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Ceremony set to welcome home Vietnam veterans

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Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, announced this week the “Big Red One” is hosting a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 6 on Marshall Army Airfield.

Soldiers returning from deployments today are often met with family, friends and fanfare, but that wasn't always the case decades ago as troops came

home from fighting in the Vietnam War. The Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony will honor the troops who fought in the conflict and the sacrifices they made.

To participate, veterans are asked to arrive at building 837 on Marshall Army Airfield no later than 10 a.m. Community members who want to help welcome the veterans home are asked to arrive at building 853 on Marshall Army Airfield via the Henry Gate access point no later than 10 a.m. Veterans will be directed to a waiting area

while members of the community gather inside ahead of the 11 a.m. ceremony. Those veterans wishing to participate are asked to send an email to 1stIDEvents@gmail.com. Go to www.riley.army.mil/vietnamveteranswelcome.aspx for more information on the event.

Visitors without a Department of Defense ID cards who wish to enter Fort Riley are reminded that a temporary Fort Riley Access Pass or Badge is required. It is recommended that visitors get a temporary pass or badge early at the Visitor Control

Center or for emailing usarmy.riley.imcom-central.mbx.des-vcc@mail.mil. If you are unable to get a pass early, make sure to allow extra time to get through processing at the Visitor Control Center.

The Visitor Control Center building 885, is just prior to the Henry Gate Access Control Point, exit 301, Interstate Highway 70 and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information on post access, go to www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/EmergencyServices/AccessInformation.aspx and www.facebook.com/1stinfantrydivision.

Course hones ‘Dagger’ Soldiers’ skills

By Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

During the month of September, more than 50 Soldiers from different units and military occupational specialties throughout the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, enhanced their capabilities to combat radio controlled explosive devices at the post's Tactical Support Center.

The Counter Radio-Controlled IED Electronic Warfare Specialist Certification, or CREW, training course prepares students to fight the war against radio controlled improvised explosive devices, said Staff Sgt. Thomas Connolly, the electronic warfare noncommissioned officer for 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

“The course gives Soldiers the knowledge and the skills to be a functional CREW company specialist,” the Kentucky native added. “These Soldiers will go on to be the CREW systems subject matter experts for their company commanders.”

The Soldiers trained on the three main systems they will use for their upcoming deployments throughout the Southeast Asia region. The 40-hour course covered training on the DUKE V3, THOR III and BALDR systems.

“This course has enhanced my capabilities as an infantryman,” said Sgt. Jacob Butler, a squad leader for Company A, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “I feel that although I am a squad leader, there is more that I could do so I requested this course.

“I will take the knowledge and training received from this course to ensure that all systems are working properly before, during and after mission. If the systems were to go down, I will be about to troubleshoot it and put the company back into the fight ... avoiding being potentially hit by an improvised explosive device.”

Connolly added that being able to train these Soldiers and get them certified ensured the CREW systems within the companies were up-to-date and ready to go rather than having to wait 30 days or more for electronic warfare Soldiers.

“This training saves the unit money in the long run,” Connolly said. “The units will not have to worry about spending money to have a EWO person flown out to their location neither will they need to worry about halting missions. Having a trained CREW specialist keeps them consistently in the fight.”

Butcher, a Springfield, Missouri, native took full advantage of the training.

“I have stepped up for my company to be responsible for ensuring the safety of every Soldier within the company that steps foot outside of the wire while we are deployed,” Butcher said. “This is my contribution to the fight.”

Connolly encouraged the students to treat their systems like they treat their weapons.

“Your DUKE is your weapon, your firmware is your magazine and your threat load is your ammo,” Connolly said. “Don't leave home without it.”

‘Daggers’ Arrive



Soldiers of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, arrive Sept. 13 at Camp Buehring. The “Dagger” brigade's Soldiers will work closely with their Kuwaiti partners over the next nine months to increase partner capability while fostering close professional and personal relationships between the U.S. and Kuwait – an indispensable tool for building long-standing military-to-military associations.

‘Daggers’ land, prepare to take on Kuwaiti partnership missions

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard
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CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — With less than two weeks on Kuwaiti sand, the Soldiers of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conducted reception, staging, onward movement and integration starting Oct. 13 as they prepared to take on the Kuwait mission from the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, in a transfer of authority ceremony set for early November.

“Reception and integration training is one of the most important tasks we conduct,” said

“We look forward to working with our Kuwaiti partners to help ensure peace while promoting security and stability in the region.”

MAJ. DOUGLAS F. BAKER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, 2ND ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

1st Sgt. Michael Hall, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd ABCT, senior noncommissioned officer. “During this period, Soldiers will learn about their area of operations and get the opportunity to hone those core combat skills necessary to keep them in the fight.”

The RSOI process for the “Dagger” brigade includes a

right-seat ride and a left-seat ride with their 3rd ABCT, 4th Inf. Div., counterparts and U.S. Army Central's theater-specific training in counter improvised explosive devices, Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, driver's training and range safety.

More than 100 Soldiers experienced the HEAT trainer

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‘Gold Lions’ prepare for response force mission

By Sgt. Takita Lawery and 1st Lt. Adriane Armour
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Putting duty first is more than just a motto for the “Gold Lions.” They are required to maintain a level of readiness that allows them to deploy on short notice. Soldiers with the 1st Support Maintenance Company have 24 hours to muster Soldiers for an emergency deployment should a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear event occur.

Members of the 1st Support Maintenance Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, successfully executed an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise level one training Oct. 15 at Fort Riley, during which the company was inspected by division cadre.

This EDRE was designed to exercise the movement plans of a company to rapidly deploy state-side. All deployable units normally participate in an EDRE annually. If executed realistically, an EDRE can be the most valuable evaluation process for commanders at all levels to determine their strengths and weaknesses in a deployment. An EDRE can be conducted at any command level.

“EDREs are a great opportunity for 1st SMC to validate our preparedness to rapidly deploy if and when we are called to support our Defense CBRN Response Force mission,” said Capt. Cherry Black, 1st SMC commander, 541st CSSB, 1st Sust bde., 1st Inf. Div. “The ‘Durable’ brigade staff worked hard to prep the company sections and the division team is extremely knowledgeable and provides recommendations and assistance on how we can continue to improve.”

The company was evaluated on alert and recall procedures, Soldier Readiness Processing, Deployment and Reconstitution Tracking

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‘Guardians’ show off capabilities in truck rodeo

Story and photo by Derrick Tribbey
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The “Guardians” of the 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, held a truck rodeo Oct. 21 at Fort Riley.

The truck rodeo was a team building exercise conducted to demonstrate the battalion's movement capabilities. Soldiers were broken into teams of three with each team consisting of one noncommissioned officer and two junior enlisted Soldiers.

“This was to exercise the capabilities of the motor transport operators with 101st BSB,” said 2nd Lt. Thien Vu, the senior maintenance officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., a native of Cranston, Rhode Island. “This exercise tested their skills and competence with various wheeled vehicles.”

The truck rodeo was a vehicle obstacle course consisting of 11 events, each of which utilized a Humvee, a palletized load system truck or a light

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Soldiers with 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, work as a team Oct. 21 to back up a tactical vehicle towing a light load in between cones at a truck rodeo hosted by the battalion.

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SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, Oct. 22

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

HIGHLIGHTS



FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS DANCE THE DAY AWAY AT MASQUERADE BALL AT RILEY'S CONFERENCE CENTER DURING WEEKEND EVENT, SEE PAGE 9.

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FUELING UP



TOP: Spc. Cody Miller, petroleum supply specialist, Company E, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, signals to stop fueling to fellow petroleum specialists controlling the fuel source Oct. 19 at Marshall Army Airfield at Fort Riley. Army petroleum specialists said conducting this method of fueling allows Soldiers to maintain and sharpen their skills relating to the inherent safety precautions and standards when aircraft refueling operations occur at the airfield.

BOTTOM: Spc. Anda G. Lawrence, crew chief, Company A, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, watches as Spc. Pedro A. Lopez and Spc. Cody Miller, petroleum supply specialists with Company E, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Avn. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., move away from the UH-64 Black Hawk after refueling operations Oct. 19 at Marshall Army Airfield at Fort Riley. The rapid refuel procedure takes place when mission response times are critical and the crew has minimal time to resupply. While aircraft rotor blades operate, fuel specialists approach and provide fuel with the guidance of the pilot and crew chief via hand signals to start and cease fueling, Army petroleum specialists said.



First-year Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets visit museum



First-year Army ROTC cadets pose at the Fort Riley Museum during a visit Oct. 20 as part of their Military Science class. Captains Thomas Wasner and Sam Flaming, instructors of the Kansas State University's Army ROTC program, escorted 25 cadets for a museum tour and professional development lecture at the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

By Robert Smith
FORT RILEY MUSEUM CURATOR

Captains Thomas Wasner and Sam Flaming, instructors of the Kansas State University's Army ROTC program, escorted 25 first-year Army ROTC cadets for a museum tour and professional development lecture at the U.S. Cavalry Museum on Oct. 20 as part of their military science class.

The students who attended the lab at the museum are all freshman and new to the military world. Most of this year's freshman Military Science class have not had Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps experience from high school. Capt. Thomas Wasner, associate professor of Military Science at K-State, said of the current military science class of 39 students, only about two have JROTC background.

With that in mind, Wasner said, the aim of the lab is to introduce the students

to the military in terms of culture and its history.

While at the museum, Dr. Robert Smith, director of the Fort Riley Museum Division recounted to the student cadets the history of the 1st Infantry Division, the U.S. Cavalry Branch, and the garrison of Fort Riley. Cadets were shown many of the museum's significant artifacts that including a rare 1851 Dragoon uniform, Maj. Gen. Bennet Riley's walking stick, Lt. Col. Custer's rain hat, an original Rough Rider's 1898 uniform, an original 1883 Gatling Gun, and a number of Gen. George Patton's personal items.

"We are trying to peak their interest in the military itself," Wasner said, "by acquainting them with the history of the service and giving them a better sense of its place in the world. Knowing where something comes from gives you a better understanding of what it is. And they are just starting out. Most of them aren't contracted with the program yet. They

may not have decided whether they want to become officers in the military. But we are inducting them into the myth of the Army."

The museum tour concluded with a short lecture on Army history that focused on uniforms, accoutrements, and weapons used throughout the Army's 240 year history. Cadets were offered the opportunity to try on reproduction uniforms and accoutrements from the American Revolution to Desert Storm in order to gain a greater appreciation for Soldiers who had gone before them.

All of the cadets said the "hands on" experience was an enjoyable way to learn Army history and its traditions. Smith said that "the museum's "hands-on" experience sparks interest and make the learning process fun."

Additional information for this story ontributed by Andy Massanet, 1st Infantry Division Post.

Football legends discuss Vietnam War

By David Vergun
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON — Army combat veteran and four-time Super Bowl champion Rocky Bleier of the Pittsburgh Steelers said he's often asked what it's like to be in combat.

"We pray that we come back from war," he said he tells them. "We have to live with the scars, both visible and invisible. We have to live with the trauma. We have to live with what happens during that period of time."

"But it's a foundation. It's an experience that we who have served in the military understand," he said. "And, it's the lessons that you learn from them that you incorporate into your own life."

"Those lessons we learned on the gridiron as well as on the battlefield are the same ones that we learn every day in our lives," he continued. "And that is to take care of one another, never leave a comrade behind and to fight for what is right and to do what's right."

Bleier said he's not asked what it's like to play football, since a lot of kids had that experience in school or in backyard pickup games.

But combat, they ask about, he said. Less than one percent of Americans are in the military and less than 10 percent of those find themselves in combat, he said. So for most he meets, he said, "there's really no reference point."

Bleier and Navy combat veteran and two-time Super Bowl champion Roger Staubach of the Dallas Cowboys, spoke at the Pentagon at the Army G-4-sponsored Vietnam War Commemoration event: "Game Changers: Reflections on Service, Sports and Life," Oct. 21.

When asked what it's like in combat, Bleier said he also tells them that in 1968, after 10 games into the season with the Steelers, he was drafted into the Army and sent to Hiep Duc near Chu Lai, South Vietnam, as a specialist 4 infantryman assigned to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, 23rd "Americal" Division.

During one mission, his company was tasked with returning to the place where a firefight had taken place two days earlier. Their mission was to retrieve Soldiers' bodies.

About 8 a.m. while crossing a rice paddy they were attacked. Bleier, a grenadier, covered his buddies by firing his M-79 grenade launcher at the enemy. About that same time, he got hit by an enemy bullet in the thigh. He was wounded once more and was later awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Being a Vietnam veteran was tough, he said. There was less unit cohesion than in today's Army. For instance, Soldiers did not deploy to Vietnam as units, they deployed and returned stateside as individual replacements.

Also, it was a different social climate in the country. People were protesting the war and there was not a lot of love for veterans, he said.

"Fellow brothers and sisters didn't have that same ability to talk about it, many to this very day," he said. "I run across children of Vietnam veterans who say their dad never talked about it. I feel sad for them. There wasn't a support group they could go to."

Bleier said he was luckier than most. After spending a lot of time recuperating from his injuries in the hospital, he was welcomed back to the Steelers.

He said he became somewhat of a "poster child for the military" because of the success he experienced on the gridiron along with his combat experiences.

Being asked to tell his story "for me was a personal catharsis," he said. "It gave me a chance to come to terms with that service that everyone else repressed."

While Bleier praises today's Army and military, he said that in some ways he laments the end of the draft. "Back then, everyone had skin in game." Today, service

is for the patriots, he said, and when they're sent into harm's way, it's not like it was during Vietnam, where many families had or knew somebody who served.

Another difference between then and today, he said, is then, you wrote letters. It might take weeks or months to receive one back so getting one was really special.

Getting care packages was special too, he said. "You looked forward to that. Everyone in your company somehow sensed that you were going to get a care package that day and they sort of hung around you. They knew before you knew. Then bam, they were there to take everything they could out of that package."

Today, Soldiers can often chat real time on social media to their loved ones, he said. He said he wonders how Soldiers can focus on the mission at hand if a loved one is chatting about problems at home. "That would be difficult. It's got to be tough."

Bleier said he's proud of his service, but its "been a slow time coming" for Vietnam veterans to receive recognition for theirs.

STAUBACH'S STORY

Staubach attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where he won the 1963 Heisman Trophy, playing for the Midshipmen.

During the Vietnam War, Staubach served as a supply corps officer, attaining the rank of lieutenant.

Staubach said he volunteered to go to Vietnam "because I wanted to give something back."

He was stationed at the Naval Support Group in Da Nang for six months, then Chu Lai for six months. The I Corps area at that time, from 1966 to 1967, was occupied by Marines, so everything he did was for them, he said. The Army would move into that area later, just as he was leaving.

"I came to love the Marine Corps," he said, adding that he loves all of the services "but the Marines, I saw them in action. Some of my teammates were Marines, some were shot and killed. It wasn't a popular war but we were asked to do it. It was a shame how our Vietnam veterans were treated."

The good news today, he said, "is that we really care about our military. I'm really proud of them and what they do for us."

The world is a really unstable place today, he continued. "Our military are important to ourselves and our kids."

He encouraged employers to hire veterans because they have so much more to offer, having the instilled values of service, duty and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TODAY

Echoing what Staubach and Bleier said, Cheek said, "Our memories of the Vietnam War that started 50 years ago are quite different from any other war. We sent troops to perform a duty, and many Americans did not support or honor them. They returned home to criticism and scorn and many continue to deal with the challenges they faced."

"But our country has changed.," he said. "The positive response Afghanistan and Iraq War veterans get today is due, in large part, because our Vietnam veterans were determined that their experience would not be relived by future generations."

"Our gratitude for those who served in the Vietnam era may be 50 years late, but it is sincere," he said.

This year, almost 9,000 commemorative partners across the country are holding commemorative events in parks, businesses, and schools to honor Vietnam veterans and their families, he said.

"We remember the 58,220 Americans who gave their lives, including Bob Kalsu of the Buffalo Bills and Don Steinbrunner of the Cleveland Browns," Cheek mentioned.

Foreign officers visit Fort Riley

By Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Partnerships in the Army not only exist between different posts in the United States, but also involves armies from other countries. The Soldiers of Fort Leavenworth hosted foreign exchange officers from Brazil last week and brought them to Fort Riley for a day to see the post and operations.

"Fort Riley is bigger than it looks," said Bill Raymann, chief of training, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "It's an important place that people need to know about."

By bringing the Brazilian officers to Fort Riley, they were able to see more than just one installation in the country.

"It's a unique opportunity to know and make an exchange with the biggest country," said Maj. Gustavo Muniz of the Brazilian army. "The things we see here help improve our army and we have had a partnership with the United States for 100 years."

Six members from the staff college in Brazil came to Fort Leavenworth for a one week exchange. The members include two instructors and four students.

Lt. Carlos Romer, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, gave



Capt. Keith E. Thayer | 1ST CAB

Col. Luciano Simoes (left), staff officer, Brazilian army, smiles as 1st Lt. Austin T. Barrett, platoon leader, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, greets Col. Luiz Mendez, liaison officer, Brazilian army, at the beginning of the hangar tour Oct. 21 at Marshall Army Airfield. The officers of the Escola de Comando e Estado-Maior do Exército, the Brazilian School of Command and General Staff of the Army, are at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where they are attending the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

the Brazilian officers the tour of the post. They also toured the Mission Training Complex.

"It's important for them to learn how we conduct business in the U.S.," Romero said. "It's been great having them here. I'm from Puerto Rico and this is my first time meeting people from Brazil. I've gotten to learn so much about their culture and their country. They are very humble and

traditional. It's been a good experience for me."

At the Seitz Regional Training Campus, they got to experience how the Soldiers of Fort Riley digitally train for real life scenarios.

This partnership between the Brazilian army, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley taught everyone how different installations and armies work and what helps each succeed.

BLACKHAWKS COME TO KANSAS



Capt. Keith E. Thayer | 1ST CAB

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joseph M. Atkinson, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, facilitates pre-flight checks for Apache pilot Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dan Belyeu, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, prior to departure from Army Aviation Facility 1, Oct. 19 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Missouri. The AH-64D Apache helicopters are being transitioned from the Army National Guard as a part of the Army's ongoing aviation restructuring process. Army leaders expect the aviation restructuring initiative to allow the Army to maintain the most modernized force possible across the fleet, while meeting required reductions in structure, sustainment and operating costs. The aircraft will have a new home at Marshall Army Airfield with the 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 1st CAB.

Opportunity for networking at job fair

Story and photo by Patti Geistfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Soldiers, family members and retirees streamed into the Riley's Conference Center Oct. 22 to attend the Army Community Service Job Fair. On one side of the conference center, there was a variety of booths staffed with representatives from companies. The other side of the conference center had representatives from colleges and technical training schools.

“From the time I entered the door it seemed as the carpet was rolled out the color of red until the time I left,” said William Brooks, manager, Armed Forces Bank. “This event was so well organized that it simply doesn’t get any better than this.”

Some attendees said they were looking for a job now or in the near future. Some were checking out opportunities for furthering their education. For others, they were seeking information to see what types of civilian jobs match up with their military training.

“The big thing I hope to do here is to number one practice,” said Master Sgt. Timothy Morgan, senior noncommissioned officer, Directorate of Public Works. “The other thing is just kind of network and see what is out there. I think you know everyone here is interested in hiring Soldiers — that’s good to know. Instead of just going randomly to a company these companies here want service members that is why they are here.”

Morgan said he had 51 days left before retiring and he is hoping to get a job in a state that pays a decent salary so he can stay around the area.

The job fair had 79 employers and 61 colleges represented and the event was attended by more than 700 community members. There was information on specific available jobs, the skills required to apply and information about the company. Some representatives took resumes

on the spot while others provided information to their website to apply for positions.

"It is important to stop by companies and ask for information," said Kristina Springer, employment readiness coordinator, Army Community Service. "There are always more positions that the title of the company might indicate."

Interested students from Junction City High School were brought to the job fair for an educational career opportunity. They had a chance to see the types of jobs available in the job market and also to speak to representatives from a variety of educational institutions.

A job fair such as this one provides a qualified pool of applicants for companies. For the Soldier or family member there are a variety of opportunities to search the job market for a position that matches up with their training or education.

“Throughout our culture there is a stream of diversity and inclusion and really finding the top tier talent,” said Justin Harper, Talent Acquisition Manager, Enterprise Holdings. “So we know that our military both active and veterans have a lot to offer and we’re looking for the best.”

He said the founder of the company, Jack Taylor is a veteran and by having a presence here it provides people that set up the company for success.

“Military experience transitions very well into police work and a lot of military police apply,” said Lt. Paul Forrester, Salina Police Department.

But that is not all. "In terms of the types of positions that we have available at Cox there's a really good fit with the background just from a technology standpoint, the work ethic, the cultural fit for the type individual that the military puts out," said Kevin Clark, senior talent acquisition manager, Cox Enterprises. "So it's a nice transition for us to bring people in



Master Sgt. Timothy Morgan, senior noncommissioned officer, Directorate of Public Works, talks about career possibilities with Officer Rachel Larson and Lt. Paul Forrester from the Salina Police Department at the Army Community Service job fair at Riley's Conference Center Oct. 22.

because we have similar roles ... there's are a lot of transferable skills. We also have offices in 19 states across the country. So what's great about going to one of these events is that individuals from the military are typically from everywhere across the country. So coming to an event like this at Fort Riley we can find people for our San Diego office or for Las Vegas."

He said that Cox Enterprises owns many more businesses than cable, Internet and phone and this allows him to let Soldiers know about other positions available with Cox that they may not know exist. So this is an opportunity to do really broad base recruiting. So this is really an education opportunity for us.

While some were seeking jobs, others were searching out educational information.

"I came out to look for a graduate school, said Sgt Richard Ansah, 526th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. "I am getting out in 12 months. So I am looking at schools that will offer the program I am looking for, human resources and some project management.

He said that here he can talk to somebody that is from the school and that is easier than searching for the information online.

At the end of the day, 534 resumes or applications had been submitted, employers had conducted 231 on-the-spot interviews and 86 community members walked away with jobs.

Historical & Archaeological Society of Fort Riley
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Son of downed Cold War U-2 pilot shares story with ‘Big Red One’ Soldiers

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

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — When he was 12, Francis Gary Powers Jr. found out who his father was — or at least, who the world thought his father was.

Francis Gary Powers’ death in a helicopter crash in 1977 called the nation’s attention back to 1960, when the pilot — then working for the Central Intelligence Agency — and his U-2 reconnaissance aircraft were shot down during a mission over the Soviet Union. The elder Powers was captured, interrogated and held for two years before being released back to the United States, but not before the American public could question whether the pilot maintained his loyalty to his home country.

That pilot’s son shared his father’s story and his own with about 120 Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division Oct. 20 during a presentation at Fort Leavenworth.

The presentation included a preview for “Bridge of Spies,” the recently released Steven Spielberg film which tells the story of Powers’ father’s capture and the efforts to bring him home.

“I hope they will come away with a feeling that there’s a lot more to Cold War history than meets the eye,” the younger Powers said of the attendees.

Powers told the Soldiers that he became introverted following his father’s death, and later in life set out to find out more about his father’s ordeal, intent on separating fact from fiction.

“The more I learned, the more questions I had,” he said.

In the pursuit of those questions, the younger Powers became an expert on Cold War history and eventually co-founded The Cold War Museum in Warrenton, Virginia.

“I am very proud of the fact that I helped to found The Cold War Museum to honor veterans,



J. Parker Roberts | 1ST INF. DIV.
Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, shakes the hands with Francis Gary Powers Jr., who shared the story of his father's death in a helicopter crash Oct. 20 at Fort Leavenworth

preserve history and educate future generations,” Powers said. “It started as a way to honor my Dad, to keep his history alive and to help set the record straight for him.”

Powers said the “Big Red One” audience was receptive during his presentation.

“I think they were interested in the subject matter, especially since this movie just hit,” he said. “I believe they have an interest in fact versus fiction — the story as the son tells it versus Hollywood as they tell it.”

Powers acted as a consultant on the film and met with Spielberg, the film’s star, Tom Hanks, and Austin Stowell, who portrayed Powers’ father.

“He picked my brain about Dad, and what he was like,” Powers said. “Austin wanted to make sure that he portrayed my father as correctly and as accurately as possible.”

The Cold War expert said the actor’s portrayal was spot on, though hearing lines saying the elder Powers. was “one of the most hated men in America” was jarring for his son.

“The movie is very well done,” Powers said. “It accurately portrays the feelings of the time, and fortunately, at the very end it sets the record straight.”

The film’s postscript, Powers said, recognized that the pilot did not divulge secret information during his interrogations or subsequent imprisonment.

“It went very well,” Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steven Fernandez, 1st Infantry Division Artillery targeting officer, said about Powers’ presentation. “I got to learn a lot about what really happened, instead of what didn’t happen.”

Fernandez said he was interested in learning more about the resiliency shown by the downed U-2 pilot during his captivity and beyond.

“A lot of the things that we go through, and leadership, is resiliency and how we teach that to our subordinates and our Soldiers,” he said. “Finding out what everyone else has gone through, as far as resiliency, I think is a key piece to learning, self-learning, and being able to teach resiliency.”

TRAFFIC REPORT

CONSTRUCTION ON RIFLE RANGE ROAD CONTINUES

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.

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.
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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.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER



The Oct. 27 question was: “What is the mission of the Network Enterprise Center? It is Cyber Security Awareness Month. The security of a network is dependent on everyone’s safe behaviors. The NEC supports the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Partners.”

Answer:
www.riley.army.mil/Units/Partners/NetworkEnterpriseCenter.aspx

This week’s winner is: Ruby Edens. Ruby’s husband is Spc. Dylan Edens, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division


Names of those in the photo are, from left to right: son Ryder, Spc. Edens, Ruby and daughter Adalyn.

CONGRATULATIONS RUBY!

ON THE ROAD



COURTESY PHOTO
Staff Sgt. Paul Berkland, Staff Sgt. Robby Ford, Staff Sgt. Carl Taylor, Sgt. Bobby Shomper, Sgt. Mike Levertson, Spc. Alex Graul and Spc. Jamal Morse were recognized Oct. 22 at Fort Riley after successfully completing requirements set forth in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for entry-level driver training through ABF Freight. The Soldiers are pictured with ABF instructors Chris Smith, JD Hurst, Billie Brcka, Derrick Metzger, Tim Englund and Barry Stewart. The Soldiers completed the requirements while preparing to exit the Army, ensuring they have careers once their time in uniform is done.




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“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”

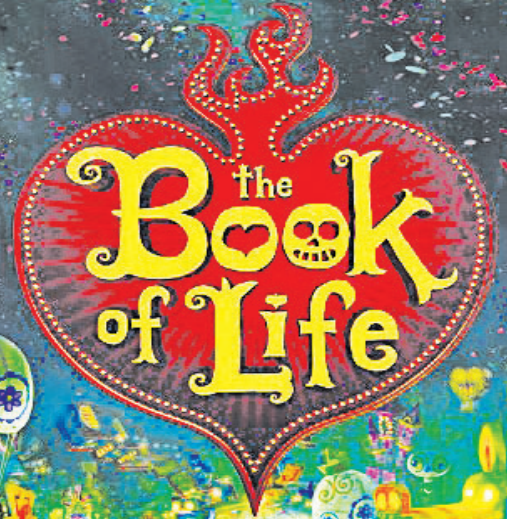
*—General George Washington
November 10th, 1781*



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MOVIE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 21 AT 6:30PM!



RILEY ROUNDTABLE

“What was your favorite part of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley Ghost Tours?”



“Telling the story about the Fire Chief at Fire Station 2.”

BOB BARTHOLIC
OGDEN, KANSAS

Retired Fort Riley Fire Department Captain



“I like her story about the horse Chief. He is buried standing up. I also enjoyed the horses on the parade field.”

CHRISTY GLASSFORD
AURORA, COLORADO

Wife of Sgt. Jack Glassford, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



“The story about the nursery in the house in Forsyth where female ghost was taking care of a sick boy – super creepy.”

KIMBERLY BUSENBARK
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Wife of Capt. Zachary Busenbark, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



“I’m pretty sure I saw the Green Girl in the window of Quarters 90B.”

MADISON GLASSFORD
AURORA, COLORADO

Daughter of Sgt. Jack Glassford, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



“I like sharing the history of Fort Riley with people – not only is it the basic history, it’s the spooky stuff. And people get enthusiastic about this.”

SARA DEVINE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley president

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FROM DANGER 6

‘Never again’: Vietnam veterans deserve our thanks

Troops returning from war today are often met with fanfare as their service and sacrifice are recognized by the communities to which they come home. That wasn’t the case more than 40 years ago when service members returned to the United States from fighting in Vietnam. We’ve heard the stories of hostility directed at these troops — brave men and women who did what they were called to do and were met by what was at times an ungrateful nation. It was a shame. Never again. Never again will patriots who served their country come home to anything less than a hero’s welcome.

The 1st Infantry Division — the nation’s First Division — will do what it can to render proper thanks and honor to those who served in Vietnam during a welcome home ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 6 at Fort Riley. For those who helped welcome home our troops from Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan, this is a familiar sight — a celebration and public thanks from a grateful nation for a job well done. All veterans who served in the Vietnam era are invited to take part in the ceremony and need only send an email to 1stIDEvents@gmail.com.

The Big Red One is a division of firsts. We were the first division called to fight in Vietnam 50 years ago. For almost five years, our Soldiers battled against the Communist forces in the jungles north of the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon, and carried out programs to aid the people of South Vietnam. After those five years of intense fighting in difficult jungle terrain, the 1st Inf. Div. colors returned to Fort Riley. That return came at a cost, 3,181 Big Red One Soldiers were killed in action, including a commanding general. On Sept. 13,



Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr.

1ST INF. DIV. AND FORT RILEY
COMMANDING GENERAL

1968, Maj. Gen. Keith Ware and his aides were killed in action when their command helicopter was shot down by enemy fire over the jungles near Loc Ninh.

Two hundred thirty-nine great Americans earned the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War. Twelve of those were Big Red One Soldiers. One hundred fifty Medals of Honor were earned by service members whose loved ones had to accept them on their behalf. Ten of those were Big Red One Soldiers.

Modern Soldiers will see much of themselves in those who deployed from this great country 50 years ago to fight an enemy that endangered free people. Talk with them and you will see they encountered the same fears and pushed through it all for the same reasons — for the men and women to the left and right of them. We are, regardless of when we served, one family. It’s a family built and forged in uncertain situations when all we had to rely on was the courage of our buddies. We all share the same service, the same sacrifice. As you’ll hear our Army’s top leaders say as Veterans Day approaches, veterans are part of a uniquely American collective. Whatever the threat, brave men and women have stood up, picked up a weapon and walked into the breach knowing that not all would make it home.

We, joined by our partners in the Central Flint Hills Region of Kansas, owe a welcome home to our Vietnam heroes that they deserve — that they never got. If you can’t be there in person on Nov. 6, you can still do your part to show your gratitude to a forgotten generation of our nation’s blood and

treasure. Seek out Vietnam veterans in your communities. Thank them. Go online. Vietnam veterans — especially our own Big Red One Vietnam veterans — are active on sites like the division’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/1stInfantryDivision. They, even 50 years after their service, proudly support the Big Red One and are quick to talk about when they served, regardless of whether it was three or 20 years. Men and women who wear the uniform today, attend gatherings for your units, whether they be the annual reunions for the Society of the 1st Infantry Division, 1st Infantry Division Artillery Association or the 16th Infantry Regiment Association. The wealth of history and knowledge you will learn by simply sitting down and asking the right questions will benefit your military careers and lives as Americans.

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For those who are fortunate enough to return from war, the battle isn’t always over. A welcome back from grateful Americans is just the beginning of a process that is needed to help troops cope with what they endured. That’s not something our society knew how to help with as our Vietnam forces came home. Wounds, especially the ones not visible, didn’t get the treatment they needed. From treating behavioral health issues to traumatic brain injuries, we have improved how we care for our veterans. But not all of us are doctors and we, as a society, must do what we can to recognize self-sacrifice.

“When you returned home,” Reagan said to Vietnam veterans in that same speech in 1984, “you brought solace to the loved ones of those who fell, but little solace was given to you. Some of your countrymen were unable to distinguish between our native distaste for war and the stainless patriotism of those who suffered its scars. But there’s been a rethinking there, too.”

Reagan said it best: “And now we can say to you, and say as a nation: Thank you for your courage. Thank you for being patient with your countrymen. Thank you. Thank you for continuing to stand with us together.”

Join the 1st Inf. Div. in honoring Vietnam veterans who didn’t get the welcomes and the thanks they deserved. Let us honor the sacrifice of these patriots who put their lives on the line to help people in a land far from their own — patriots who showed us all the meaning of duty and courage.

“Duty First”

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

FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

Military spouse seeks financial support advice

1ST INFANTRY DIVISION INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

Dear IG,

I am a military spouse, but I am currently separated. My spouse refuses to provide financial support. My spouse has even gone so far as to state that the paycheck is his, and that the additional entitlements that he receives are meant for him, not our family. I am very concerned, as I have very little money to pay bills, put a roof over my kids’ heads and put food on the table. I know that this is not right, but I do not know how to properly resolve this issue. Please help!

Respectfully,
Concerned Spouse

Dear Concerned Spouse,

Many Soldiers think because they are separated, in the process of a divorce, are upset at their spouse or are geographically separated, they do not have to provide financial support. Reasons behind nonsupport range from “my spouse does not deserve my money,” to “he or she makes more money than I do.” Others believe that the Basic Allowance for Housing they receive is their money and they can choose to do with it

what they want. None of these are the correct.

As per Army Regulation 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody and Paternity, Soldiers do not have the choice of supporting their family members; it is a regulatory requirement. Commanders are responsible for ensuring compliance with this regulation. The Inspector General’s role in resolving nonsupport of dependents is often misunderstood by family members requesting assistance. Resolution of cases involving nonsupport is a command responsibility. Nonsupport issues are command issues and should always be resolved through the command channels. The IG handles requests for assistance in matters of nonsupport by facilitating contact with the Soldier’s commander, ensuring the commander is fully aware of the nonsupport issue, regulatory requirements and providing the spouse with the commander’s contact information. When conducting inquiries regarding nonsupport issues, commanders are reminded by the IG that AR 608-99, paragraphs 2 through 5 and 2 through 11 are punitive.

Soldiers and leaders can debate “why should the

Soldier have to pay when his or her spouse is the one with the issues, and refuses to put forth the effort to assist in supporting the family?” Leaders should listen and avoid taking sides. Leaders enforce Army Regulation and Policy. AR 608-99 states the Soldier is required to pay a specified percentage of BAH, which is based on the Soldiers pay grade, regardless of what entitlements the Soldier is receiving. If, during the course of the commander’s inquiry, the commander determines that the Soldier refuses to provide financial support to the spouse, the commander has several options. Commanders can stop a Soldier’s entitlement and recoup the entitlement for periods of nonsupport, according to Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Chapter 10, U10106B. Commanders should contact the servicing Staff Judge Advocate or IG office for guidance. The commander’s legal adviser will help determine the correct amount of family support for each Soldier’s situation.

Did you know that per AR 608-99 commanders must take actions on Soldiers who fail to comply with regulation or lawful orders

based on the regulations? These actions include, but are not limited to, counseling, admonition, letter of reprimand, bar to reenlistment, administrative separation from the service, Article 15 or court-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Legal assistance can offer the best advice on specific questions and concerns on this matter based on your personal situation.

Commanders and leaders can help Soldiers understand their legal obligations and the penalties for failing to meet them. Commanders must counsel Soldiers in writing on their obligations and follow up to ensure payment is made. Commanders must ensure Soldiers maintain family support until another form of agreement is established such as court-ordered divorce decree or child support. In addition, Commanders must ensure their subordinate leaders are following up appropriately to ensure Soldiers are meeting their financial obligations.

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

Sincerely,
Fort Riley IG

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HOUSE AD





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course this past week. Five Soldiers wearing helmets, body armor, combat gloves and eye protection entered a shell that replicated the interior of a standard Humvee. Once the occupants were strapped in, the doors locked and an operator kicked in the hydraulics, sending the HEAT spinning from a 30-degree angle to a 180-degree angle to replicate a vehicle rollover.

“The HEAT is designed to show Soldiers what it’s like to be in a vehicle roll over either from an accident or an IED attack,” said Staff Sgt. Adam Johnson, the training room noncommissioned officer for HHC, 2nd ABCT. “The training teaches Soldiers the best way to survive a vehicle rollover ... ultimately saving both his (or) her life as well

as the lives of everyone in the vehicle.”

“Soldiers must work together to ensure that everyone gets out safely and quickly.”

This is what all the training is about, Hall said.

“Educating our Soldiers, from private to colonel, and providing them the right tools to effectively shoot, move and communicate no matter the situation they may encounter.”

These Soldiers will continue RSOI training until next month’s transfer of authority ceremony. Upon completing the ceremony, 2nd ABCT Soldiers will begin joint-training exercises with their Kuwaiti partners.

The brigade Soldiers will work closely with their Kuwaiti partners in the

upcoming nine months to increase partner capability while fostering close professional and personal relationships between the U.S. and Kuwait — an indispensable tool for building long-standing military-to-military associations.

“We look forward to working with our Kuwaiti partners to help ensure peace while promoting security and stability in the region,” said Maj. Douglas F. Baker, executive officer, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “Our partnership activities and shared training exercises will provide valuable bilateral military training to all participating service members while strengthening tactical proficiency in critical mission areas.”

TRUCK RODEO Continued from page 1

medium tactical vehicle. In each timed event, 13 teams had to correctly perform proper vehicle tasks safely and to standard, said Spc. Timothy Peoples, a petroleum supply specialist with Company A, 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., and a native of Cleveland.

“In a combat situation, you have to perform your tasks correctly, Peoples said. “If not, you can damage the vehicles. You don’t want to have to recover two vehicles instead of one or cause injuries.”

Preventative maintenance checks and services was the first station. At this station, Spc. Linda Douglas, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with Company B, 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., and a native of Columbia, South Carolina, stressed the fundamental necessity of proper vehicle PMCS. It is mission essential, she said.

Other events included towing a Humvee, a trailer hookup station and driving, towing and parking vehicles within cones. Soldiers were penalized if they hit cones.

“I was proud of how my team did and how they performed,” said Sgt. Bobby Womack, a



Spc. Derrik Tribbey | 1ST ABCT

Spc. Timothy Peoples, a petroleum supply specialist with Company A, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and native of Cleveland, instructs Soldiers on his event at the battalion's truck rodeo Oct. 21. Peoples' event consisted of Soldiers linking two Humvees with a tow bar and maneuvering through obstacles.

utilities equipment repairer and noncommissioned officer in charge of Co. B, 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., and a native of Woodbridge, Virginia. “This is definitely a good teambuilding exercise. Teamwork was key. This gave Soldiers a chance to step up. I could hear the Soldiers supporting each other.”

Team two from Co. A won with a time of 27:13. Team three from Co. A was second with a time of 28:54. Team two from Co. B came in third place with a time of 29:15. Members of the winning team received Army Achievement medals and a streamer for their company’s colors.

VIETNAM VET VISITS FORT RILEY



Capt. Keith E. Thayer | 1ST CAB

Patrick Smith, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, along with his 8-year-old granddaughter Addison; daughter Maleah Lundeen; and wife Janice Smith, listen while Chief Warrant Officer Jim Morrison, a pilot in 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, demonstrates how the seats in a UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter work and describes the passenger capabilities of the aircraft Oct. 23 at Marshall Army Airfield.

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Software, security, training, CBRN, arms room, equipment and maintenance, supply and services, deployment movement and communications.

The Gold Lions received 83.75 points out of a possible score of 95 points to pass the EDRE inspection.

The company did a great job during this administrative check, especially in their maintenance and S1 sections, Capt. Marcie Blasingame, CBRN operations officer, said.

“Before the level two inspection, they will improve on some minor communication issues,” Blasingame said.

The next step in the validation process is a level two EDRE inspection. Gold Lions will move past the paperwork and stage vehicles, pack out equipment and participate in a level II EDRE to demonstrate mission preparedness.



Sgt. Takita Lawery | 1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE.

Maj. Michael Wellock, division deputy operations officer, explains to Capt. Cherry Black, 1st Support Maintenance Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, the grading criteria for the level one Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise inspection Oct. 15 at the company headquarters on Fort Riley.

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.

HALLOWEEN INFORMATION

Parents and commuters should know that Fort Riley youngsters will be authorized to enjoy Halloween with trick-or-treat activities Oct. 31, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The siren will sound to signal the beginning and end of the trick-or-treat times.

Halloween is a loved tradition, but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. The real dangers of this make-believe night are from slips, trips, falls and pedestrian/car crashes. Both children and adults need to think about safety on this day.

For more information on how to help Halloween revelers enjoy the day in safety, go to <http://www.riley.army.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/98/Article/471089/trick-or-treat.aspx>

SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS

- Nov. 2: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Employer Workshop, Fort Riley Transition Center, building 212, room 201
- Nov. 5: 9 a.m. to noon, Doss Aviation Employer Day, building 210, room 118D, Fort Riley
- Nov. 10: 9 a.m. to noon, Warrior in Transition Forum, Networking and Mentorship. Event Sponsored by Society of American Military Engineers, building 580, room 110, Fort Riley. Spouses are invited
- Dec. 7: Start date of CDL class sponsored by ABF Freight. To apply, contact David Miles at david.m.miles2.civ@mail.mil or 785 239-2193
- Dec. 7: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Employer Workshop, Fort Riley Transition Center, building 212, room 201

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

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 www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/EmergencyServices/AccessInformation.aspx.

HALLOWEEN BADGING PROCESS

Part of the badging process requires the visitor center to take a photo of the person receiving the pass. This photo must be of the person and they cannot be in any mask or make-up that will disguise their face while the picture is being taken. When entering the installation, identity must be verified — do not wear any masks or make-up while entering the access control point.



Masquerade Ball

Fathers, daughters dance the day away



Maj. Richard Matson, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, and his daughter Emma, 7, dance the afternoon away at Riley's Conference Center Oct. 25 at the Daddy Daughter Midday Masquerade. "It's something special just for her," Richard said.

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

Princess dresses and formal attire filled the room at Riley's Conference Center as father and daughter pairs danced the day away.

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff hosted a Daddy Daughter Midday Masquerade at Riley's Conference Center Oct. 25.

Christopher Downs, manager of Riley's Conference Center, said the purpose of the event was to provide something fun for fathers and daughters. It was something different.

"I think events like this help morale, particularly, when a father is getting ready for deployment or has recently returned from a deployment," Downs said.

About 140 people attended the event. Maj. Richard Matson, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, admitted he had not spent as much time with his daughter as he would like to.

"I actually had a chance, for one time in my life, to do something with my daughter," he said.

He enjoyed the music and dancing, but also the refreshments and snacks. He matched his daughter's formal dress with a black cape and mask.

His daughter, Emma, 7, said she really had a fun time spending time with her dad and she danced so much she was tired about halfway through the event. Richard said he enjoyed being able to have something special to share with her.

"It's something I haven't been able to do a whole lot of," Richard said. "It's something special just for her."

Survey impacts school funding

By Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Last year Unified School District 475 received \$24.7 million from Federal Impact Aid, and again this year.



But this aid relies on families filling out an FIA survey. A survey must be filled out for each student connected to Fort Riley.

"After we get those forms back, we will compile a spreadsheet of military children and their addresses and then Fort Riley signs off on that and we are able to claim those children for the funds," said Ardena Carlyon, compliance specialist, USD 475.

The district receives around 8,000 forms and then has to get them in order and submit them by January. If they are late, they get a 10 percent cut in the aid. Forms were handed out at parent-teacher conferences Oct. 12 and were also mailed to parents who were not able to come pick one up. Those forms are due by Nov. 6. Students can turn the forms to their school or they can be handed in at the Devin Center.

The people who qualify to fill out a form include active-duty military, the post's civilian employees and those who live in Housing and Urban Development units within the district.

Impact Aid is important to the funding of USD 475.

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Operation Santa Claus in full swing

Annual Toy drive supports 'Big Red One,' Fort Riley families

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

Christmas music filled the clubhouse at Custer Hill Golf Course Oct. 24 as Fort Riley Soldiers and community members registered for the Operation Santa Claus Golf Scramble.

With only 61 days until Christmas, the countdown has begun for the Soldiers and staff of Operation Santa Claus to provide families with Christmas gifts for children at Fort Riley. The annual toy drive partners with the Association of the United States Army and other "Big Red One" community organizations to collect toys for Soldiers and families in need.

Christine Benne, AUSA chapter secretary, said Operation Santa Claus allows the community to help Soldiers during the Christmas season.

MORE INFORMATION

Donations can be dropped off at 261 Stewart Ave. or mailed to P.O. Box 2427, Fort Riley, KS 66442. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information contact Christine Benne at 785-239-2771 or cbenne@ftrileyausa.org.

"This is an opportunity for the community to help those Soldiers and provide a Christmas to them," Benne said. "Sometimes Soldiers need some help and this is a good way for the community to help with that."

The purpose of the event is to collect new toys and gifts ranging in value from \$15 to \$20 for children ages 0 to 18 at Fort Riley. Last year, Operation Santa Claus helped about 1,400 families by giving about 8,000 toys to children on post.

Benne added Operation Santa Claus needs more volunteers and donations to reach its goal this year.

See SWING, page 12



Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole Jr. tees off at Custer Hill Golf Course for the Operation Santa Claus golf scramble Oct. 24. The annual toy drive partners with the Association of the United States Army and other "Big Red One" community organizations to collect toys for Soldiers and families in need.



Randy Frank, District IV Kansas American Legion, and his wife Keeley Frank walk at the booths picking up information about programs and benefits at the Fort Riley Retiree Council fair and luncheon Oct. 23 at Fort Riley.

Hannah Kleopfer | POST

Retirees honored at appreciation day

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

In honor of Retiree Appreciation Month, the members of the Fort Riley Retiree Council hosted a fair and luncheon. The event was held at Riley's Conference Center Oct. 23.

"This is an annual event that we host usually in the third week of October," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Young, chairman of the Fort Riley Retiree Council. "The big draw is the shots and vaccinations."

The retiree council of Fort Riley covers the four states in the region which include North and South Dakota, Nebraska

and Kansas. The council stays in touch with 4,000 retirees nationwide through mail.

The council and merchants gave away \$4,500 worth of door prizes during the day. There were also booths where retirees could find information about local programs and organizations with which they could get involved and booths with information about health and finances. Retirees were able to find information on hand about what they could benefit from.

"We can find information and keep up on programs that

See RETIREES, page 10

Halloween – trick, treat, stay safe

By Col. Andrew Cole
GARRISON COMMANDER

Halloween celebrations are much anticipated by children of all ages. There are costumes, scary decoration, treats and sometimes a trick or two. But it can provide some additional hazards.

Fort Riley will be observing trick-or-treat times Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The holiday is known for frights, treats, costumes and opportunities for make-believe, but there can be real dangers from accidents.

Be aware and keep traffic safety in mind. Don't be distracted. Particularly, don't talk or text on a phone while driving or walking.

There will be an increase in pedestrians and vehicle traffic in the housing areas as



Colonel
Andrew Cole Jr.

people are out and about during the trick-or-treating times. It will be dark during the posted times and this makes it more difficult to see the additional people that will be walking about. Children should stay on the sidewalk and be alert for vehicles. Drivers should avoid driving in the housing areas as much as possible during this time. If you do have to drive, reduce

your speed and keep a watch for pedestrians.

Consider reflective clothing and shoes for children so they will be more visible to drivers. Make sure that costumes don't impede visibility and present a trip hazard for the child.

For younger children, make sure they have a responsible person along. If children are a little older, consider the buddy system or a group.

It can be intriguing for older children and teens to get caught up in the mischief side of Halloween. Have a safety talk with them and make sure they understand proper behavior. Also, make sure they know what to do and who to contact in an emergency.

Discuss candy safety with everyone. Make sure they know when, how much and

what your rules are for eating the candy they receive. It is recommended that you avoid eating any unwrapped or homemade treats, especially if they come from someone you don't know.

It can be confusing on that evening with all the costumed children on the move, and it could be easy to lose track of where a child has gone. One way to make sure you can reunite with your children should this happen is to pin their address and phone number on their clothing.

For adults celebrating the holiday, don't drink and drive. Halloween parties can be fun, but not if you are injured in a traffic accident or end up being arrested for drinking and driving.

Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Ghost tours feature spooky history

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

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley volunteers put on a spooky show for hundreds of Soldiers and families from the Fort Riley community Oct. 25 at Artillery Parade Field during the annual ghost tours.

This is the 20th year the ghost tours have been happening on post. The event included guided tours of about 50 people and stories about the history of Fort Riley, including ghost stories about the main post houses.

"It adds to the flavor of the neighborhood," said Tere' Bracco, wife of Lt. Col. Jeffery Bacco, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. "If you run into anybody walking around the circle, ask them about their ghost story – everyone has one."

There are two ghostesses who are in charge of the event each year. This is a volunteer position with HASFR. This year, Ashley Noce, wife of Capt. Jerry Andes, Acquisitions Corps, and Katie Molnar, wife of Capt. Nick Molnar, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

"We really like having the community come out," Noce said. "It's just fun — that's just what this tour is about. We love to share the heritage, we love to share the stories, but really it's just fun."

Retired Fire Capt. Bob Bartholic told his story about Fort Riley Fire Station 2. He used to see shadows when he was up late at night, but he wasn't completely convinced until something nudged him and woke him up at 3 a.m. He heard someone say, "it is time." He immediately

thought he missed the fire alarm in the station.

"I jumped up, I go running in the truck room, the lights are off the truck is off and everyone is in bed," he said.

Later, asked his firefighter colleagues if anyone had ever died in that station, and they recalled a fire chief who passed away in his quarters.

"We kind of figured he is still on duty, he's never left and I don't think he's going to leave," Bartholic said. "I think he's going to stay right here and watch over the guys who are here."

Johanna Frazier, wife Staff Sgt. William Frazier Sr., was one of people who accepted the spookiness of the ghost tour. It was her first time at the ghost tours, but she is no stranger to Fort Riley. She has been stationed here with her family three times.

"Coming to this made it more interesting to be here at Fort Riley," Frazier said.

She said she preferred the ghost tours to a haunted house because of the educational value of the stories.

"I wanted to give my 8-year-old a lesson instead of just going to a haunted house, something with history and something more fun," Frazier said.



A lady in chains paces across Artillery Parade Field during the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley annual ghost tours Oct. 25. There have been ghost sightings of a woman in chains on Artillery Parade Field. According to legend, nobody knows why she has chains or why she is walking across the parade field.

Her favorite story was about the Green Girl at Quarters 90B, where the storyteller said people have reported seeing the blood stain from her death on the building.

"That was an interesting one," Frazier said. "He said you can see the blood stain on the bricks outside the house. We didn't see it, but it was just our favorite story."

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are available for retirees," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Janet Hahn, who was in attendance with her husband retired Sgt. 1st Class Rick Hahn. "The healthcare and dental information helps us, especially me since I still use these facilities."

A luncheon was provided or those who wanted to take a break from the fair. During the luncheon, retired Lt. Col. Robert Kornacki talked about the battle horse Comanche in a presentation titled "Lone Survivor of the Battle of Little Big Horn." The purpose of the speech was to give a general history on the horse and its relation to Fort Riley, and also to identify facts versus fiction for the story.

While the fair and luncheon provided information to the retirees, it also gave insight to what was available to the Soldiers of Fort Riley once they retire.

"I think that for the retirees it gives them access to knowledge that they wouldn't receive on a daily basis," said Spc. Andrena Bell, Dental Activity. "For us, it lets us see the stuff that will be available to us possibly once we retire. We've been getting a lot of information, too."



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Retirees who attended the Fort Riley Council luncheon talk and wait for retired Lt. Col. Robert Kornacki to give his speech "Lone Survivor of the Battle of Little Big Horn," which was about the battle horse Comanche.

Child of the year nominations sought

SAN ANTONIO — Operation Homefront, a national nonprofit organization, is accepting nominations for the 2016 Military Child of the Year awards.

Operation Homefront leads more than 2,500 volunteers nationwide who provide emergency and other financial assistance to families of service members and wounded warriors.

The eighth annual awards will recognize six outstanding young people ages 8 to 18 to represent the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard for their scholarship, volunteerism, leadership, extracurricular involvement, and other criteria while facing the challenges of military family life, officials said.

On average, they added, previous recipients have had at least one parent deploy for 18 months or longer and have relocated at least five times due to a parent's military assignments.

The six awardees will receive \$10,000 each and a laptop computer and other donated gifts, and they will be flown with a parent or guardian to Washington for an April 14 gala, during which senior leaders of each branch of service will present the awards.

"It's our honor to celebrate military children through the Military Child of the Year for the eighth consecutive year," said Operation Homefront President and CEO John I. Pray, Jr. "Whether it's in schools or honor societies, civic associations and clubs, sports or volunteerism, you never have to look far to find an exemplary military child who thrives in the face of challenges inherent to military life. As we open up the nomination window, please join us in celebrating the resilience, achievement and strength of character embodied by our youngest patriots and submit a nomination to recognize them today."

RECIPIENTS REFLECT TALENT, INTELLECT, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The 2015 recipients reflect the high caliber of talent, intellect and community involvement that the Military Child of the Year typifies, officials said.

For instance, they noted, having already lobbied Congress for passage of the Girls Count Act of 2014, Air Force 2015 Military Child of the Year Sarah Hesterman founded while in Qatar an organization called Girl Up Qatar, a club that works to promote the rights of women and girls in the Middle East and around the world by providing access to education and resources for adolescent girls in situations of conflict. The BBC even named this current high school senior one of its 100 Women in 2014. "The best thing about being selected as Military Child of the Year for the Air Force was feeling like I had made a contribution to (the Air Force)," Hesterman said. "I had always felt as though the service gave me everything that I could ask for, but that I wasn't giving back. Knowing that I may have been able to serve and do something for the Air Force, even as just a

teenager, was a wonderful feeling.

"Winning MCOY made me realize how important it is to show military kids that you can create a life for yourself outside of just being the child of someone who serves or has served. Whether it's to be a voice for other military kids or to speak up for those who need representation in other countries, I now get to show other kids how to speak up and be heard."

Hesterman said she had a busy and memorable summer, "I spent most of my summer doing work for Girl Up, and the pinnacle of my summer was attending the Girl Up Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.," she said.

HELPING ELECTED OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND

As president of the Missouri National Guard Teen Advisory Council, current high school junior Zachary Parsons, the 2015 National Guard Military Child of the Year, continues to enlighten elected officials to the inherent challenges of being a military child in general and in being the child of a wounded National Guard soldier in particular. Zachary also is president of his 4-H club, president of the Johnson County 4-H Council, West Central representative on the 4-H State Council, a 4-H representative on the University of Missouri Extension Council, a Missouri United Way fundraiser, and a member of the National Honor Society.

"I was extremely proud to be the first representative of the National Guard for the MCOY award," said Zachary, who visited the White House this summer as a part of a Washington Focus trip. "I was happy to act as a voice for National Guard kids everywhere. Many (people) do not understand that we go through a totally different set of obstacles that prove to be just as difficult as those of other military kids. I was extremely proud to represent my dad's branch at a higher level."

"I volunteer with United Way," he said, "and continue to collect shoes for my Soles4Souls community service projects. I was also involved in a project called Project Smile, where I helped construct and donate 45 tie blankets to the local emergency room, he said."

Nominations may be made by parents, other family members, teachers, counselors, coaches, community officials, church leaders, neighbors and others. Anyone may nominate a child for this award, so long as the child meets the following eligibility requirements:

- * Child must be a legal military dependent. Status confirmed by Military ID or DEERS enrollment form.

- * Child must be between the ages of 8 and 18, at the time of nomination.

- * Child and one adult guardian must be available to travel to the Washington, DC area for the April 14, 2016 Gala award presentation.

For more information visit www.militarychildoftheyear.org.

‘Mystery in Mayhem’ solved

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

Attendees of the October Her War, Her Voice meeting at Fort Riley were given a room, a weapon and a person to plot the death of the one thing in their life they wanted to eliminate. It could be a variety of things — a person who was frustrating, a job that isn't right or a family matter.

“I'm going to take you down a dark and twisted little road,” said Tricia Verschage, leader of the Fort Riley group, as she passed out pieces of paper which held the destiny of many things.

With that the “Mystery in Mayhem” began.

Verschage wrote this lesson about two years ago during a training event. She was part of a group who were not happy about the assignment, so they plotted the leader's death because she assigned it. The group learned this was a great way to handle frustration.

“We wanted to kill her at that point, so we decided that



Tricia Verschage, leader of the Fort Riley Her War, Her Voice support group, writes about one person's struggles with self-doubt and talks her through what does and doesn't help her with struggles at the Oct. 20 meeting. The group meets every month at Army Community Service.

we were going to plot her death and that is how our lesson proceeded,” Verschage said.

During the lesson at Army Community Service Oct. 20, visitors to the meeting were instructed to tell what it was they were killing or eliminating in their life and how they were going to proceed with hiding the “body.” They must include the room, weapon and person they were given in the story and be as creative as possible, Verschage said.

“Each of us has something in our life we are still processing through or dealing with, we need to get rid of it — kill it,” Verschage said.

And that was the point of the meeting. As they shared their stories, they also talked about how to eliminate their problems from their life. But they didn't have to do it alone.

“It lets you free your mind,” Verschage said. “I want to see the creative side. I'm giving you a fun way of getting rid of something.”

Chaplains appreciated, trained

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

National Pastor Appreciation Day was an opportunity for 35 chaplains and 41 chaplain assistants across post to participate in a day of Unit Ministry Training. Meanwhile, the members of Protestant Women of the Church and Catholic Women of the Church came together to prepare an appreciation breakfast for them. The women also put together “thank you” bags for everyone to take home.



Chaplains and chaplain assistants walk through the breakfast buffet, which was hosted by the Protestant Women of the Church and the Catholic Women of the Church, Oct. 22 at Victory Chapel in honor of Pastor Appreciation Day.

“They just do so much for us,” said Jenny Harper of CWOC. “So many have families at home, but they'll drop that to help Soldiers and their families. They're so giving of their time and of themselves and very self-sacrificing to the betterment of the community.”

The appreciation for the chaplains goes beyond just them, but is also relayed to their families.

“For them it's a whole family thing and it's not just the chaplains,” said Kate Fuller of the PWOC. “It's

the praying, it's the support, whether it's financial support or emotional support or just kind of being in the back of the room.”

The breakfast was a warm welcome,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Coston Charles, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, to the chaplains and chaplain assistants before they started UMT for the day.

“It means love, it means fellowship, it means a time

to come together and just share,” said Charles. “It's just a time to relax and take a breath and that's what it means to me. Today ... we are training and giving ourselves a way to sharpen our crafts so that we can provide and perform the best spiritual and emotional support we can for our Soldiers, for the people who sacrifice their lives to defend this country.”

With food and coffee, the Soldiers then began their training day.

Troop retires American flag

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

“United States federal law provides that the (American) flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way preferably by burning,” said Sgt. Justin Caple, cub master for Cub Scout Pack 260. “This should be done in a simple manner with dignity and respect. Be sure the flag is reduced to ashes, unrecognizable as a former flag.”

The Cub Scouts hosted a flag retirement ceremony Oct. 24 at Moon Lake. Caple read the flag code prior to the ceremony, so everyone present could act as an honor guard for the event.

Caple said the importance of the flag to the nation was something the cub scouts needed to understand. He said a lot of the scouts and parents never witness a flag retirement ceremony, and he wanted them to understand there was a proper way to dispose of it.

“As part of cub scouts, we try to teach everybody to respect, be brave, be loyal and that all ties into pride in our nation,” Caple said. “This month our Cub Scouts theme is being brave. Sometimes that means you have to step out in front and stick up for what you believe in. If a scout can defend our flag when someone is doing it wrong, and they have seen how to treat it here, they can share it. We try to teach them respect on all levels.”

Caple said there are multiple ways to dispose of an American flag.

The flag that was retired belonged to a brigade



The honor guard of Cub Scout Pack 260 presents the flag before retiring the American flag of a brigade commander at Fort Riley during the pack's fall campout Oct. 24 at Moon Lake. It was worn out from flying in his front yard.



Cub Scout Pack 260 scouts and leaders salute the American flag in the campfire after it was presented and burned during the pack's fall campout Oct. 24 at Moon Lake.

commander. It flew in his yard, and through normal wear and tear, it was torn and was dirty.

“He just deployed and he wanted it to get its final resting place,” Caple said.

Caple told his cub scouts every flag has a story. He wanted them to understand there is something behind the symbol the nation holds so dear.

“Every flag has a story, and when you see the flag it sparks different points in your life,” Caple said. “I used to go to sporting events when I

was kid, I would do the right thing, I would stand up and put my hand on my heart when the national anthem was played. When I became a Soldier, I noticed that when I did the same thing it wasn't the same. I got a tingling sensation because now I am more a part of that flag than I was before.”

For more information about flag retirement, contact a local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post or Cub Scout Pack 260 at pack.260.fort.riley.ks@gmail.com.

Corvias sponsors Fallapalooza

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

Witches and wizards were scattered throughout the Colyer-Forsyth community center Oct. 23 for the annual Fallapalooza, hosted by the staff of Fort Riley Corvias Military Living. The event featured a haunted house replica of Hogwarts, the school from the Harry Potter series, which had a sorting hat and talking portraits. There were games, caricature artists, a rock climbing wall and obstacle courses to keep everyone entertained.



“It's a great event to bring the community together to let the kids celebrate Halloween in a safe manner, and it's a great way to give back to the military families,” said Jim Champagne, Corvias business director.

The staff of Corvias who prepared for the event wanted to pick a theme that all ages could enjoy.

“It was just a great Halloween theme that we hadn't done before,” Champagne said.

“I think the kids really relate to Harry Potter, so it's been a lot of fun.”

Besides the games at Fallapalooza, there were also military police there to teach the kids about safe trick-or-treating. Shalynn Stabler, wife of Sgt. Michael Stabler, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat

Aadarian Samples, son of Quintana and Cpl. Adrain Stabler, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, dress up and participate in the Fallapalooza events Oct. 23 at Colyer-Forsyth Community Center.

Team, 1st Infantry Division, thought the event was great for her family.

“It's awesome,” Stabler said as she walked out of the Hogwarts-themed haunted house. “I like how the MPs inform the kids about trick-or-treat safety. That's really an important one for me. And then the fact that the haunted house isn't too scary for all ages. It's enough for the adults to still have some fun.”

Fallapalooza included carnival games like ring tosses, which were set up next to the blow up obstacle courses, so that all ages could participate in the events.

“It gets the energy out of the kids and they have fun,” said Michelle Sandy, wife of Cpl. Shane Sandy, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

Sandy and her husband brought their two daughters, Katerina, 3, who was dressed as Aurora from Disney's “Sleeping Beauty,” and Arya, 18 months old, who was dressed up as Maleficent from “Sleeping Beauty.” Shane and Michelle also joined in with their daughters as Shane dressed up as Prince Philip from “Sleeping Beauty” and Michelle dressed as Minnie Mouse to complement the Disney theme.

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A large white bucket filled with yellow popcorn. A film strip is draped over the front of the bucket.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

- Sinister (R) 7 P.M.
- Sinister 2 (R) 9 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

- Hotel Transylvania, (PG) 11 A.M.
- Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG) 1 P.M.
- Frankenweenie (PG) 3 P.M.
- Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R) 6:30 P.M.
- Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 9 P.M.

SUNDAY, November 1

- Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 5 P.M.
- Paranormal Activity 4 (R) 7 P.M.

WELCOME HOME!

Join the 1st Infantry Division as it welcomes home Vietnam veterans from across the nation.

- WHAT: Welcome-home ceremony for veterans of the Vietnam War.
- WHERE: 11 a.m. Nov. 6, Marshall Army Airfield, Fort Riley, Kan.
- RSVP: 1stIDEvents@gmail.com
- INFORMATION: www.riley.army.mil/vietnamveteranswelcome.aspx



NO MISSION TOO DIFFICULT, NO SACRIFICE TOO GREAT — DUTY FIRST!

SWING

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“We can’t ask Fort Riley to provide the toys to give back out to Fort Riley — that’s where we need the community to help out,” Benne said.

Sgt. 1st Class Roy Frazier, Headquarters Support Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, and Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Storm, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, braved the 50-degree weather for the golf scramble to show their love of golf and give back to the community.

“It’s a way to give back to less fortunate Soldiers who are on post,” Frazier said.

Lt. Col. Greg Holden, DHHB, joined them and participated in the golf scramble to give to the cause. He has not participated in



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Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, checks in at the Operation Santa Claus golf scramble Oct. 24 at Custer Hill Golf Course. With only 61 days until Christmas from the date of the scramble, the countdown has begun for the Soldiers and staff of Operation Santa Claus to provide families with Christmas gifts for children at Fort Riley.

peration Santa Claus in the past, but he frequents the golf course.

“Anytime you can play a sport that you enjoy and

also be giving back it’s a great opportunity — and it makes it that much more enjoyable,” Holden said.

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“Without this aid we would have to rely on local entities and the state,” said Bill Clark, Chief Operations Officer.

For the 2014-15 school year, USD 475 received \$4,500,454 from Impact Aid and \$8,216,821 from Heavily Impact Aid. USD 475 qualifies for Heavily Impact Aid because military impacted children accounted for 68 Percent of the total student population.

The money USD 475 receives from the Federal Impact Aid helps maintain schools and programs and puts more teachers into classrooms, creating a smaller class size. They

must send 70 percent of that aid to the state since Kansas is an “equalized state.” Kansas and Alaska are the only two states that do this.

“It’s very important that families fill out these forms, sign and date them, and bring them back to us,” Carlyon said. “If there are families who live in Junction City and don’t fill one out, we have no way of knowing and contacting them.”

For those who would like more information about the survey forms and Federal Impact Aid, email Ardena Carlyon at ArdenaCarlyon@usd475.org

2015 Health Benefits Fair

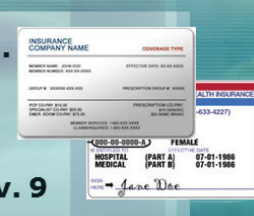
Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center
319 Marshall Ave CPAC Classroom

Federal Benefits Open Season is Nov. 9 thru Dec. 15 2015

Representatives from FEHB Plans will be on-site for questions, information, and to provide open season health care packets

Occupational Health will be on-site to provide Free Flu shots for civilian employees

The Army Benefits Center will have representatives available to help with benefits counseling



Fort Riley Army Family Action Plan Conference

November 17, 2015 8:30am-3pm • November 18, 9-11:30am
Riley's Conference Center • 446 Seitz Drive
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November 10th, 2015
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11D Headquarters Building 580, Room 110, Ft Riley, KS

HERE IT COMES



READY ...OR NOT?

Already ... or Not? is a call to action for Soldiers, Soldiers' Army Children and Family members to assess their "readiness" for what lies ahead—the future as well as the unknown.

Throughout our professional and personal lives, events happen all around us. We are often able to shape the outcome of those events, but many times we're not. Navigating life's challenges is all about decision-making.

So are YOU ready ... or not?

<https://safety.army.mil>

Sports & Recreation

IN BRIEF

GLO RUN

Dress up in your best neon gear, add in a few glow-in-the-dark accessories, lace up your running shoes and get glowing. Celebrate Military Family Appreciation Month with the GLO Run, a free 2.5-mile fun run set for Nov. 6 at Riley's Conference Center. The run starts at 7:30 p.m. On-site registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Warm up with a special glow Zumba session before the run.

Feel like you're not shining your brightest? Check out our glow paint area and add a little neon to your night, or purchase some of the cool glow swag available for sale. Hit up the photo booth to document your glow experience, and enter the costume contest. There will be prizes awarded for the best neon outfit.

Riley's Conference Center is at 446 Seitz Drive. For more information about the GLO Run, visit rileymwr.com.

ZORB BALL TOURNAMENT

Playing soccer in a giant plastic bubble? Awesome! Join Outdoor Recreation at Whitside Fitness Center at 1 p.m. Nov. 7 for a Zorb Ball Bubble Soccer Tournament.

The tournament is open to players ages 18 and older. Registration costs \$50 per five-person team, and advance registration and payment are required at the Outdoor Recreation Center. Whitside Fitness Center is located at 684 Huebner Road.

For more information, call 785-239-2363 or visit rileymwr.com/odr.

GOBBLE WOBBLE FUN RUN

Turkey trot on down to the Gobble Wobble and catch a meal on the run. It's all happening at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at Riley's Conference Center. On-site registration will begin at 9 a.m. Gobble a full Thanksgiving meal over the course of a 2-mile run, including turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, stuffing and pumpkin pie. Stop at each station along the route to enjoy the next course.

Participation is free and open to the public; however, feel free to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to area families in need for the upcoming holidays. Riley's Conference Center is located at 446 Seitz Drive. For more information about the Gobble Wobble, call 785-239-8990 or visit rileymwr.com.

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.

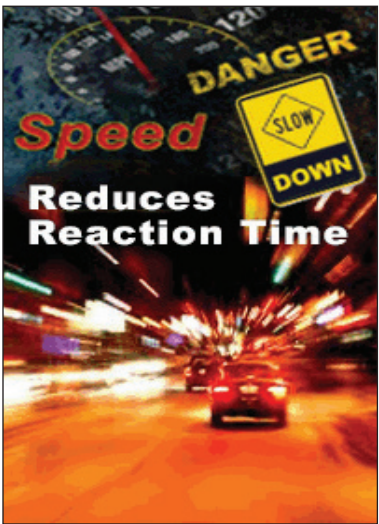
For more information, call CYSS Sports at 785-239-9223 or 785-240-5207.

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.



Spc. Damarea Howard, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, aims for a 3-pointer while shooting around on the K-State practice court. Howard and the rest of the post basketball team visited K-State Oct. 22 to tour facilities and sit in on a practice.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Fort Riley basketball team visits K-State Wildcat practice

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

The only sound the Fort Riley basketball team players heard while they were observing Kansas State University's basketball practice Oct. 22 was the sound of complete focus.

"All you heard was basketballs dribbling and shoes squeaking," said Jason Lafasciano, assistant coach of the Fort Riley team.

Lafasciano said it was interesting to expose the team to a Division I college program like K-State's. He added he hoped his team was able to take away the motivation and focus level of the K-State team, which he thought was clearly demonstrated in the practice.

"As far as the the Fort Riley team goes, we exposed the guys to that," Lafasciano said. "I've noticed since our visit that they are more focused."

The Fort Riley team received a tour of the training facilities at K-State, the men's locker room and got to shoot around on K-State's practice court as well as Bramlage Coliseum.

Spc. Dung Danh, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, said he received "an inside on how a Division I program looks like and how we can incorporate that into our practice."

Danh said the whole experience of being able to visiting K-State and learning about its program and practice was really a treat for him and his team.

Spc. Tarmarus Kelley, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., said he thought the visit strengthened the Fort Riley team.

"As a team, it made the unit a little bit better seeing how they work together," Kelley said.

He also said it was neat to be able to shoot in Bramlage Coliseum.

"It didn't feel any different once we stopped being nervous and started shooting," he said.

Lafasciano said the coaches of the Fort Riley team have begun implementing drills and warm-ups they learned from K-State's example. To him and the Fort Riley team, basketball has become more than just dribbling and shooting and has become more about the team and the goal.

"It's more than just basketball on the floor," Lafasciano said. "We were able to show them the behind-the-scenes stuff like the fact that they do weights, they do cardio."

Fort Riley basketball is scheduled to play its first home game Nov. 14 and 15 at King Field House.

For more information about the team and its schedule, like its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FortRileyPostBasketballTeam/.

Paintball shootout attracts crowd

By Maria Childs
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"Here comes the zombie, run daddy," said the little girl as her dad was playing paintball.

About 30 Soldiers and family members gathered at the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation paintball arena in Camp Funston Oct. 24 for the zombie paintball shootout.

"There were some challenges playing in the dark, which we tried to combat with black lights and black light paintballs," said Travis Engle, recreation specialist. "More black lights and more zombies wandering the field will definitely be additions for next year."

This was the second nighttime paintball event outdoor rec has sponsored, so there is some room for improvement.

Capt. Paul Kearney, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, was one of the participants of the shootout. It was his first time being at a paintball event, but he said it was easier than he thought it would be.

"It was fun, it was a good adrenaline rush," Kearney said. "I ran for a little bit and then I got hit by a paintball."

Capt. Alan Rubach, Dental Activity, had participated in paintball prior to this event, but he likes the game and that's what brought him out there.

"I like that, it is fast-paced," Rubach said.

For Engle, half the fun is interacting with the participants of the event.

"I always have fun planning and executing my programs," Engle said. "The fun comes from the participants and spectators getting into the activities and really letting loose. Their positive reactions, smiles, and words of gratitude is very rewarding for myself and the staff at DFMWR Outdoor Recreation."

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Team USA brings home 17 medals from World Games

By Gary Scheftick
ARNEWS

PITTSBURGH — Team USA athletes who marched into the closing ceremony of the 6th Military World Games in Mungyeong, South Korea, Oct. 11, proudly wore 17 medals earned in competition against more than 100 nations.

Eight of those medals were earned by wounded warriors who competed for the first time in the Conseil International du Sport Militaire, or CISM, World Games. Although para-athletics and para-archery were deemed demonstration sports for their debut in the games, and the medals were not tallied in the official

standings on the games' website, no difference from other award ceremonies could be seen in the stadium.

During the awards ceremonies, troops from all nations saluted as the stars and stripes were raised and the sound of the national anthem filled the venue. USA's Chief of Delegation Steven Dinote said he was extremely proud of the para-athletes, who earned medals in every one of the sports they entered.

The USA athletes represented the Department of Defense and the United States well, Dinote said. "They are Soldiers, Marines, sailors, airmen and coast guardsmen first and foremost, yet they have the extraordinary ability to reach such an

elite level and perform on the world stage in an event that is second only to the Olympic Games," he said.

The CISM World Games are held every four years, one year before the Olympic Summer Games. This year, Team USA won gold in women's sailing and formation skydiving, as well as silver in Greco-Roman wrestling. The women's golf team earned a silver medal, the men's golf team earned bronze, and USA women earned a bronze team medal in the marathon. The athletes ran the marathon just hours before the closing ceremony.

MARATHON MEDAL

Air Force Lt. Col. Brenda Schrank led the women's marathon

team to bronze, finishing with a time of 2:51:33. Just behind her in 16th place was Air Force Staff Sgt. Emily Shertz, who finished with a time of 2:51:54. Army Capt. Meghan Curran rounded out the USA's third-place team, finishing 20th at 3:05:38.

Poland's Iwona Lewandowska, the CISM record holder, led her team to gold with the day's best time of 2:31:25. Yugui Ma led China to silver with a time of 2:31:40.

TRIATHLON MEDALS

Team USA earned three other bronze medals that weren't counted in the official standings. The med-

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als were awarded in the senior category of the triathlon, where athletes swam 1.5 kilometers against heavy surf off Pohang beach, then biked 40 kilometers and ran 10 kilometers.

Air Force Reserve Maj. Judith Coyle earned bronze with an overall time of 2 hours, 15 minutes and 27.69 seconds. Air Force Lt. Col. Jonathan Mason took a bronze in the men's senior category with a time of 2:02:54.78. Together with Navy Capt. Leslie Warren Boyer III, who finished at 2:07:28.59, they earned USA a mixed-team bronze.

GOLF TEAM MEDALS

Team USA women were in fifth place after the second day of golf at Top-Bliss Country Club in Andong, South Korea. Air Force Maj. Linda Jeffery shot a 74 in her third round and her teammate Col. Shauna Snyder shot an 89, moving them up to fourth place. They were still 42 shots behind front-runner France, four shots behind runner-up South Africa and three shots behind South Korea.

The narrow, steep fairways took a toll on the last day though with South Africa's leader Karin Watts shooting an 81 and South Korea's Ju Jeoung an 89, compared to Jeffery's 79. Jeffery shot a total of 324 for the four rounds of golf, finishing fourth individually. Snyder shot 369 for the 72 holes, tying USA with South Africa for second place but earning USA the silver medal due to low round of the day.

The men's team medal came down to the last player on the last hole. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kyle Wesolowski needed a birdie for USA to medal and he made it.

Army Capt. Joe Cave shot an overall 293 to lead the men to a bronze. Cave was two under par and in fourth place going into the last round but ended up 12th. Cpl. Jordan-Tyler Massey finished 17th overall with a score of 298. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Spencer Mims and Wesolowski tied for 34th with Frederic Alba of France, all scoring 317. U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kaleb Nichols

finished 51st with a score of 331 and Navy Lt. Will Boyd shot 342 to finish 59th out of 83 golfers, many of whom were Professional Golf Association, or PGA, professionals from other nations, coach Doug Quirie said.

SAILING GOLD

Team USA beat out Russia for gold in women's two-person dinghy sailing in the port of Pohang, South Korea, Oct. 7. U.S. Navy Lt. Trisha Kurtkiewicz and Ensign Mary Hall actually finished the final race a boat-length behind the Russians and didn't realize they had won mathematically based on total points after 11 races. They came ashore disappointed until the official tally was posted an hour later showing USA had won by a single point.

SKYDIVING GOLD

Team USA parachutists set a world record as they beat out China to take the gold in women's formation skydiving in Pohang, South Korea, Oct. 7.

Four female members of the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team performed 33 formations in 35 seconds during their last jump. Sgt. 1st Class Angela Nichols led a team of Sgt. 1st Class Laura Davis, Sgt. 1st Class Dannielle Woosley and Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Davidson. Sgt. 1st Class Scott Janice jumped immediately behind the women to videotape their airborne formations from above for the judges.

WRESTLING SILVER

U.S. Army Sgt. Justin Lester took silver in Greco-Roman wrestling in the 75-kilogram division at the gymnasium in downtown Mungyeong, Oct. 10. He beat opponents from China, Poland and Egypt before losing in the final to South Korea's Jin Hyeok Kim.

PARA ATHLETICS

In para-track and field, Army Sgt. Elizabeth Wasil earned a gold in women's shot put. Army Sgt. Robert Brown earned

a gold in the men's 100-meter dash and a silver in the 200-meter (Class A).

Marine Corps Sgt. Ivan Sears earned gold medals in the men's 100-meter and 200-meter wheelchair races and the men's 1500-meter race (Class D), along with a bronze medal in the men's para-shot put.

Army Staff Sgt. Michael Lukow earned a silver medal in men's individual recurve for para-archers, scoring a total of 125 points, just shy of the 127 earned by gold medalist Romaïos Roumeliotis of Greece.

SOCCER

The USA men's soccer team won their final game in overtime and beat Canada, 3-2. After losing to South Korea, Algeria and Qatar, Team USA fought France to a one-point draw, and went on to play Canada Oct. 10 for their final match. Army 1st Lt. Trent Brown scored the first goal with a header shot. Petty Officer 1st Class Ian Schinelli scored the second goal. Canada's David Jeffery scored a goal and then a ball deflected off a USA player into their own goal.

"What made it tough was the rain," said goalkeeper Army Staff Sgt. Josh Blodgett from Fort Irwin, California. He said the wet turf made the ball move faster and skip off the grass. The second half ended with the score 2-2. In overtime, Trent scored the winning goal.

Several soccer players said they especially enjoyed the closing ceremony. They missed the opening ceremony because they had been playing Algeria on the same afternoon at another stadium about an hour away.

"I think the performance was pretty cool," said Blodgett of the closing ceremony. "It looked like they put a lot of time and effort into it."

Army Capt. Andrew Hyres, from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, also said he enjoyed the experience and hopes that he will get to play four years from now when the 7th CISM World Games are held in China.



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