall and winter cold weather road hazards and all the high risk activities this season re-introduces. Leaders should encourage the use of the Travel Risk Planning System. The TRiPS assessment tool is located on the Combat Readiness Center Safety website <https://safety.army.mil>. The web-based assessment analyzes the hazards associated with a planned road trip and offers suggestions making the journey for our Soldiers much safer.

“Duty First”

Wayne W. Grigsby Jr.
Maj. Gen., USA
Commanding General

ANTI-TERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH MESSAGE

Keys to fighting terrorism: vigilance, planing for the worst

By David Vergun
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON — Terrorists have struck military targets in the United States, as well as overseas, and it is likely such attacks will continue. Terrorism experts caution to plan for the worst.

Besides the 2006 Fort Hood, Texas, shooting and the 2009 Little Rock, Arkansas, recruiting office shooting, five service members were recently killed as a result of a July 16 attack on a recruiting and reserve center in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Defense Secretary Ashton Carter praised the service and sacrifice of the slain Marines and Sailor during a memorial service in Chattanooga Aug. 15.

“Many of them served abroad and fought on the front lines of faraway battlefields in places like Iraq and Afghanistan,” Carter said. “And here at home, they were serving among the many men and women in uniform, who represent our military in communities across the country.”

Carter said U.S. leaders take acts of harm against Americans “personally” and will do what it takes to protect the service members who serve and protect the nation.

“The few who threaten or incite harm to Americans - violent extremists or terrorists, wherever they are – will surely, no matter how long it takes, come to feel the hard fist of justice,” he said.

Carter said he directed the military services to review domestic security procedures and take immediate steps “to improve the security and force protection of our personnel,” he said.

The Army issued All Army Activities, or ALARACT, titled “2015 Threat Warning to U.S. Army Standalone Facilities,” July 21 It suggests courses of action to help increase service member security in those facilities. Included among the suggestions are:

- Conduct random anti-terrorism measures. Have a valid plan for active-shooter response and test the plan periodically.
- Ensure personnel have situational awareness and know procedures such as egress and security contacts.
- Vary routines such as routes and behaviors to avoid being a predictable target
- Be on alert for and report suspicious behavior or anything out of the ordinary.
- Think before using social media to avoid divulgence of personal information.

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Snow, commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, said the level of force protection at recruiting stations needs to



David Vergun | ARNEWS

Maj. Scott Wayne, an officer with the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, speaks at an “Active Shooter” seminar at the Pentagon Aug. 20.

be enhanced, but he personally does not favor arming recruiters.

Recruiters visit schools and other places in the community and carrying weapons could send the wrong message, he said.

“My concern is that there’s going to be some individuals that see somebody outside one of our recruitment centers with a weapon and it may cause them to think twice about coming in and speaking to one of our great recruiters,” he told Boston National Public Radio’s “Here and Now” host, Robin Young, Aug. 17.

REMAIN VIGILANT

“Everyone needs to be mindful that ‘low threat’ does not mean ‘no threat,’” said Phillip Edenfield, an anti-terrorism officer with U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, South Korea. “Terrorist threats today are becoming more complex as terrorist groups use social media sites to terrorize personnel and to recruit individuals toward their causes.”

Soldiers should maintain a low profile when traveling off installation and be prepared for the unexpected by having emergency contact numbers readily available, Edenfield said. In addition, when traveling and sightseeing in South Korea, Germany and other countries he said Soldiers should always be cautious about giving out their personal and employment information to strangers.

Edenfield said it is everyone’s responsibility to enforce existing protective measures to protect critical information and personally identifiable information that adversaries can use for harmful means. Simple procedures such as shredding documents and removing labels before placing items into trash canisters can help protect information.

“With the recent advances in cellular and network tech-

nology, it is also crucial we are cognizant of what type of information we are putting out on social media sites that could jeopardize our mission and put us in harm’s way,” Edenfield said. “Ensuring the community is aware and knowledgeable on how to mitigate threats is the ultimate purpose of Anti-terrorism Awareness Month.”

NOT ALL ATTACKS ARE TERROR-RELATED

“There are bad people who do bad things ... and I can assure you, we’re going to fight like hell to protect you” from them, but you need to do your part to stay alive and help others stay alive, Scott Wayne said.

Wayne, a police officer with the Pentagon Force Protection Agency and others spoke during an “Active Shooter” presentation in the Pentagon, Aug. 20.

Since 1999 there were approximately 200 active-shooter incidents in the United States, Wayne said.

Some of those attacks were terrorism-related, meaning using terror to achieve a political, religious or ideological objective. The shooting on Fort Hood is an example of that kind of attack.

Most active-shooter attacks in the United States; however, are caused by persons who are depressed or have serious personal problems, Wayne said. Wayne advises anyone under attack to “run, hide or fight.”

RUN

The best plan, Wayne advised, is to flee an area under attack and bring along as many people as you can. Move away as quickly as possible, and once in a safe area, call 911. Try to prevent other bystanders from entering the danger area.

If the police or other first responders are there, do not ask them questions or hinder them from doing their duty, he said.

Police will not stop to help the injured and dying, he

cautioned. They are there to save as many lives as possible and to do that their primary mission is to locate the shooter and eliminate the threat. The injured will be cared for soon after.

If you are exiting the scene, realize that everyone is a suspect. “You might be forced to the ground” by an officer. “Remain calm and don’t take it personally,” he said.

Another word of advice is don’t pull a fire alarm, he said. It will be chaotic enough with the police, shooter and innocent people. Firefighters rushing in would make things much worse, unless there is fire.

HIDE

Wayne said if it is not safe to flee the area, the next best thing to do is hide. He told listeners to lock or barricade the door if they’re in an office. It is very rare for a shooter to breach the door, he said. The notable exception to that was the Virginia Tech massacre in 2007.

After securing the door he said, turn off lights and cell phones and remain calm and quiet.

Wayne was the incident commander during the 2014 shooting at the Mall in Columbia, Maryland. He noted store employees in the mall were so well trained they refused to unlock their doors even after the shooter committed suicide and the police cleared the mall.

FIGHT

As a last resort, fight with anything you have including chairs, sharp objects or whatever is around Wayne said, turning fire extinguishers on attackers proved successful in the past.

Organize the fight with those around you and fight ferociously because your life and the lives of others depend on it, he said.



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jump by commanding general Maj. Gen. Wayne Grigsby Jr. and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston. Included in her visit was a trip to the Warrior Skills Trainer at the Seitz Regional Training Campus. She was fitted for body armor so that she could understand the challenges Soldiers face while trying to maneuver and operate under the weight of full battle rattle.

While visiting, Pickler had a film crew with her. The crew was shooting video for her upcoming reality TV show set to premiere this fall on Country Music Television. Pickler's visit to Fort Riley will be the focus of one episode during the season.

Pickler said Soldiers hold a special place in her heart, and the USO tours amplified that.

"I think there are so many things we take for granted, and it's easy to do," Pickler said. "Meeting Soldiers, hearing their stories – who they are and why they joined, just really getting a firsthand experience of what it is they do – a front row seat, I guess you could say, of what they do – it's life-changing."

After each USO tour, Pickler said she walked away feeling blessed. She also said her favorite way to connect with service members is through her music and conversation on USO tours.

"I always enjoy having breakfast, lunch and dinner on the tours that we go on," Pickler said. "I think that's where you have conversation, around the dinner table, and you get to know one another, and it creates a natural atmosphere to open up to one another. I enjoy just getting to know everyone."

Pickler said it is icing on the cake when she can meet a Soldier overseas and then reconnect stateside and meet their family and know they are home safe.

"It's one thing to perform overseas and then it's another thing to come here and meet Soldiers that I met in Afghanistan or Iraq and see them in their civilian clothes, with their wives and kids and families and know that they made it home here and they are here with their families and seeing them on this side of the world – there's no greater joy," Pickler said.

She said her mission is to bring service members and families joy through the USO tours.

"I just want to bring people joy and make people happy," Pickler said. "If I can be a bright light for other people – that's my job. If I can come and break up the monotony of what it is that they do every day, then mission accomplished."

For McDaniel and those in the concert audience – mission accomplished.



Photos by Maria Childs | POST

Kellie Pickler, country music artist and TV personality, joined her husband, Kyle Jacobs, in a special visit to the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Aug. 18. Above: Pickler and Jacobs meet Soldiers from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. Right: Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley joins his grandson on stage in Hanger 833 at Marshall Army Airfield to welcome Pickler and her band to Fort Riley. Below: Pickler and Jacobs dine with Soldiers at the Cantigny Dining Facility.



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learn how to manage stress in positive ways. He said leaders try to equip personnel with the tools to deal with stress and thrive in stressful environments.

“Today was all about having fun,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Kim, spiritual leader, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “As caregivers, we often forget to take care of ourselves.”

Pfc. Nickie Owens, a native of Collins, Mississippi, and a religious affairs specialist with 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said she enjoyed participating in the bubble soccer event.

During the activity, Soldiers put inflatable balls on their shoulders, covering their entire upper body.

“This was great PT,” Owens said. “I am new to the unit and the Army, so being able to network with my fellow unit ministry teams and learn more about what we do and how to assist Soldiers is wonderful.”

Kim, a native of Burke, Virginia, said the event was a good reminder for caregivers to come together and encourage one another as they engaged in different types of physical activities.

“This was an amazing day,” said Pvt. Damona Barnard, a religious affairs specialist with 3rd

Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

Barnard, a native of Leavenworth, Kansas, said the event allowed unit ministry team Soldiers to create new bonds and connections with other caregivers within the brigade, which built trust and loyalty and enhanced the entire team.

This was the brigade’s first Care for the Caregiver event this year.

“Prior to the deployment, we tried to take time out for the unit ministry teams and medical providers once a quarter,” McDonald said. “Holding events like this (is) very important because they prevent burnout.”



Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner | 1ST ABCT

Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Kim (left), spiritual leader, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., and Pvt. Damona Barnard, a religious affairs specialist with 3rd Bn., 66th Armor Regt., both with 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., climb the indoor rock wall during the Care for Caregiver event Aug. 14 at the Whitside Fitness Center on Fort Riley, Kansas. The event provided caregivers in the brigade time to reflect on their purpose and what each of them bring to their respective professions and how to better assist Soldiers and their families.

Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division gains new commander



Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffiths | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Col. Thomas Hipskind, center left, salutes one last time as commander of Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, during a change of command ceremony for the battalion August 4 at Fort Riley. Hipskind relinquished command to Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bracco during the ceremony.

Opportunities available with Army Funded Legal Education Program

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will begin in the fall of 2016 and remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Army Regulation 27-1, Chapter 14 www.apd.army.mil/pdffiles/r27_1.pdf and Military Personnel Message 15-013 www.hrc.army.mil/Milper/15-013 for complete program information.

Eligibility criteria is governed by statute and cannot be waived. Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Interested officers can contact the Fort Riley FLEP point of contact, Capt. Sam Grabill, at samuel.w.grabill.mil@mail.mil for more information.

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Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner | 1ST ABCT
Pfc. Dylan Cadle (left), Pfc Luis Reynaga (right), armor crewman with Company. D, 2nd Battalion., 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., practice evacuating a simulated casualty during the unit’s combat lifesaver certification lane.

older sister were hit by a drunk driver. His mother died and his sister was injured.

Cadle was only four months old at the time of the accident. “My aunt, Elisa, raised me and my sister,” Cadle said. “My father was not around and she wanted to keep us together.”

Elisa Baptist said after her sister, Dylan’s mother, was killed, she didn’t want child services to take the children away and put them in foster care or an orphanage.

“I wanted to keep the family together,” Baptist said. “I wanted them to grow up in a loving home surrounded by family. I know my sister would want this as well.”

Cadle said the neighborhood in which they lived was pretty dangerous, but he was determined to succeed.

“Upon graduating high school, I quickly enrolled in Wilbur Wright College in Chicago,” Cadle said. “At the end of my second semester, I was confronted with my friend’s death, but it wasn’t until a 2-year-old child was killed a few weeks later during a drive-by shooting that gave me the courage to leave this situation and change my life.”

Cadle said death seemed like it was all around him and he wanted to be the first person in his family to get out

of that situation, so he made the decision to join the Army.

“When he told me he was planning on the joining the Army, I thought it was a good decision,” Baptist said. “There is not much for young people to look forward to in this city and we didn’t want him to end up dead or in jail.”

Cadle joined the Army and was assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for initial entry and advanced individual training as an armor crewman. He was assigned to the brigade in April 2014.

“It is a privilege to wear this uniform,” Cadle said. “I admire everyone that came before me that has worn the uniform.”

Cadle said it took a lot of courage to fight for one’s country and the thought of being surrounded by other like-minded people, who share the same patriotism, motivated him to be the best he could be.

“Life doesn’t always go as planned,” Cadle said. “I am very thankful to be alive to be able to serve my country.”

Cadle’s platoon leader, 1st Lt. Michael Dabeck, said he was one of the hardest working Soldiers in the section.

“He works way above his pay grade,” Dabeck said. “He is very resilient and upbeat and willing to go above and beyond on any task assigned.”

Staff Sgt. Cody Reece, also of Co. D, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said Pfc. Cadle was an outstanding Soldier and someone to whom the younger Soldiers could look.



Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner | 1ST ABCT
Pfc. Cadle, an armor crewman with Co. D, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., applies a tourniquet on a simulated casualty during his unit’s combat lifesaver certification training Aug. 6 at Fort Riley, Kansas. Cadle said he was privileged to wear the uniform and admired everyone who wore the uniform before him.

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life, Alton was willing to help in any possible way, he said.

“I am proud to call him my battle buddy, my brother,” Romero said.

Alton’s military assignments included Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Engineer Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Company D, 10th Engineer Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Engineer Battalion, Camp Castle, Korea; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Engineer Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington; Company C, 70th Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Engineer Battalion, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico; and Operations Company, DHHB, 1st Inf. Div.

Alton’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with “V” Device, Bronze Star Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation

Medal (seven oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal (sixth award), National Defense Service medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon – one oak leaf cluster, Army Overseas Ribbon – fifth award, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal for Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Parachute Badge, Sapper Tab and the Combat Action Badge.

He is survived by his wife Carrie; son J.T.; stepson Gavin Pastine; father and former combat engineer John William Alton; and sisters Jane Buckley and Madeline Alton.

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If selected for the pilot program, an Army civilian could also receive financial benefits for serving overseas. Depending on the deployment location, Army civilians might qualify for both locality and hazardous duty pay on top of overtime.

“I saw the opportunity to serve and take advantage of the attractive benefits offered for serving overseas and I took it,” said Ghiden, “and I’ve never regretted it. I would recommend it to any career DA-civilian.”

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE EXPEDITIONARY BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM:

- How to join EBOS:
Volunteers must be serving on appointments without a time limitation, be available and willing to deploy to contingency areas, have a satisfactory rating or better with no current performance or disciplinary issues, have a valid passport, and maintain proper security clearance.
- Other prerequisites include medical screening, online training and IMCOM’s expeditionary installation management training at the IMCOM Academy.
- Volunteers must also attend a week-long training course at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, to prepare them for what to expect in an austere environment.
- Interested personnel should log into Army Knowledge Online and visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/662838> for more information.

IN BRIEF

TRAFFIC UPDATES

For traffic updates, see the Traffic Report on page 4 or visit www.riley.army.mil and click on “Advisories.”

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

POST-WIDE YARD SALE SET FOR SEPT. 19

The ever-popular Fort Riley Post-Wide Yard Sale is set for Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon.

It's important to note that non ID-cardholders must get a visitor's pass before the event.

Those who wait until the day of the yard sale can expect long delays at the Visitor Control Center. Up to 2,000 people are expected to come to Fort Riley.

Those planning a visit are encouraged to get their passes in advance.

Also, only post residents can sell items. Those coming onto the post are not allowed to bring items on post to sell.

FORT RILEY SPOUSE CHOIR

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Visitors to Fort Riley are reminded that a temporary Fort Riley Access Badge or Pass is required for anyone without a Department of Defense ID card. If you know the exact date of your visit, it is highly recommended to get a temporary badge or pass early by stopping by the Visitor Control Center, calling 785-239-2982 or emailing usarmy.riley.incom-central.mbx.des-vcc@mail.mil

Please note there are longer wait times for passes during periods of higher traffic—especially weekday mornings and weekday afternoons—when Soldiers and civilian employees are traveling to work and physical fitness activities.

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

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

SPOUSES' SIP AND CHAT

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

RILEY RIDE

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

ALCOHOL SALE POLICY

All Army and Air Force Exchange Service locations at Fort Riley are no longer selling alcohol from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily.

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE

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

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



Being prepared includes taking precautions

'Don't Wait. Communicate' theme for 2016 National Preparedness Month

Story by Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST

September is National Preparedness Month. The theme this year of “Don't Wait. Communicate,” is designed to spark thinking about and taking precautions against local hazards.

Chris Hallenbeck, the Fort Riley Emergency Manager for the Directorate

MORE ONLINE

• To find more information about hazards in your area, go to www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ or www.riley.army.mil/Community/ReadyArmy.aspx.

of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said he wants to use this month as an opportunity to remind the Fort Riley community of the proper steps to take to become prepared.

“Overall, like every other year, our goal is that we get across to our population to get them prepared on the

individual level and then the family level,” Hallenbeck said.

Not only does being prepared help keep a family safe, but it can help the rest of the community as well.

“Their preparedness is going to really help take a load off of the responders, which is one of our biggest goals,” Hallenbeck said. “It is important to understand the different types of hazards we have here at Fort Riley.”

The Ready Army Program is there to increase readiness by informing soldiers, families, civilians and contractors of those hazards. Ready Army provides preparedness information for anything from severe local weather to terrorism.



Tanner Monroe, police officer with Riley County Police Department, leads the assigned courtesy patrol officers during duty Friday, Aug. 21. Courtesy patrol is an assigned duty that helps mitigate Soldiers behavior in Aggieville.

Courtesy Patrol

Program with Riley County officers mitigates issues with Soldiers in Aggieville

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

As 1st Lt. Ed Bullard, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, fastened his courtesy patrol brassard to his left arm, the two Riley County Police Department officers had to respond to an incident, they ran out the door and the night began.

Courtesy patrol is an assigned duty for Soldiers at Fort Riley who are above the rank of sergeant first class. The intent of the program is to safeguard Fort Riley Soldiers off-post particularly in the Aggieville business district while providing a service to the community that supports the installation, according to Capt. Scott Kowalk.

“We go out with RCPD officers and as soon as that person identifies themselves or we find them to be a Soldier – if it is not illegal what they are doing – we will try to extricate them from the situation – that's what they are there to do,” Kowalk said about the program. “We're here to help Soldiers before they get in trouble.”

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“Everywhere the RCPD officer goes, the courtesy patrol goes as well. They are linked at the hip. It's a community outreach thing ... it's all about prevention.”

CAPT. SCOTT KOWALK
1ST INF. DIV.

Ladies Night event draws crowd

Cocktails and Canvases gives ladies chance to get creative juices flowing

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

Angie Upton, wife of Lt. Col. Trent Upton, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and her mother, Lucy Lopez along with about 30 other women gathered their painting supplies and prepared to begin painting Aug. 20 at Rally Point.

“Get the brush wet first in your water cup and then you're going to squeeze so it's wet but not dripping,” said Melissa Lesondak, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ben Lesondak, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat

“It's like being bitten by the painting bug and you just want to keep doing it.”

MELISSA LESONDAK | INSTRUCTOR, COCKTAILS AND CANVASES

Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. “Then we're going to paint the whole canvas blue.”

Lesondak was also the instructor for the July Ladies Night Out event, Cocktails and Canvases. She taught what brushes to use and how to use paint strokes to create a moonlight lake scene.

“My favorite part is being able to teach a bigger group in an environment where more people can come and bring their friends and have a drink and relax,” Lesondak said. “I love the energy and the environment here.”

Lesondak began teaching painting classes out of her home about a year ago. She said it wasn't until recently

she began teaching them at Rally Point. She loves sharing her love for painting with others, and she loves when people return to her class.

“It's like you get bitten by the painting bug and you just want to keep doing it,” she said.

Upton was one of the reoccurring visitors of the Rally Point event. She said she loves seeing a military spouse succeed in this kind of job. She said Lesondak is great at teaching people to relax and have a good time while also leaving with more knowledge.

“I can't even draw a stick figure on my own,” Upton said. “Every time I come here, I'm like ‘I don't think I can

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For instance, when moving from the East Coast to the Midwest, the seasonal weather hazards tend to be different. Ready Army can help with tips on what weather to look for and how to prepare and make a regionally appropriate emergency kit.

“This month becomes a great opportunity to teach people who have never been to the area before on how to prepare,” Hallenbeck said.

The themes of each week for the month include Be Informed, Make a Plan and Build a Kit. For more information about hazards in your area, go to www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ or www.riley.army.mil/Community/ReadyArmy.aspx.

DID YOU KNOW?

• A study found 72 percent of nearly 3,500 observed car and booster seats were misused and that increased a child's risk of injury during a crash.

• Courtesy, certified car seat installers work for the Fort Riley Fire Department and will provide guidance for your car seat needs as well as install the car seat in the safest way possible.

Car seats important to a child's well-being

Fort Riley has personnel to provide guidance on safety seats, proper installation

By Patti Geistfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Choosing the right child or infant car seat and getting it installed correctly is important.

“We do see parents and caregivers that come in either for an appointment or through a check lane that think they have a seat installed correctly when it's not,” said Richard Watson, Fort Riley Fire Department Assistant Chief, Health and Safety. “Our job is to help them make the needed corrections and educate them on how to best keep their children safe in a vehicle.”

There are courtesy, certified car seat installers, who work for the Fort Riley Fire Department, and provide guidance for your car seat needs as well as install the car seat properly.

“The majority of our technicians are also parents,” Watson said. “So our desire to ensure your child is as safe as possible is driven from several different angles.”

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention states child restraint systems are often used incorrectly. One study found that 72 percent of nearly 3,500 observed car and booster seats were misused and increased a child's risk of injury during a crash. Car seat use reduces the risks of death to infants under the age of one by 71 percent and

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Angie Upton, wife of Lt. Col. Trent Upton, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and her mother, Lucy Lopez, paint their canvas blue after receiving instruction from their teacher, Melissa Lesondak.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Everyone has responsibility to mentor, motivate those around them

By Col Andrew Cole
GARRISON COMMANDER

In life there are many ways to learn. Some are easier than others. Some are more lasting than others. Formal training often comes to mind when we talk about learning. A less desirable way is by making mistakes and learning from them. In many instances, what we learn comes from someone sharing their knowledge and experiences to provide guidance in our life or career. That is sometimes a better way to learn than formal training alone and is probably easier

than learning from our mistakes.

Everyone has some knowledge and experience they can pass on. Within the Army is a program begun in 2005 to encourage Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians to engage in mentoring activities beyond the chain of command. It is a voluntary program and serves to promote learning and development among the Army's future leaders.



Colonel Cole

The Army leadership doctrine defines mentoring a voluntary relationship that exists between a person with greater experience and one with lesser experience characterized by mutual trust and respect. Mentoring isn't confined to the senior-subordinate relationship. You can find it among your peers and between senior NCO's and junior officers. It goes beyond rank and focuses on the aspect of sharing knowledge and experience with someone who can use the information.

The mentor program is web-based and provides online information, tools, chat

forums and references to assist in creating formal or informal mentoring relationships. The homepage is on the Army G-1 website and is available to the public. It offers a training video, references and brief descriptions for mentors and mentees.

There is also an Army Mentorship Resource Center accessible through AKO that lets people register for the mentorship program, create a profile and search available profiles for a mentor or mentee. Participants are encouraged to seek someone outside their chain of command to broaden their understanding,

experience, contribution and development.

The resource center is also the place to participate in forums tailored to specific areas of interest. Individuals can choose the type of mentoring relationship desired such as face-to-face or virtual one-on-one online or via email.

Besides the more formal programs, look for opportunities each day to motivate others. Everyone can participate. It might be a smile, a greeting, an encouraging comment or sharing your knowledge.

Mentoring and motivation develops people and leaders

at all levels. It strengthens the Soldier or civilian and leads to a stronger, better Army.

Remember the Fort Riley Garrison theme is "It starts with me."

For more information visit Army Knowledge Online or the Army Mentorship homepage: www.armyg1.army.mil/HR/mentorship/default.asp

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Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Sullivan, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division helps Weeblo members raise the flag to kick off the Cub Scout Pack 660 camping event.

Cub Scouts end summer with campout by Moon Lake

Event offers boys opportunity to build skills in teamwork

Story and photo by
Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The boys of Cub Scout Pack 660 got to wind down their summer events with the annual campout at Moon Lake. During the campout cub scouts, den leaders and parents got together to teach the boys about hiking, fishing and other outdoor skills.

"The campout offers real life experience for the boys and teaches them about camaraderie and teamwork," said den leader Sgt. Vanessa Roache, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Saturday the Cub Scouts started with a flag raising performed by a few of the We-

MORE INFORMATION

Fort Riley has two Cub Scout Packs to choose from:

- **Pack 260** usually conducts Wednesday meetings. To contact this group, call Justin at 512-632-5294, or Sarah at 315-777-7909 or email Pack.260.Fort.Riley.KS@gmail.com.
- **Pack 660** usually conducts Monday meetings. To contact this group, call Jeff at 214-684-0429, or Jan at 808-551-8904 or email ftrileypack660@gmail.com.

belos members. Webelos are members of the Cub Scouts who are in the fourth and fifth grade. It is the final stage that prepares a boy for entering Boy Scouts.

Leaders started helping boys set up the tents they would be sleeping in. For a large portion of the day the den leaders helped the boys on activities that could help them earn credit toward ranks and achievements.

For some Cub Scouts, it was the first time to camp. Cub

Scout Jose Muniz-Leal, son of Sgt. Carolos R. Peña-Agosto, was excited to attend the week-end campout.

"I haven't been camping before, but I watch the TV show 'Wild Kratts' that teaches people about camping, outdoor skills and animals like lions and whales," Muniz-leal said.

Troop 660 is one of two Cub Scout troops here at Fort Riley. For more information about Pack 660, contact ftrileypack660@gmail.com.

Play a round at Custer Hill Golf Course.

Winter hours are weather dependent. Call ahead at 785-784-6000.

MONSTER JACKPOT BINGO

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Miranda Arriaga, wife of Spc. Nicholas Arriaga, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, speaks with Robin Anderson, Fort Riley Spouses Club special events coordinator, during the membership sign-up event at Riley’s Conference Center August 20.

Fort Riley spouses hosts club membership drive

Group reports getting 71 applications and 65 new members

Story by Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Members of the Fort Riley Spouses Club held a membership drive Aug. 20 at Riley’s Conference Center. The club’s mission is “To bring together members of kindred interest in order that they may be afforded greater opportunities for charitable works, social ability, participation in such activities as projects that the FRSC may promote or sponsor and to donate to other non-profit organizations to further the significant advancement of the quality of life of military families surrounding Fort Riley.”

“It (Fort Riley Spouses Club) lets us give back to what we’ve been so graciously given.”

VERONICA LANE
FORT RILEY SPOUSES CLUB

Interim President Veronica Lane, who has been with the FRSC for two years, helped run the membership drive and said she is looking forward to the year ahead. “I made some really, really good friends on the board, and now I’m really excited to get behind the scenes and throw the parties,” Lane said. However, the club is more than luncheons and parties. The FRSC members try to

MORE INFORMATION
• For more information about the Fort Riley Spouses Club contact programs@fortrileyspousesclub.org.

help out whenever and wherever necessary in the Fort Riley Community. “It lets us give back to what we’ve been so graciously given,” Lane said. Their three evening fundraiser events help raise money to benefit residents of the Fort Riley community as well as surrounding areas. The club received 71 applications and has 98 members. There are 65 new members. For more information about the Fort Riley Spouses Club contact programs@fortriley-spousesclub.org.



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Kayaking, fishing event on tap

Veterans of all branches and their families get in free

By Jane Welch
KANSAS HEROES ON THE WATER

The Kansas Chapter of Heroes on the Water is hosting a kayaking and fishing event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Turtle Creek State Park River Pond area, 5800 River Pond Road, Manhattan, KS 66502.

This event is free to Veterans of all military branches and their families. Everything needed to enjoy a day of kayaking and fishing will be provided to include kayaks, life jackets, fishing gear, bait, fishing license, food, drinks and sunscreen. Lunch will be served and snacks and drinks will be provided during the day. Registration information needs to be completed for each individual who will be participating in the event. For example, if there are

five family members — each member should be registered individually. Registration information and the schedule is posted on the Kansas Chapter H.O.W. Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HOWKansasChapter You also can register for the event at: www.eventbrite.com/e/kansas-chapter-of-heroes-on-the-water-manhattan-sept-19-2015-tickets-18315038774 Email questions to: kansaschapter@heroesonthewater.org.



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About 30 women start to paint their canvases blue during Cocktails and Canvases, a ladies night event at Rally Point. The scene for the night was a moonlight lake.

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do this,’ and she’s like ‘yes you can.’ I wasn’t going to come this week when I saw the scene for this week. She assured me that if I came I would leave with a lake scene, and I’m going to hold her to that.”

Lopez , Upton’s mother who was visiting from Ohio said she was sort of intimidated by the ability to create art, but was up for the challenge.

Upton said she was a nervous wreck her first time attending.

“My first time I did not enjoy this,” Upton said. “I was a nervous wreck. I thought I was going to mess it up.”

But since her first time diving into the art projects she is now collecting the canvases in her hallway. She said it’s great to say she accomplished something she thought she wouldn’t be able to when she walked in the door.

“I just think that the way she teaches ... anybody can do it. People with absolutely zero artistic ability can come in here and leave with their very own masterpiece.”

ANGIE UPTON | MILITARY SPOUSE

“I just think that the way she teaches ... anybody can do it,” Upton said. “People with absolutely zero artistic ability can come in here and leave with their very own masterpiece.”



Melissa Lesondak, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ben Lesondak, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, instructs Karrie Thomas, wife of Master Sgt. Patrick Thomas, 10th Air Support Operation Squadron.

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by 54 percent. Booster seat use reduces the risk for serious injury by 45 percent for children ages 4 to 8 when compared with seatbelt use alone.

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Richard Watson, Fort Riley Fire Department Assistant Chief, Health and Safety, recently performs a car seat installation.

best if the child is there during the process so the installer can show how to use the seat, make sure all straps are adjusted correctly and the child fits in the seat.

The final step is for the installer to forward information to the state of Kansas. This provides the state a record

showing which vehicles have car seats installed by a certified installer and the type of car seat in the vehicle.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Richard Watson at 785-240-6241 or email: richard.e.watson1.civ@mail.mil.

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For RCPD officers, the program is deemed successful. Tanner Monroe, an RCPD officer, has been working with courtesy patrol for about a year and a half. He said it is easier for a Soldier to relate to another Soldier.

“Soldiers – they see us, they don’t relate to us that much because we’re wearing blue,” Monroe said. “But courtesy patrol is wearing the same uniform these guys wear every day so they feel more apt and comfortable to talk to them about what their problem is and why they are angry.”

The courtesy patrol walks with RCPD officers in Aggieville on regular weekends – Friday and Saturday nights. But on a four-day weekend for Soldiers, courtesy patrol will be out there Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Usually the task is re-assigned each quarter, but for the past five quarters the 1st CAB has been tasked with supporting the mission.

For Bullard, this was his fourth time being part of courtesy patrol. He said he learned a lot about the need for it within the community.

“It’s a good program,” Bullard said. “I can see the need to get a Soldier’s chain of command involved if there are issues.”

He also said courtesy patrol is about making a presence in Aggieville, but the courtesy patrol officers are not allowed in any of the bars in Aggieville as part of the assigned duty.

“Everywhere the RCPD officer goes, the courtesy patrol goes as well,” Kowalk said. “They are linked at the hip. It’s a community outreach thing ... it’s all about prevention.”

Courtesy patrol is there to assist RCPD, so while on duty, they follow the lead of the officers who are in charge. If courtesy patrol steps into a situation, their duties can range from calming a Soldier to calling the Soldier’s unit for transportation. It depends on the situation and circumstances.

“Sometimes there are Soldiers who are being problematic, courtesy patrol can step in, talk to them, calm them down, try to reason with them and give them options,” Monroe said. “They do their best to try to mediate and help anyone out before they get in trouble.”



Photos by Maria Childs | POST

Assigned courtesy patrol officers stand and wait while the Riley County police officer walks through the bars in Aggieville. Courtesy patrol is an assigned duty that helps mitigate Soldiers behavior in Aggieville.



Tanner Monroe, police officer with Riley County Police Department, talks to the assigned courtesy patrol for Friday August 21.

WORKING TOGETHER

• Courtesy patrol is there to assist the Riley County Police Department, so while on duty, they follow the lead of the officers who are in charge.

Monroe said sometimes courtesy patrol goes beyond just showing up and walking the streets.

“Sometimes they have given up their nights and been down here until 4 o’clock in the morning waiting for a first sergeant to pick up a private first class that screwed up,” Monroe said.



The courtesy patrol, brassard shown above, is an assigned duty for Soldiers at Fort Riley who are above the rank of sergeant first class

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DEVIL'S DUALTHON

Beat the Devil at his own game! Head to Sacco Complex at 7a.m. Sept.12 for the Devil's Duathlon! Individuals and teams will alternately run and bike from Sacco Complex around Moon Lake, and back down to Sacco Field. The individuals and team with the most loops at the end of the two-hour time period will be recognized.

Teams consist of one biker and one runner. Advanced registration is available. Individual registration is \$20 and team registration is \$35 in advance.

For more information, call 785-239-8990.

SPEEDOS AND FIDOS

Bring your dog and enjoy a nice swim with your pooch! Come to Custer Hill Swimming Pool from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. September 13. This event is open to all DOD ID cardholders and is free. The only requirement is current proof of vaccination for pets to participate.

For more information, call 785-239-4854.

YOUTH SPORTS OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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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.

ISPORTSMAN SYSTEM

Fort Riley has an automated check-in-out system, iSportsman. Individuals can register at the Fort Riley iSportsman webpage at www.fortriley.isportsman.net.

Everyone recreating in a Fort Riley training area must use the iSportsman website. Check-in and Check-out may be done with any personal device with Internet access or visit the iSportsman Kiosk at 1st Division and Vinton School roads or the Environmental Division Office, Building 407, during normal business hours.

For more information, contact the Environmental Division at 785-239-6211.

CRAZY FOR THE CHIEFS

Big Red One, Fort Riley Soldiers treated as VIPs at Chiefs training camp

Story and Photos by Amanda Kim Stairrett
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. – For Spc. Forrest Krenke, a lifelong Kansas City Chiefs fan and native Kansan – a visit to the team's training camp was a blast.

Krenke, a trooper with the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, was one of 10 Soldiers selected from the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Aug. 19 to travel to Missouri Western State University to watch the last practice of the Chiefs 2015 Training Camp. They were among 100 service members representing the Army, Marines, Air Force and Navy who participated in the team's Military Appreciation Day, according to information from the Chiefs. Twenty international officers attending school at Fort Leavenworth also attended.

The experience – which included watching the practice from a VIP tent and meet and greets with players and coaches on the field – put into perspective "how they are as people and not just players," Krenke said.

"And getting to meet them is just an awesome experience," he added.

As practice drew to a close, the servicemen and women lined the end zone and sidelines, joining the players in a huddle around Andy Reid, the Chiefs head coach. Reid presented a game ball to a representative from each branch and installation in attendance.

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"And getting to meet them is just an awesome experience."

SPC. FORREST KRENKE | FORT RILEY CGMCG



ABOVE: Spc. Forrest Krenke, Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, dives for the simulated end zone after getting past Jason Avant, Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver, Aug. 19 after the team's last practice of 2015 Training Camp. Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and 97th Military Police Battalion, got to meet Chiefs players and coaches during the Military Appreciation Day event. Head coach Andy Reid recognized the branches in attendance and presented a representative from each with a game ball.

LEFT: Sgt. 1st Class Abram Pinnington, DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., presents Andy Reid, Kansas City Chiefs head coach, with a "Big Red One" helmet signed by Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., division commanding general, Aug. 19 during the final day of the Kansas City Chiefs' 2015 Training Camp in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Soldiers celebrate Warrior Zone's 4th anniversary

Story and Photo by Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The staff and customers celebrated the fourth anniversary of the Warrior Zone Aug. 23.

Indoor and outdoor tournaments specifically for the occasion were available for Soldiers participation. These included flag football, pool, poker and computer games.

Business Manager Catie Kendrick started working at Warrior Zone when it opened in 2011, and has seen the development of the facility over the past four years.

"There has been steady growth in the business as a whole and it's evolved into a multifaceted operation," said Kendrick.

The staff now offers off-site event catering through the snack bar. Kendrick said they work to keep up with changing trends

Junction City's Stone Cold Foxes Roller Derby women came by to join the festivities and let Soldiers take part in their warm-up drills on foot after doing a meet and greet and showing them other drills they use in practice.

"The gaming side has been growing with the different games that become popular for

a period and we have had to keep up with the newest and latest to keep people interested," said Kendrick.

"I'm in here every day playing pool," said Spc. Jorelle Bonnie, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 1st Infantry Division. Bonnie won his round of pool and waited for others to play their games during the tournament.

Warrior Zone isn't just a place for special events, people come in and relax during a lunch break or time off.

"Warrior Zone has so much to offer the Fort Riley community," said Kendrick. "It's become

a place to hang out and play a game of pool or come in and grab a bite to eat."



A 1st Infantry Division Soldier takes part in an intense game of flag football for tournament Aug. 23 at the Warrior Zone for the 4th & Goal Anniversary Party. The event ran for 12 hours and included multiple tournaments like pool, poker and computer games.

K-State kicker aims for 100 percent

By Kelly McHugh-Stewart
K-STATE SPORTS

When you ask Wildcat sophomore place kicker Matthew McCrane his goal for the 2015 season, he doesn't hold back.

"I think (kicking) 100 percent is obtainable, I really do," McCrane said. The tone in his voice had a matter-of-fact nature to it. "My goal is to win the (Lou) Groza Award; to reach Martin Gramatica (1994-98) status. That's what I want to do."

While the goal of perfection may seem like a daunting task to some, to McCrane, it's not far from reach.

As a redshirt freshman, McCrane played in 10 games and led the nation by making 94.7-percent of his field-goal attempts, 18-of-19, in addition to connecting on 41-of-42 extra points. He earned both All-Big 12 and All-America honors after his first season and has high hopes to keep those honors throughout the remainder of his career.

The best freshman kicking campaign in school history, McCrane is the only K-State freshman kicker to connect on

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Sgt. 1st Class Abram Pinnington, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., accepted a football on behalf of Fort Riley, and said it was an honor to represent the “Big Red One” and Fort Riley, “especially since I had the honor of recently serving with this historic unit in Iraq.”

“It means a lot the Chiefs would take the time and effort to recognize the Armed Forces as a whole,” Pinnington said. “This speaks of the true class of their organization – from their leadership to the players – who genuinely care about Soldiers and their morale. I’m definitely a fan now.”

Pinnington also presented Reid with a mini Big Red One helmet signed by Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general.

“I’d like to just make a quick shout out here to our military and the great job in which they do,” Reid said. “We appreciate them coming out here and supporting us. We appreciate everything they do for our country so we can play this sport here.”

Krenke was surprised to see not only the players and coaching staff thank the visitors, but also the Chiefs fans – who applauded as the troops walked to the field – in attendance to watch their team practice.

“It’s a warming feeling,” Krenke said. “It was just a warming feeling.”

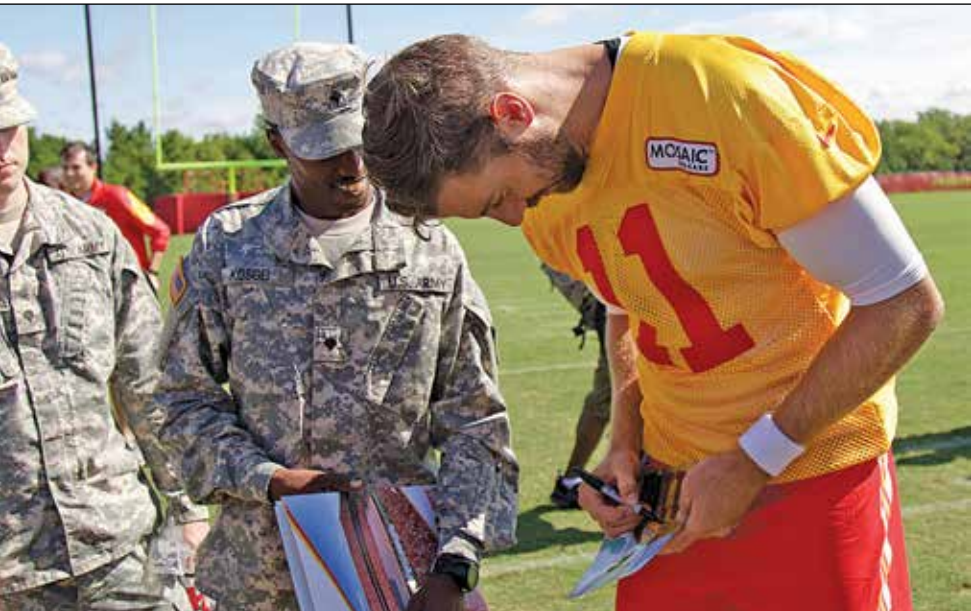
Spc. Cameron Epple of the Fort Riley-based 97th Military Police Battalion, said it was “really cool” to watch the Chiefs practice. The battalion falls under the 89th Military Police Brigade, which is headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas.

Epple is a self-professed “huge football fan” and former college player – he was an offensive lineman at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

“It’s around this time of year that I start to get that itch to pad up and start practicing and everything, so I guess this kind of satisfied that craving,” Epple said of the Chiefs training camp visit.

He enjoyed being around the professional players and appreciated the fans’ recognition.

“I think it’s great that all these teams do this kind of thing,” he said. “It really makes us feel good, especially when the fans are out there clapping for us and everything like that, so it was a good experience.”



Alex Smith, Kansas City Chiefs quarterback, signs an autograph for Spc. Sam Kosgei, Headquarters Support Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Aug. 19 at the team's 2015 Training Camp in St. Joseph, Missouri. Ten 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley Soldiers were selected to travel to Missouri Western State University to watch the team's practice. They were among the 100 service members representing the Army, Marines, Air Force and Navy who participated in the team's Military Appreciation Day

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a pair of 50-yard field goals, including a freshman record-long 53-yarder against Oklahoma State. He totaled a freshman record-breaking 94 points – a number that shattered Gramatica’s record of 56 points as a freshman in 1994.

Gramatica went on to win the Lou Groza Award, given to the nation’s top kicker, in 1997, and McCrane was named to the watch list for that same award heading into this season.

“I don’t feel a lot of pressure; it’s more nerves and wanting to prove that last year wasn’t just a freak year,” McCrane explained. “That’s what I’m wanting to do. I’ve never been nervous in a game – I really haven’t – and I hope that doesn’t happen this year. I want to just stay calm and keep my goals set in my mind.”

Though McCrane had a near-perfect year last season, there are still areas of his game he has been working to improve upon before the 2015 season begins.

“The biggest thing we have to do is to get his leg strength up and get the ball up in the air, high off the ground,” said associate head coach and special teams coordinator Sean Snyder. “That’s been the biggest thing with him. He’s obviously a very accurate kicker, but we’ve got to develop his strength and continue to grow him there.”

Echoed McCrane, “I’m hitting the ball great right now. I’m really hitting the ball well,

but one of the things I’m working on is ball height. I think it was evident in the TCU game; I hit a low ball and it got blocked. I can’t have that happen this year.”

McCrane’s solo extra point miss last year came by way of a block, so if he wants to be perfect, he knows he will have to get the ball up high.

“He’s very ambitious,” continued Snyder about McCrane. “He sets his goals and his standards high. From one season to the next, typically when you have someone who is coming off of a very successful season, they take some things for granted, but Matt just keeps setting his goal higher and higher. He knows he’s a long ways away from where he and I would want him to be. It may not look like it, but he’s got a lot of work ahead of him.”

McCrane knows what it takes to be great and has the work ethic and experience to get there. Coming off of a redshirt freshman season where he saw plenty of excitement on the field, with his goals in mind, McCrane is ready to kick off the 2015

season and prove himself to the nation yet again.

“I’m extremely excited for this season,” said McCrane. The smile on his face spread from ear to ear. “I look forward to the season every year, but knowing I have the starting role right now, it’s even more exciting. So, my goal is 100 percent. I think if your goal isn’t 100 percent, then something is wrong and it’s my goal. I want to reach that Gramatica status and I want to win the Groza. It’s exciting to think about all those things because it’s things like that that I dreamed of as a kid.”

The Wildcats open their 120th season of football Sept. 5, as K-State hosts South Dakota. The game, which is slated for a 6:10 p.m., kickoff, will be shown world-wide on K-StateHD. TV beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the K-State Gameday preview show.

K-State is closing in on yet another season sellout for 2015, which would run its consecutive streak of filling Bill Snyder Family Stadium to 27 straight games, as a very limited number of tickets remain.



K-State kicker Matthew McCrane is aiming to lead the nation by making 100 percent of his field-goal attempts during the 2015 football season.



IN BRIEF

WAMEGO

Event: OZtoberfest
When: Sept. 26
Where: Hwy 99 and Lincoln Ave., Wamego, Kansas
Web: www.visitwamego.com/events/oztoberfest

The Road to Oz, otherwise known as Highway 99 and Lincoln Avenue, brings to life "The Wizard of Oz" one of America's best-known fairy tales. This year, celebrate the American classic film with us in Wamego!

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- ◆ Oz Market
- ◆ Special Guests
- ◆ Yellow Brick Road Bike Ride – This event begins and ends at the Wamego High School on Sept. 26. Before choosing from three different routes varying from 16 to 50 miles, fill up on breakfast served from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m.

MANHATTAN

Event: 16th Annual Flint Hills Festival of Wines
When: Aug. 28
Where: Event locations vary in Manhattan, Kansas. Consult the website.
Web: www.flinthillswinefest.com
Festival of Wines is an annual wine and food sampling event, and proceeds benefit the local Homecare & Hospice organization and The Good Shepherd Hospice House.
The festival begins with a wine dinner and live auction at Colbert's Restaurant, Colbert Hills. This year's multi-course dinner features wines from the Hess Collection including: Hess Select Sauvignon Blanc, Hess Shirltail Creek Vineyard Chardonnay, Hess Select Pinot Noir, Hess Select Treo and Hess Allomi Cabernet Sauvignon.

JUNCTION CITY

Event: Little Shop of Horrors
When: Aug. 27 to 29
Where: C.L. Hoover Opera House 135 W. 7th St.
Web: www.jclt.info/
In this dark comedy, cowardly florist assistant Seymour Krelbourn discovers a new and unusual plant, which he names Audrey II after his coworker crush.

The foul-mouthed carnivorous plant promises to bring Seymour fame and fortune as long as he continues to feed her what she desires most: blood.

Little does Seymour know the ravenous plant's maniacal plans for world domination.

Directed by the husband and wife team of Michael and Jennifer Brown.

MANHATTAN

Event: A walk through the native prairie with Matthew Richter
When: Sep. 28
Where: Konza Prairie Biological Station, Manhattan, Kansas

Experience the beauty of the native tallgrass prairie with Flint Hills Master Artist Matthew Richter as your guide. Hike through the rolling hills of the Konza Prairie as your guide provides artistic insight into the flora and fauna set out before you. Learn about the prairie ecosystem from an expert guide who translates these stunning landscapes onto canvas. Matthew Richter is a featured artist in the Flint Hills Masters exhibition and a member of the Kansas Native Plants Society. Meet at the Konza Prairie Biological Station Nature Trail kiosk. Pre-registration is required and space is limited so sign up today!

TOPEKA

Event: Downtown Topeka
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Museum of Art

MANHATTAN, Kansas — A new exhibition organized by the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University is the first critical overview of Associated American Artists, a company that sought to bring original American art to every home beginning in the 1930s.

The exhibition will open Sept. 15 at the Beach Museum before heading to the East Coast for stops at three other museums in 2016 and 2017.

"Art for Every Home: Associated American Artists" explores the commercial art enterprise best known as the publisher of prints by artists Thomas Hart Benton, John Steuart Curry and Grant Wood.

“The Beach Museum of Art is uniquely qualified to explore the work of the pioneering art marketing enterprise that was Associated American Artists,” said Linda Duke, museum director. “The museum has a regional collecting focus that includes several AAA artists who worked with imagery and themes from rural and Middle America. Another strength of the museum is its collection of more than 200 AAA prints donated in 1992 by Raymond and Melba Budge from St. John, Kansas. The inherently interdisciplinary nature of AAA — with connections easily made to marketing, history, women’s studies, art history and other areas of scholarship — has great appeal for Kansas State University.”

The exhibition will address not only AAA's involvement in the popularity of American prints in the 1930s, but also its ongoing promotion of American art over six decades. Through aggressive marketing of studio prints, ceramics and textiles, and associations with corporate advertising agents, AAA sought to bring original American art over the threshold of every American home via mail delivery. "From Studio to Doorstep — Wherever You Are," the company described its services in a 1945 mail-order brochure. "No longer would the would-be possessor of a beautiful picture have to go to town and visit an art dealer; or still harder, hire somebody to do it for him. Quite the contrary! Every American post office is to be like a branch agency for the creations of the pick of American artists."

Founded in New York City in 1934 and ceasing operation in 2000, AAA employed innovative creative strategies to cultivate middle- and upper-middle-class Americans as prospective art patrons. AAA served as an artists' agent by expanding the popular reach of original art through not only mail-order catalogs, but also sales through department stores in all major American cities, extensive advertising promotions in newspapers, magazines and on radio, and corporate commissions that ranged from Madison Avenue to Hollywood Boulevard.

The exhibition's co-curators are Elizabeth Seaton, curator at the Beach Museum of Art, and Jane Myers, former senior curator of prints and drawings at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, Texas. They worked with an advisory team, including the catalog authors and an additional group of experts in the field of 20th-century American art.

“Art for Every Home: Associated American Artists, 1934-2000,” a 288-page exhibition catalog, is published by the Beach Museum of Art and distributed by Yale University Press. An illustrated index of the hundreds of prints, ceramics and textile designs by AAA artists, compiled by independent researcher Gail Windisch and Karen Herbaugh, curator at the American Textile History Museum, Lowell, Massachusetts, will also be published as a free, searchable PDF in January 2016.

"It is relatively rare for a small university art museum to have an opportunity to organize a major touring exhibition accompanied by a scholarly catalog...Art for Every Home: Associated American Artists is such a project," Duke said.

The exhibition will be at the Beach Museum of Art through Jan. 31, 2016. It will then travel to three additional institutions: Grey Art Gallery at New York University in New York City, April 19 to July 9, 2016; American Textile History Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts, Sept. 16, 2016, to Jan. 2, 2017; and Syracuse University Art Galleries, New York, Jan. 26 to March 26, 2017.

The Beach Museum of Art is on the southeast corner of the Kansas State University campus at the corner of Anderson Avenue and 14th Street. Admission is free. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free parking is available adjacent to the building. For more information, call 785-532-7718 or visit beach.k-state.edu.

Art for Every Home Speaker Series

Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University

Art by Mail: Associated American Artists
Oct. 1, 5:30 p.m.,
Elizabeth Seaton, curator, Beach Museum of Art

Thomas Hart Benton: The Perils of War
Oct. 29, 5:30 p.m.,
Joan Stack, curator, State Historical Society of Missouri

The American Home of the 1950s
Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m.,
Kristina Wilson, professor of art history, Clark
University

Thomas Hart Benton and Hollywood
Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.,
Erika Doss, professor of American studies,
University of Notre Dame

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The lithograph "John Brown" by John Steuart Curry appeared on the cover of a 1940 American Associated Artists mail-order catalog and sold out quickly. The artist produced the image while completing a mural for the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka featuring the fiery abolitionist. The print is in the collection of Kansas State University's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art.



Associated American Artist Georges Schreiber designed "Country Rhythm" of 1952 for Riverdale Fabrics, a manufacturer of upholstery and other home decorating fabrics. The textile is in the collection of Cora Ginsburg LLC, New York.