

## Company of firsts: Gray Eagles return to Fort Riley

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis  
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Soldiers of Company F, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, returned home Oct. 28 from a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan.

The Soldiers served in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

"I had 117 Soldiers that were deployed ... with me along with 27 civilian contractors in support of missions throughout the theater of operations," said Capt. Nick Parsai, "Phoenix" company commander.

While deployed, the Soldiers of Phoenix company operated the Gray Eagle unmanned aircraft system, providing reconnaissance, surveillance and air power to support the ground forces of the United States and its allies.

Parsai said there was no other place like the unmanned aircraft system community where Soldiers could obtain the concept of professionalism for themselves.

"It's also the only place that they are in control of an aviation asset, (and) able to send Hellfires downrange to engage targets," Parsai said. "It's because of their maturity, their competence and their knowledge of the system that allows them to do that."

During the deployment, Phoenix Soldiers conducted more than 1,000 combat missions, resulting in more than 8,000 flight hours.

Parsai said there was an unofficial motto for the company partly due to the nature of their name: "Fox first: We are going to do it first."

Phoenix was the first Gray Eagle company to conduct split-based operations, first to conduct support operations and training in several partner countries, first

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A young girl carries a welcome-home sign prior to a redeployment ceremony Oct. 28 on Camp Funston at Fort Riley.

## VICTORY WITH HONORS



Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis | 1ST INF. DIV.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Larson, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, left, presents Col. Patrick D. Frank, deputy commanding officer for support, 1st Inf. Div., the canister from the first round fired from the salute battery during a Victory with Honors ceremony Oct. 30 at 1st Inf. Div. headquarters.

## Frank returns to 'Big Red One' as New deputy commander welcomed

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

It was the greatest honor to rejoin the ranks of the 1st Infantry Division, the "Big Red One's" new deputy commander for support said Oct. 30 at Fort Riley.

Col. Patrick D. Frank, was officially welcomed back during a Victory with Honors ceremony dedicated to him. Before coming back to Fort Riley, he served as executive officer to the commander of the International Security Assistance Force, Resolute Support mission.

Frank previously served at Fort Riley as the 1st Inf. Div.'s operations officer and commanded the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, where he first interacted with members of the local communities.

"The bond between the 1st Infantry Division and our neighbors is the strongest of any Army division," Frank said. "It is great to be serving in your division again."

Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, said Frank and his wife Jennifer were coming home.

"He and Jenn have jumped right back into the Central Flint Hills community," Grigsby said. "They have been crucial to strengthening bonds with our partners throughout the state."

"Pat exemplifies the BRO Creed. He is a brave, responsible and on-point leader."

MAJ. GEN. WAYNE W. GRIGSBY JR. | 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT RILEY COMMANDING GENERAL



Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis | 1ST INF. DIV.

Col. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding officer for support speaks to guests and visitors during a Victory with Honors ceremony dedicated to him Oct. 30 at 1st Inf. Div. headquarters.

Frank said he was exceptionally proud to have commanded the "Black Lions" in combat and serve as the division's operations officer.

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## 'Longknife' Soldiers make partnership with Chapman

By Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis  
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CHAPMAN, Kansas — When people come together to make things happen, the results can be remarkable. The partnership between "Longknife" Soldiers and Chapman has been chartered since at least the early 2000s. There are more than 70 school partnerships throughout the 1st Infantry Division.

"It's like everything in life or in the Army," said Lt. Col. Brad Duplessis, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. "It's about people and you have to form a relationship and what we did is we tried to say, 'Hey, we are on your team.'"

Lacey Sell, the Unified School District 473 superintendent, said she was amazed at the time and service the Soldiers provided to the three schools in the district.

"It's not just a one time a month, on this specific day, at this time," Sell said. "It's just a given in that there's going to be folks hanging out with kids or in the lunchroom, on the playground, helping with sporting events or going on field trips."

Sell said there were differences between various commanders involved with the partnership, but Duplessis' leadership really stood out in her mind.

"He was bringing more and more of an emphasis on the importance of it being a community partnership," Sell said. "And when I say community — here in Chapman, the community is the school because we are just so small and if one is doing something, the other is joining." "That's just how it happens in these small communities."

Duplessis said there was a great benefit with partnerships between Fort Riley and the surrounding communities because values such as dedication, leadership and teamwork that Soldiers exemplify everyday were values schools could readily embrace.

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## 'Fighting Aces' bring home lessons from National Training Center

By 1st Lt. Christopher Baer  
2ND BATTALION, 34TH ARMOR REGIMENT

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The "Fighting Aces" of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, deployed to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3 in support of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, of Fort Carson, Colorado.

The Stryker brigade's Soldiers conducted a 14-day, force-on-force rotation to sharpen their skills and used troops of Co. C,

2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., as tank support.

During the two-week field training exercise, the Fighting Aces were involved in every battle and operation. They worked on a variety of missions, ranging from meeting civilians on the battlefield to responding to enemy armored threats. The training rotation was an extraordinary opportunity for the Soldiers to develop a unique set of experiences, leaders said.

"First Brigade, 4th Inf. Div., integrated the Fighting Aces into their formation like the company was permanently assigned and was helpful at every step of the rotation," said Maj. Erik Peterson, the

operations officer of the 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. "We learned a lot working with the Strykers and they learned how to employ M1 tanks."

Pfc. Luis Chavez, an M1 Abrams tank driver with Co. C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., was a new driver before the NTC rotation.

"The terrain was difficult, but great for training," he said. "I learned a lot."

The unit also learned how to work with other Army platforms.

"The rotation gave my crew and I a unique opportunity to

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Staff Sgt. Scott Cochran | 2ND BN., 34TH ARMOR REGT.

Spc. Edgar Arevalo, left, a M1 Abrams tank loader, and Spc. Joshua Vaira, right, a M1 Abrams tank gunner, both with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conduct maintenance on their .50-caliber machine gun Sept. 19 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

The next USAG Resilience Day Off will be:

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### SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, Oct. 29,

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

### HIGHLIGHTS



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# Garrison employees recognized in monthly award ceremony

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

The Garrison Awards Ceremony was held at Ware Parade Field on Oct. 30. Tim Livsey, deputy garrison commander, awarded the recipients on behalf of Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole Jr. and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt.

“As Col. Cole says, we’re going to recognize a bunch of great Americans, but this is a small portion of the great work going on with the Garrison workforce and our partners at large and we thank you for what you do every day for our Soldiers, families, civilians and retirees making Fort Riley the best place to live, train, deploy from and come home to,” Livsey said.

During the ceremony, Cpl. Justin Hawks with the Directorate of Emergency Services was named the employee of the month for September. Hawks was hired in May 2015. In the last two months, Hawks arrested eight Army fugitives and six of those involved out-of-state coordination with more than 21 local, state and federal agencies in 15 different states.

He recently caught the No. 7 fugitive on the Army’s top 10 wanted list.

“The way he stepped in he really embraced our mission, which is to ensure the safety and security of the installation,” said Will Paskow, Deputy Director of Emergency Services. “This is one of the workers who keeps the installation safe and does it quick and goes the extra mile. We’re extremely proud of him.”

Among the individual awards given, many team awards were presented. This included; a team award to firefighters for successfully delivering a baby and providing medical support to the mother and



**TOP:** Brittany Toombs, program assistant for Child, Youth and School Services at Fort Riley, was named Garrison Employee of the Year during the Garrison Awards Ceremony at Ware Parade Field Oct. 30.

**BOTTOM:** Cpl. Justin Hawks with the Directorate of Emergency Services was named Employee of the Month for September during the Garrison Awards Ceremony at Ware Parade Field Oct. 30.

installation reassignment counselors for their work with the reassigned 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldiers when the unit was deactivated.

Brittany Toombs was named employee of the quarter for the fourth quarter and of the year for fiscal year 2015.

Toombs is a program assistant with Child, Youth and School Services. She helped with Forsyth East Child Development Center’s transition from part-time to full-time care. She also helps with front desk, kitchen and maintenance duties.

“She takes it a step further,” said Michelle

Durgin, CYSS coordinator. “There is not a job too big or too small that she’s not willing to say ‘I can do that.’ While she is doing that, she is asking her teammates to do the same and follow her example. We’re very lucky to have her as part of this team and we wish we had a hundred more like her.”

Toombs said she loved working with the children at Forsyth East.

“It’s exciting,” Toombs said. “There’s a loss for words, actually. I didn’t expect it. I’m glad I do the work I do. I do it because I love the kids and I do it because I love my job.”

# Air Force officers observe artillery capabilities at Fort Riley

By Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner  
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, hosted 95 Air Force officers Oct. 21 at Fort Riley during a leader professional development event.

The Air Force officers were attending the Army’s Intermediate Level Education course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Lt. Col. Ryan Maender, commander, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said the purpose of the LPD was to familiarize Air Force ILE students with the capabilities, equipment and processes associated with the direct support of an artillery battalion in an ABCT.

“We wanted to show the students a mock suppression of an enemy air defense mission,” said Maj. Jared Powell, brigade fire support officer with 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “Our goal was to educate them on our fire support systems and platforms.”

Powell, a native of Newport News, Virginia, said he hoped the Air Force students gained a better understanding of what an artillery unit does, which will assist them with planning, preparing, integrating and synchronizing artillery on the battlefield.

The ILE students learned the entire process to put steel on targets, starting from target identification, call for fire, clearance of fires, sensor-to-shooter process and battlefield effects.

The culminating event for the professional development training was a battalion live-fire exercise. Students watched M198 Howitzers fire 18 rounds into the artillery impact area and one M109A6 Paladin conduct a



Hannah Kleopfer | POST

**Five helicopters landed at the Douthitt Gunnery Complex carrying the Fort Leavenworth arimen from the Army Intermediate Level Education course Oct. 21 for a training session with Fort Riley Soldiers.**

direct fire demonstration with an incendiary round from observation post C.

“This was a wonderful educational opportunity for the 89 Air Force majors attending the Army’s CGSC School,” said Col. Lee Gentile, director of the Air Force Element with the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. “For them to be able to see all the equipment and view a live demonstration of an artillery unit firing rounds was outstanding.”

Gentile, a native of Wrentham, Massachusetts, said he brought almost every Air Force military occupational specialty to the LPD to augment their studies by exposing them to a combined-arms, live-fire exercise.

“I wanted my officers to see how to conduct land warfare and understand the roles, mission, limitations and capabilities of the Army first hand,” Gentile said. “They were able to see how a brigade commander in the Army owns all of their assets along with the flexibility and capabilities it provides them, which is a unique experience for my officers.”

Gentile said, as ambassadors for the Air Force, the visitors could understand and communicate the needs of the Army to the

Air Force and the capabilities of the Air Force to the Army in common language.

“This has been an incredible experience,” said Maj. Bishane Whitmore, a remotely piloted aircraft pilot and ILE student. “The 1st Bn, 5th FA, Soldiers have been extremely professional and hospitable.”

Whitmore, a native of Aurora, Colorado, said seeing the battlefield from the ground was rewarding.

“I am so impressed with how knowledgeable all the Soldiers I spoke with were,” Whitmore said. “This event has set a high mark on how I will forever view the Army and its capabilities.”

Gentile said the trip was a success, the learning objectives were achieved and the first-class hospitality and instruction left a positive impression on his officers.

Maender, a native of Scotia, New York, said this was the first time the unit hosted an event like this for field-grade officers from a sister service and how monumental it was for all parties.

“I think they have a better understanding of the capabilities of an artillery unit,” Maender said. “I hope this becomes a recurring event between us and the ILE course.”



# Fort Riley volunteers awarded for service to community

Story and photo by  
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Volunteers of the quarter were recognized Oct. 27 in a ceremony at Riley Conference Center attended by Soldiers, peers and family members. Volunteers included active-duty members, spouses and children who take the time to help the community.

“We understand how important our community is in the Big Red One,” said Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general. “We gain so much from living in a community with a strong commitment to service.”

Each volunteer has their own reason for why they started volunteering at Fort Riley and why it’s important to them.

“If I’m not volunteering I’m kind of left in the dark about what’s happening with my husband and the Soldiers,” said Paula Pruitt, wife of 2nd Lt. Sherman Pruitt, 977th Military Police Company, 97th MP Battalion. “It’s ultimately for family.”

Pruitt was recognized for serving as the Family Readiness Group leader of the 977th MP Co. and for coordinating the Ball Gown Exchange with the USO Fort Riley.

The awards were presented to volunteers for their service in activities such as youth sports and the hospital delivery room.



**Sgt. Ashley Crauthers, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division is recognized at the Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony Oct. 27 at Riley’s Conference Center. He was recognized for dedicating the majority of his time coaching and mentoring young athletes in the Manhattan, Kansas area over the summer as well as a number of other activities supporting the youth on Fort Riley and surrounding areas.**

Receiving the award was encouraging said Staff Sgt. Jamiley Fisher, Medical Department Activity.

She said it showed an appreciation for all the hard work and time that Fisher and her team put in to volunteer to plan and put on the Medical Activity holiday ball.

Volunteering helps the installation, and it can also create an experience for its members.

“One of my husband’s lieutenant colonels ... pulled me for coffee, invited me, started mentoring me and I’ve been involved ever since,” said Christina Noriega, wife of Cpt. Johnathan Damalouji, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Noriega was recognized in the 2nd Brigade for leading the project on obtaining historical placards for some of the buildings on post with the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley.

# Fort Riley Soldiers support, train at National Training Center

By Maria Childs  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Soldiers from the 172nd Chemical Company at Fort Riley arrived at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, to meet Soldiers they would be training with in September. It is typical for Soldiers not to know their teammates until arriving at the battlefield.

The Fort Riley Soldiers returned home Oct. 1 after a month of supporting a Fort Carson, Colorado, brigade.

After moving about 50 pieces of equipment from Fort Riley to the NTC, the unit prepared to go into “the box,” a simulated training environment at NTC. While in the box, the Soldiers went on an 12-mile road march where the Soldiers would face a simulated enemy and also have to distinguish between friend and foe.

The Soldiers supported the 1st Stryker Brigade

Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, out of Fort Carson, Colorado, in a variety of missions. Each unit had a different training mission because they have different strategies and objectives.

Capt. Benjamin Hormann, commander of 172nd Chemical Company, said it is realistic that the company would support a deployed brigade or battalion instead of deploying on their own. The company helps remove and identify chemical spills and contaminants.

“Training with someone that you’re not used to training with is very similar to how my unit would get attached to someone in combat,” Hormann said.

The Chemical company Soldiers supported decontamination of chemical residue by using a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Reconnaissance Vehicle. The vehicle provides CBRN

detection and surveillance on the battlefield.

“As the unit moved forward, they were right behind them ensuring if there was any kind of chemicals or contamination they could spot it,” Hormann said.

Soldiers from the 172nd Chemical Company took samples of soil and vegetation at different points along the march, and they used an NTC laboratory to analyze those samples for any kind of contamination.

Hormann said the mission was accomplished and different training objectives were met.

“Everyone has a different goal,” Hormann said. “As a commander, I have a different goal that I want to accomplish. The brigade commander has a different goal. The overall goal is achieving victory and everyone had a piece in that.”



COURTESY PHOTOS

**TOP: A Soldier from 172nd Chemical Company conducts the initial wash for decontamination on a tactical vehicle during trainign at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.**

**BOTTOM: Soldiers conduct MOPP gear exchange where they take off contaminated gear systematically to reduce the spread of contamination and put on a new set of chemical clothing during training at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. The unit supported the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, out of Fort Carson, Colorado in a variety of missions.**



## FIRST-PLACE WINNER



COURTESY PHOTO

**Sgt. 1st Class Arnelles Aguada, senior food operations manager at Demon’s Diner dining facility, accepts the first-place award for the 1st Infantry Division National Nutrition Competition Oct. 26 from Command Sgt. Maj. Carol Warren-Clark, senior noncommissioned officer for Irwin Army Community Hospital, on behalf of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade dining facility team. The competition took place in July with all operational dining facilities on Fort Riley participating. The IACH Nutrition Branch inspected the facilities in seven categories, from salad bar to staff education and training.**



# Public Health reschedules flu vaccines

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The Fort Riley Department of Public Health leaders are re-scheduling flu vaccines due to a supply chain delay in the delivery of shipments.

Plans to ensure the timely delivery of flu vaccines to the Fort Riley community are being developed.

“We are committed to ensuring Fort Riley Soldiers and beneficiaries get the flu vaccine on time before the peak flu season,” said Lt. Col. Yvette Malmquist, Public Health Nursing Chief. “The peak influenza season begins in mid-January and runs through the month of February.”

Previously scheduled flu vaccine dates for medical homes and drive-thru in November are now on a to-be-determined status.

Deploying Soldiers will receive flu vaccines in accordance with their unit’s readiness schedule. High-risk individuals will also be vaccinated following guidance of their primary care provider.

“High risk individuals are defined as infants, young children, pregnant women, patients with immune compromising health conditions, and those aged 50 and older,” Malmquist said.



Jorge Gomez | IACH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Tammy Archdekin, an Irwin Army Community Hospital registered nurse, administers a flu vaccine to Robert Duncan, an attendee at the Fort Riley Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 23. In addition to flu shots, retirees received other vaccines in accordance with age and health-related conditions.

All Fort Riley Medical Department Activity personnel will get the flu vaccine due to the nature of their health-care work environment and as noted in their job descriptions.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to ask their medical team via Secure Messaging Service to see if they fall into the high risk category. They can register at [app.relayhealth.com](http://app.relayhealth.com) and link with their provider for electronic communication.

For the latest information on the flu vaccine, call the Flu Hotline at 785-240-4FLU.

# No-shows hurt other patients

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Missed appointments are a waste of time.

Ever had trouble making an appointment when you or a family member are sick? In many cases there are enough appointments available.

The problem is too many patients fail to cancel appointments. They choose not to show up. This means patients who need to see their provider can't.

“Patients who can't keep their appointments should free up their time slot and let someone else have a chance to see that provider,” said Lillian Goddard, Irwin Army Community Hospital Access to Care manager.

“Soldiers, family members, and retirees who miss appointments cost fellow beneficiaries an opportunity to receive care,” she said.

In the month of September 1,355 patients missed their appointments, and a total of 14,702 patients missed appointments in Fiscal Year 2015 at IACH.

“When patients get frustrated that there are no appointments available, we get frustrated too,” Goddard said. “We get frustrated because we know we have a percentage of no-shows and we want to get patients seen.”

Goddard recommends patients cancel unneeded appointments four hours before a primary care appointment or 24 hours before a specialty-care appointment to allow others a chance to use that time.



Tywanna Sparks | IACH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Don't be a no-show. A missed appointment wastes time and resources. And it's a missed opportunity for other patients.

There are several ways to cancel an appointment. TRICAREOnline.com offers patients a quick option that provides a text confirmation of the cancellation.

Patients also have the option of calling the 24-hour appointment cancellation line at 785-239-8428 or responding to the Patient Automated Reminder System. However, using the PARS system requires patients to remain on the call until the cancellation has been confirmed.

“Patients often end the call after the prompt to cancel the appointment and they are considered a no-show because it wasn't confirmed,” Goddard said.

For more information on booking, canceling and receiving appointment reminders through e-mail or text online, visit [tricareonline.com](http://tricareonline.com).

## TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER



The Nov. 3 question was: “Where do I find a collection of resources for voting assistance?”

This includes links to Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP); Absentee Voting Overview; voter procedures; and much more. Wednesday is the Army-wide start to the 2016 voting season for Soldiers and their families throughout the United States and around the world.”

Answer:

[www.riley.army.mil/Services/FortRileyServices/VotingAssistance.aspx](http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/FortRileyServices/VotingAssistance.aspx)

This week's winner is: Cheryl Heberlein. Cheryl's spouse is Capt. Anthony Heberlein, Plans, Analysis and Integrations Office, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley.

Names of those in the photo are, from left to right: Capt. Anthony Heberlein and Cheryl.

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## Home wanted

Harry is a friendly, outgoing cat that loves to be groomed and petted. He is good with kids and does well with other animals after a proper introduction. He is neutered and up to date with shots. Harry would be a good choice for a family pet.

Harry's Adoption Fee is \$92, which includes: Microchip, Vaccines (Distemper & Rabies), Leukemiaest and deworming.



If you're interested please call 785-239-6183. If no one answers then leave a message. You can also contact us via email at [nicole.p.storm@us.army.mil](mailto:nicole.p.storm@us.army.mil)

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

## 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.  
**Grant:** Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; closed Sundays and federal holidays.  
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**Agenda:**

**0900 – 1000 Panel Speakers**

Discussions include overview of their transition experience to assist those currently in transition. They will discuss the opportunities and challenges of transition, the current job market, tips during transition and a variety of other topics.

**1000 – 1100 Breakout Sessions**

**1100 – 1200 Breakout Session Summary**  
**Wrap-up and Q & A**

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RILEY ROUNDTABLE

Before the World Series ended, we asked – who do you think will win? Guess who got it right?



“Royals because they haven’t lost yet.”

CADENCE HODGE

Daughter of Cassidy and Sgt. 1st Class Ray Hodge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade



“I think the Royals. They haven’t lost many games.”

LUCASEY HAMMOCK

Daughter of Karissa and Staff Sgt. Roy Hammock, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



“To me they’re both great. I’ll be fine with whoever wins.”

MALLORY BALDWIN

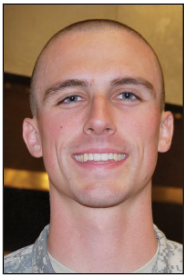
Daughter of Brittany and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Baldwin, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



“The Royals. They have already won two games.”

SPC. JARRED SHORR  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

BOSS Coordinator



“I don’t really watch sports.”

PFC. ALEXANDER VIELE  
FAIRHAVEN, NEW YORK

Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division

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FROM DANGER 6

Veterans Day: A time to thank those who served

The importance of Veterans Day is to allow the nation to pause and salute all those men and women who have served and continue to serve in defense of America. It honors those who have served on Active, Reserve or National Guard duty and those who served during times of peace as well as war. Veterans Day honors those who served two years or an entire career. I hope most Americans think about the importance of our Nation's military and its Veterans more than just one day each November. But I am sure even this one day of reflection means a great deal to all who have and are currently wearing this uniform.

Veterans Day, first called Armistice Day, was conceived as a tribute to the Americans who sacrificed their lives in the war. Since 1954, we commemorate the service of all Veterans who have served in uniform for any reason. During this holiday, let us take a moment to thank those who uphold the legacy of service to our Nation and reflect on the sacrifices of so many who have gone before us.

In World War I, our allies believed they knew what was best for us, offering to break up American units and place them under their command. Germany's leaders declared Americans were incapable of breaking through miles of barbed wire and mines. We went "over there" in World



Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr.

1ST INF. DIV. AND FORT RILEY  
COMMANDING GENERAL

War I, electrifying the Allies, overcoming the numbing cold and deep mud of the Western Front. We stood like a Rock on the Marne, and didn't come home until it was over. World War I was where America became a world power. And on every Veterans Day, we remember the 116,000 American Doughboys who died on the battlefields of Europe.

After the World Wars and the Persian Gulf, the Nation lavished heartfelt thanks upon its returning Veterans. Unfortunately, that hasn't always been the case. We know for those who fought in Korea and Vietnam, 96,000 American troops died. Those veterans returned home without fanfare and waving flags, sometimes facing outright in-difference and hostility. Their sacrifice and suffering were no less than that of other

veterans who fought for their country and we extend our gratitude.

Veterans have always given selfless service to our country in both times of peace and times of war. Repeatedly, Americans have volunteered or been called upon to fight in places where they had never been before – Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, East Africa and other countless places. Leaving their families behind, suffering harsh living conditions and not complaining. Why? Because they understand their higher purpose.

I challenge you not to hesitate to tell the story of our veterans, our military and our national pride. Our younger generations can gain a better insight anchored by a historical perspective that transcends our values – the values that shaped America and the Army. America's sons and daughters in uniform left a legacy of courage and sacrifice for which we are eternally grateful. Our veterans defended America through both the best and worst of times, and they have performed their difficult duties tirelessly.

Regardless of the service, and the era in which they served, veterans paid the price for the freedom we enjoy. We recognize that all of our veterans have given something of themselves to


this country and this community, and some have given all — laying down their lives to defend the freedoms we hold so dear. They shall forever be in the hearts of this nation. Their commitment has never stopped. Through one crisis or another, our veterans answered the call to duty. We salute you for your sacrifice. For truly understanding that "freedom isn't free." We also recognize the families and loved ones as they have also paid a price for freedom.

Veterans have been instrumental in making America and many other nations of the world free and secure, and we take this opportunity to recognize them for their unwavering service and sacrifice. Even though we may never be able to personally thank every veteran, Soldier, Airman and their families, we must always support them. So, speaking on behalf of all those wearing the uniform, I am proud to say that we support all of you for your outstanding contributions to our nation.

To all our veterans, we have a simple, yet heartfelt message: Thank you, all of you, for your continued service.

Duty First

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



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

To the Soldiers, Civilians and Families of our Army:

Serving as your Secretary for these past six years has been the honor of my life and—by far—the most fulfilling experience of my professional career.

While many days have certainly been long, the years have been amazingly short because my time here has been so very rich and rewarding. Without question, that is thanks to all of you: the men and women that I have been privileged to call my teammates.

I want you to know that I have an unceasing admiration for your remarkable sense of duty and devotion. The past 14 years of war have been long and painful for our total force, your families and our Nation. But your collective strength, courage and leadership – together with your compassion and commitment – have helped America endure in the face of hardship. You are men and women of character. Trusted professionals. You always do your very best, and have committed your lives to something greater than yourselves.

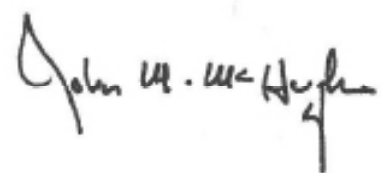
Gen. Creighton Abrams once said: “There must be, within our Army, a sense of purpose and a dedication to that purpose. There must be a willingness to march a little farther, to carry a heavier load, to step out into the darkness and the unknown for the safety and well-being of others.” I could not agree more. Over the past six years – indeed for as long as I been involved with Army matters – you have shown me such sense of purpose and such dedication day in and day out.

Together, you are America's indispensable Army. You are part of the rock – the foundation – that holds our great country together. You have shared uncommon lives and challenges and have done what your country has required of you. You have, quite simply, ensured our way of life. I am proud to have served in your gallant company.

I ask that you continue to accept the trust that America bestows upon you and the challenges which it carries. Continue to be the standard bearers of our noble Profession of Arms. The American people are counting on you and I know that you will not let them down.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for who you are and what you do. All of you.

God bless you, God bless your families, and God bless this great and glorious Army that keeps us free. Army strong!



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# Tombstone of cholera victim to be restored at the Fort Riley cemetery

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

The cemetery may not seem like a typical place to look for history, but members of the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley believe it is important to preserve the stories of the people who lived and served here. The society is donating \$4,450 to restore the tombstone of Mary E.E. Rogers who died in 1855 during a cholera outbreak. “1855 was the first year that Fort Riley was open,” said Sara Devine, HASFR president. “This tombstone is not only cool because it’s from 1855, but it’s also from a cholera victim. So this tombstone has been there as long as Fort Riley has been open.” Theresa de la Garza, Historic Architect and Cultural Resources Manager of the Department of Public Works, originally brought Devine’s attention to the tombstone. Devine explained that HASFR puts the money members raise back into preserving the history of Fort Riley and they both thought the restoration would be a great use of the funds. “The military would only pay for replacing the tombstone with a government marker while the original would be placed



The tombstone of Mary E. E. Rogers, who died in a cholera epidemic on Fort Riley, will be reconstructed Nov. 6 thanks to funds donated by the members of Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley.

in curation,” Devine said. “That would mean that it would get lost in a sea of military markers. We would lose the history.” The goal of HASFR, according to Devine, is to preserve and maintain the history of Fort Riley, which is what they are doing with the tombstone. A contractor will be coming Nov. 6 to help put the tombstone, back together in a way that will make it last and stop it from falling apart as it did before. “I was just so excited when they asked if we would help with this project. I was like ‘yes of course!’,” Devine said.

# No-dough Dinner honors founder

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

The USO Fort Riley No-Dough dinner Oct. 29 was a bittersweet one as volunteers and the Blazek family honored Jane Blazek, who pioneered the No-Dough dinners at Fort Riley with her husband Chef Dave. “She loved Chunky Monkey,” laughed Amanda Huntington, one of Jane’s daughters. They were serving up their famous Chunky Monkey stew, a recipe Dave and Jane created. “It shows the work that our mom and dad did is appreciated and that she’s missed,” said Cindy Atwood, Jane’s daughter. “That’s why [this dinner] is important to me, with all the people who want to come because they knew her and they loved her.” “Everyone called her mom,” said Huntington. Many of the regulars of the No-Dough dinners referred to Jane as mom and Dave as dad. Chef Dave and his two daughters and granddaughter were there all day getting the food ready, including Chef Dave’s specialty vegetable dip. The three of them talked about opening packages of soda earlier that day. When they opened two packs of Diet Coke, the first cans in the pack said Mom and Dad. “You will never find these in that order again,” Huntington said. They posed together for a picture with the cans, which Huntington said would be one of two family photos they have since her mom’s funeral. Chef Dave talked about how he and Jane started their No-Dough dinners and partnership with the USO Fort Riley. They did a



Granddaughter Evelyn Huntington and daughter Amanda Huntington of Jane Blazek help serve rolls at the No-Dough dinner Oct. 29, which was in honor of the memory of Jane who pioneered the dinners with her husband Chef Dave.

cookout at a job fair for the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Riley. A volunteer of the USO Fort Riley had gotten their names and phone numbers and asked them to do another cookout for a Motorcycle Mentoring Day at Moon Lake.

“That was the start of it,” said Chef Dave. “We got there at eight in the morning and we cooked until five o’clock. No breaks. We were burned red. And that started the No-Dough dinners.” Chef Dave continued to recall their first No-Dough dinner where they served

150 people out of the back of their van. He said his dinners have progressed and gotten bigger and better. When asked what he thought his late wife would think of the dinner in her honor he laughed and said she would have some words.

# Investigators warn of extortion, blackmail

ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
COMMAND

QUANTICO, Va. — For many, the words extortion and blackmail bring forth images of Hollywood movies, celebrities having illicit affairs and corporations trying to hide wrongdoing. In today’s world of Internet communications, Internet dating, and social networking, extortion and blackmail can happen to anyone who discusses, admits, or posts a lapse in judgment or their personal or financial issues over the Internet. More alarming, extortion and blackmail can happen to innocent individuals whose personal information was stolen as part of a data breach.

The Army Criminal Investigation Command warns the community to be aware of Internet extortion and blackmail scams and report any instance where a Soldier, family member or Army civilian is or has been faced with threats involving the payment of money or other valuables.

Extortion and blackmail are crimes with grave consequences for its victims, to include financial loss. The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Internet Crime Complaint Center 2014 Internet Crime Report stated that more than \$16 million dollars was extorted from victims that year.

“In many instances, the situation begins when an unknowing victim is befriended by someone on the Internet, often as part of an online dating or social media site,” said Daniel Andrews, director of CID’s Computer Crime Investigative Unit. “The scammer quickly builds a friendship and trust with the victim and will begin to ask for or discuss information or photos that could be hurtful to one’s personal or professional life if revealed. Because the victim does not realize they are being scammed, they see the requests or discussion as a normal part of the developing friendship and are willing to share the information.”

To the victim’s surprise, Andrews said, the scammers then threaten to release that information if money is not paid.

Another example of extortion is when scammers get an individual’s personal information as part of a data breach. Such breaches, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center, occurred 591 times in the first nine months of this year alone, compromising more than 175 million records.

“Following a data breach, these scammers, these criminals, may try to extort money from individuals who have a personal, financial, or medical condition they would not want exposed,” Andrews said.

The FBI report gave one example, called payday loans, deferred-deposit check loans or cash advance loans, as the most abundant type of extortion scam reported. The scam takes place when an individual’s personal information has been revealed to what may appear to be a le-

gitimate business. The scammer calls the individual notifying them that a loan in his or her name is delinquent and must be paid in full to avoid legal consequences. The scammer has accurate information, such as social security numbers, birth dates, bank account numbers, etc. and poses as a representative of a legitimate agency collecting debt. The scammer often refuses to provide details of the alleged loan and may become abusive when questioned. The FBI report further states that victims are often threatened with legal action, arrests and in some cases physical violence if they refuse to pay.

“Extortion is a touchy subject,” Andrews said, “because it often deals with intimate or very personal information. Army personnel; however, need to be upfront and report it, and they should not pay any money if they are being extorted.”

Officials said the best thing Soldiers, civilians and their family members can do is to try to prevent it from taking place. All are encouraged to be cautious with their online presence and what information they give to people they have met online or via email, and be vigilant when receiving calls from individuals posing as legitimate businesses.

Whether or not your data has been stolen, officials said, you need to be informed and wary of spam, phishing emails and promises of protection by identity theft and credit repair services from future exposure. Officials further warn individuals to be suspicious of communications regarding data breaches that do not come from credible sources.

If you receive a phone call or email you believe to be an extortion attempt, take the following measures:

- If someone is in imminent danger, contact local law enforcement immediately
- Do not reply to the email, click on any links or open any attachments
- Report the email to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov)
- Report the email to your email and Internet service provider
- Move the email to your spam folder
- If contacted through social media, report the contact to the social media provider

“The CID will continue to aggressively investigate and work with our global partners to prosecute those who threaten our military forces and attempt to defraud them of their hard-earned money,” Andrews said.

Soldiers, Army civilians and their family members who have been threatened with extortion should contact their installation Military Police or CID office. Individuals can also email CID at [Army.CID.Crime.Tips@mail.mil](mailto:Army.CID.Crime.Tips@mail.mil), or call 1-844-ARMY-CID or 844-276-9243.

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# IMCOM changes command

Story and photo by Tim Hippi

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl took command of U.S. Army Installation Management Command Nov. 3, from Lt. Gen. David D. Halverson, during a change-of-command ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Theater.

Gen. Mark A. Milley, the 39th chief of staff of the Army, presided over both the change-of-command ceremony and Dahl's promotion that took place before.

“K.D. (Dahl) is immensely qualified to be the commanding general,” said Milley. “He’s a proven combat leader, he’s a man of great character, and I have no doubt in my mind that he’s going to take IMCOM to the next level of excellence.”

Until today, IMCOM and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management were commanded by one three-star general, in a “dual-hatted” status. The creation of a new three-star position and the decision to make IMCOM a direct-report to the chief of staff of the Army indicates how important the mission is to senior Army leadership, officials said.

IMCOM manages all the day-to-day infrastructure and support programs on Army installations, allowing the mission commanders to focus on their mission: to fight and win the nation’s wars. It also allows for cost avoidance and cost savings by centralizing management and purchasing power, and enables Soldiers to focus on preparing for the current and future fight because they know their families at home are being cared for.



Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl receives the unit flag from Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, and becomes the new commanding general for U.S. Army Installation Management Command as the Change of Command ceremony takes place at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, November 3, 2015

Dahl pledged that IMCOM would continue to provide the best support for command teams at Army installations around the world under his command.

“Having never served at the same place twice, I can be justly accused of being an expert at nothing, but I will give myself credit for knowing a lot about the Army. Knowing where it lives and knowing what it does,” said Dahl. “And I’m excited to be at this command for I have an opportunity to support all our senior commanders and enabling their critical missions that they execute in their own commands every single day.”

Milley explained that the split will allow IMCOM to be more efficient by placing a proven leader with the command on Fort Sam Houston, rather than have the ASCIM lead from the Pentagon remotely.

“The span of control was not as effective as if we could split it apart and pick a single (lieutenant general) to lead IMCOM and then have a staff officer as the ACSIM,” said Milley. “Because putting both of them together is difficult and

doesn’t lead to the most efficient methods of using our leadership.”

In Army tradition, Halverson relinquished command by passing the unit’s colors, which symbolizes command, to Milley, who then passed the colors to Dahl, giving him the authority of command and formally recognizing Dahl as IMCOM’s commanding general.

Halverson expressed his sentiments of leaving command and taking the responsibility of the ACSIM.

“This is a bittersweet day as you all know, but it is a great day for the Army,” said Halverson. “It’s been an honor. Thank you for bringing the Army’s home everywhere and we’ll continue to do that.”

Dahl assured Halverson and those present that he would ensure IMCOM would continue to be the foundation for Army readiness.

“We will touch the entire Army every single day and everything that it does,” said Dahl. “I am thrilled to be the commanding general of Installation Management Command. I totally appreciate how lucky I am and I will not squander a single moment.”

# 2016 voting season Day begins Army-wide push for registration

By David Ruderman  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT KNOX, Ky — Nov. 4 was the Army-wide start to the 2016 Voting Season Day for Soldiers and their families across the United States and around the world.

“It is the job of the Voting Assistance Program to make registration, voting information and related materials and assistance readily available to all eligible Army voters,” said Rachel Gilman, Army voting action officer with U.S. Army Human Resources Command’s Voting Assistance Program.

“We educate about the importance of voting and provide every opportunity to register and cast a ballot,” she said.

Voter registration promotion at units and installations trigger awareness and motivate eligible Army voters to take the necessary steps to ensure they can cast their ballots in the year ahead, which will culminate with the presidential election of Nov. 8, 2016.

Fort Bragg will host a 10-mile run, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden will combine a voter registration campaign with its Retiree Appreciation Day, and Fort Sill will conduct a Patriotic physical training event, just to name a few.

The push to get out the vote is in response to the 2014 Post-Election Report to Congress published by the Federal Voting Assistance Program, said Gilman. The report alerted lawmakers that military communities lacked a trigger to alert eligible voters of significant election season timelines. One conclusion was the “visibility of voting assistance resources and communications seems to matter most for the initial motivation to begin the process.”

In response, the start to the 2016 Voting Season Day was scheduled for the day immediately after the 2015 general elections. Creating visibility and enthusiasm are key to the yearlong push to bring the largest number of Army community members to the polls, said Gilman.

“It’s one day, worldwide, that units and installations ‘trigger’ everyone to start thinking about it. It’s our call to attention to voting season,” she said.

Senior level Army leadership is behind the push to register and vote as well.

“When I travel to our installations I meet with our VAOs — voting assistance officers —



and reiterate the importance of making sure our Soldiers and family members vote,” said Brig. Gen. James T. Iacocca, The Adjutant General of the U.S. Army, who is the Army’s senior service voting representative.

At the Department of Defense level, the Federal Voting Assistance Program makes on-line registration, absentee ballot and detailed voting information conveniently available to military members and their families across the United States and around the world, said Gilman. Their website, [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), affords eligible voters a wealth of useful links and information resources to make registering as convenient as possible.

“It is painless and it is free,” Gilman said. “They can do it in less than five minutes. Just go to your state and pull down the forms. It is really point and click.”

In addition, voting assistance officers and Soldiers can find a wealth of information and guidance on The Adjutant General’s voting web page, [www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/voting](http://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/voting). This site is CAC access only.

The main failure to avoid is waiting too long to get started and contracting the I-wanted-to-vote-but-it’s-too-late-now syndrome, Gilman said.

“That is why HRC is packing as much punch as possible into Wednesday’s voting trigger. It is important for Soldiers to vote because it is one of the freedoms they defend, and we are making it as painless and convenient as possible to cast a ballot.

“Every vote counts,” Gilman said.

## COMBINED ARMS REHEARSAL



Master Sgt. Mike Lavigne | 1ST INF. DIV.

Commanders and staff of the 1st Infantry Division’s Headquarters take part in a combined arms rehearsal Nov. 2 during the division’s command post exercise on Fort Riley, Kansas. The rehearsal is one of many events leading up to the division’s Warfighter exercise in the spring.

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## PARTNERSHIP

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Duplessis said, “We know in order to get in-roads, you have to form a relationship with people.”

Duplessis said people in Chapman, and particularly administrators in the school, could see the impact a young man or woman in uniform brought. He said the students could see the things that make a Soldier great.

Duplessis said, “They embody that when they come into a classroom and it’s a lot of the same values that teachers are trying to impart upon kids while they are educating them.”

Sell said the partnership went beyond Soldiers visiting the students. The students have even chosen to use their field trips to visit the Soldiers’ units on Fort Riley.

Sell said, “We have 1,100 students and approximately 40 percent have a mom or a dad that is in is in the Army.”

Sell said this demographic impacted the way in which Chapman schools relate to the students.

Sell said, “If we were to turn a blind eye and not complement that or try to understand, our school district wouldn’t be what it is.”

Duplessis said one event greatly impacted the way he viewed the importance of the partnership. He was riding with another Soldier who was preparing to transition from the Army. When Duplessis asked him what his future plans were, the Soldier responded he wanted to teach and was already accepted to a university.

“He told me that going out to Chapman and interfacing



Sgt. Dana Moen | 2ND ABCT  
**Lt. Col. Brad Duplessis, right, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, signs his name to a charter declaring the partnership between his squadron and Unified School District 473 Oct. 9 at Chapman, Kansas. Duplessis said, “It’s about people and you have to form a relationship and what we did is we tried to say, ‘Hey, we are on your team.’”**

with kids really showed him what his passion in life was,” Duplessis said. “I thought that was probably the biggest endorsement for the impact it has, not only on Chapman, but also on our Soldiers.”

Although Chapman is 30 minutes from Fort Riley, Sell never thought of the impact Fort Riley as a community could have on the surrounding towns. Sell grew up in Abilene and would drive past Fort Riley on occasion.

“I knew it was an Army base and that there were Soldiers and they fought for our freedom,” Sell said. “It wasn’t until I took this position did I make the connection that students and families there can somehow be in our community.”

Sell said now she couldn’t imagine living in a town so close to Fort Riley and not being a part of the community and helping to give thanks and

celebrating the Army, the Soldiers and the sacrifices they make.

Sell said, “People think that it’s maybe just the parents that sacrifice, but they don’t understand the sacrifices that the kids make, too, during those times.”

Duplessis said to say Fort Riley is the best place to train, the best place to live, deploy from and come home to, one must be connected to the community to which they and their families live.

“We are connecting to our own and we are also going out there and we are showing the community what our Soldiers are doing every day and who we are,” Duplessis said. “Whenever you can do that and you can communicate, I think it just shows that we are just like everybody else and we are a member of the community here.”

## GRAY EAGLES

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to fully deploy and redeploy from Kuwait and first to conduct Gray Eagle remote engagements.

“Because we have the enlisted operators,” Parsai said. “It’s the only place you will see enlisted Soldiers that are completely in control of an aviation asset.”

Parsai said it is a unique aspect of unmanned aerial systems.

“It is definitely the new Army,” Parsai said. “Here, it is transitioning the warfighting function in aviation from the officer to the enlisted Soldier.”

Phoenix Company activated April 2012 on Fort Riley and is considered a self-sustaining company where Soldiers deploy, conduct missions and redeploy while fueling and launching the unmanned aerial systems themselves.

Parsai said it was amazing to watch his Soldiers every day, where they were sometimes required to work long hours.

“You see them do it without any respite, without any promise or hope of reward and at the end of the day, they do it because of their professional drive to succeed and make the unit as outstanding as they can,” Parsai said.

Parsai said it was brotherhood and a sense of teamwork that pushes his Soldiers to excellence.



Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis | 1ST INF. DIV.  
**Soldiers from Company F, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, stand in formation prior to being released to see their families at a redeployment ceremony Oct. 28 at Camp Funston. The Soldiers were deployed to Afghanistan for nine months in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. During the deployment, Phoenix Soldiers conducted more than 1,000 combat missions resulting in more than 8,000 flight hours.**

“The No. 1 thing that sticks out in my mind that I am most proud of is the ability to deploy and return with 100 percent of all my Soldiers safely back to Kansas after executing a phenomenally exceptional mission,” he said.

The Gray Eagle is a medium-altitude, long-endurance system designed to perform better at higher altitudes, see better and listen better than its predecessors, according to information from the Army. New targeting systems and a new engine also allow the aircraft to fly longer and higher and carry more weight than many of the Army’s previous unmanned systems.

## HONORS

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“My first tour was an incredible time to serve at Fort Riley as the division returned from Germany and was welcomed by the most supportive local communities in the entire Army: Junction City, Manhattan and the Flint Hills region,” Frank said.

Daily examples of this incredible support to Big Red One Soldiers, he went on to say, ranged from the Lady Troopers, who help bid deploying formations farewell, to retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne mentoring Soldiers on weekend hunting trips to members of Kansas State University hosting troops for football games.

“Pat exemplifies the BRO Creed,” Grigsby said. “He is a brave, responsible and on-point leader. He is fully committed to building the kind of adaptable, flexible and competent leaders that our Army needs as it enters an uncertain future. His years of experience and calm demeanor make him an outstanding mentor and I am proud to have him on the team.”



Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis | 1ST INF. DIV.  
**Col. Patrick D. Frank, right, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding officer for support, stands with Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley Commanding General during a Victory with Honors ceremony to welcome Frank to the division Oct. 30 at 1st Inf. Div. headquarters.**

## LESSONS

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work with a different style of mounted infantry compared to the Bradley Fighting Vehicles that we are familiar with,” said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Thompson, an M1 Abrams tank commander with 3rd Platoon, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “We

definitely were able to identify some issues of having heavy armor work directly for a Stryker brigade, but I think that we were very creative and successful at overcoming those obstacles.”

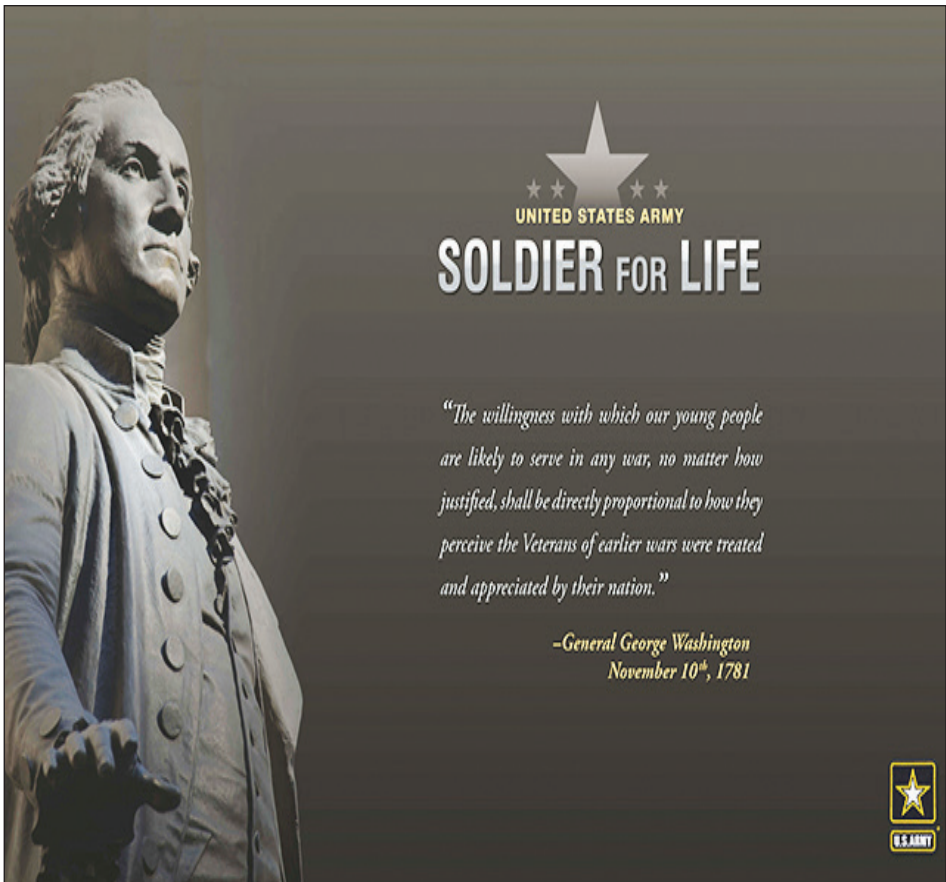
The Soldiers and leaders learned a lot of good lessons at NTC, said Capt. Cam-

eron Witte, commander of Co. C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

“The Fighting Aces went to California to do what tanks do best and through the hard work and expertise of the Soldiers, that mission was accomplished,” he said.



Staff Sgt. Scott Cochran | 2ND BN., 34TH ARMOR REGT.  
**An M1 Abrams tank with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, departs the patrol base Sept. 19 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. The unit was attached to 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, for a two-week field training exercise. The “Fighting Aces” were involved in every battle and operation during the rotation. They worked on a variety of missions, ranging from meeting civilians on the battlefield to responding to enemy armored threats.**





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By Melissa Ballou  
CORVIAS FOUNDATION

Corvias Foundation, the private, charitable foundation of Corvias Group Founder and CEO John Picerne is accepting applications for the 2016 scholarships and educational grants. Leaders at the Foundation awarded nearly \$6 million in scholarships and grants to children and spouses of active-duty service members since 2006. Applications for the 2016 scholarships and educational grants are now available.

“Serving military families is a tremendous honor for everyone here at Corvias, and we are very excited to open up the 2016 scholarship and educational grant application process,” said Maria Montalvo, Executive Director of Corvias Foundation. “Every one of our scholars brings a unique and inspiring background to the Foundation family and we’re thrilled

to help guide their educational and professional dreams both financially and as a support system.”

Applications for the 2016 scholarships must be submitted by Feb. 11 and will be awarded to high school seniors with plans of attending a four-year university or college. The scholarships are up to \$50,000 per person. The scholarship is available to children of active-duty service members stationed at Forts Meade, Bragg, Polk, Rucker, Riley and Sill; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Edwards Air Force Base, Eglin Air Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, McConnell Air Force Base and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Ten applicants will receive a scholarship. All scholarship applicants will be notified of their award status by the end of April.

Applications for the 2016 educational grants must be submitted by May 5. Grants are given up to \$5,000 to spouses of active-duty service mem-

bers stationed at the military installations listed above. Corvias Foundation will select 20 recipients and applicants may be in any stage of the educational process. All applicants will be notified of their award status by the end of July.

Applications and all necessary paperwork for both the scholarship and educational grant must be submitted by the due date to be considered. Selected recipients may begin using their scholarship or educational grant in the fall of 2016.

Families do not have to reside in on-post housing to qualify for scholarships or grants. Eligible service members stationed at these 13 Army and Air Force installations can serve in any branch of the military.

Applications are available at [corviasfoundation.org](http://corviasfoundation.org). Contact [info@corviasfoundation.org](mailto:info@corviasfoundation.org) or 401-228-2836 with questions about eligibility or the application process.

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# Partners team up to help new Soldiers

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

Candlewood Suites’ staff holds a weekly free social at the InterContinental Hotels Group Army Hotel at Fort Riley for people who are in transit. Every Wednesday, the IHG Hotel social is from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Candlewood breakfast area. The hotel staff provided free food and drinks. Along with food and drink, attendees were given the opportunity to speak to post representatives.

“In this social setting, they’re given the information they need,” said Paul Oltmanns, General Manager. “Soldiers go to briefings, nine times out of 10 spouses don’t go with them. And, if they do they don’t feel comfortable asking questions. Here they can get the answers to their questions.”

“We have roughly 250 people come through here every Wednesday night, because it’s free food and for us to answer the questions that the family members have,” Bartlett said. “This is a way for them to talk to us directly and get the answers that they need to know.”

In-processing Soldiers and veterans sometimes need information when they come to a new post. Division and garrison partners from IHG

hotels, Army Community Service, Family Readiness Program Coordinator and many others assist Soldiers and families as they transition to Fort Riley.

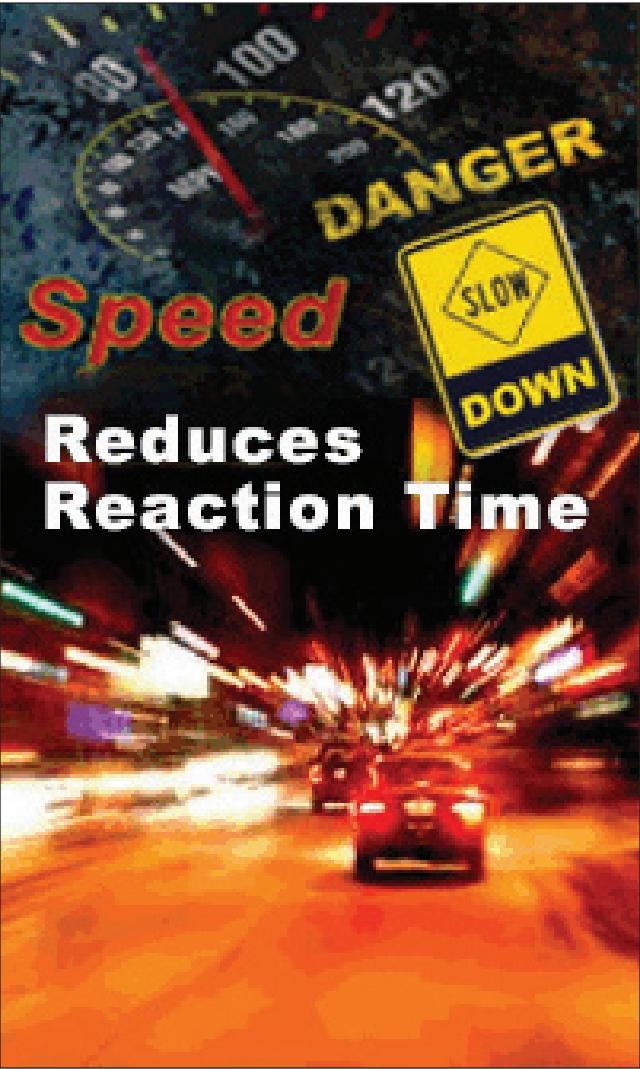
“We see the Soldiers who come in and they have their heads held low because they don’t know where they’re going, they don’t know what they’re doing, they just got here, they have their families and most of the time they don’t have a place to stay,” said Amara Prescott, Operations Manager. “So, they come to a social and they get all the information they need and they leave with their head held high because they have the confidence and the knowledge to get where they need to go on Fort Riley.”

The information Soldiers and others in transit find at these socials is imperative to help them adjust to their new Fort Riley community, Prescott said. The organization representatives who gather to form these meetings are doing all they can to spread the care.

“We’re putting our best foot forward,” Bartlett said. “I think this right here, throwing our arms around them and saying it’s going to be okay and here’s what you need to know about for your first couple of days, is a huge thing.”



An aerial view taken from the second floor of the InterContinental Hotels Group Social in Candlewood Suites. The IHG Social is a weekly meeting on Wednesday nights for people who are in transit.



# Total Army Sponsorship Program goes online

By Joshua Ford  
ARNEWS

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — The Total U.S. Army Sponsorship Program is in transition to become an online resource accessed through the Army Career Tracker, a leadership development web-based tool.

“This is huge for the Army,” said Thomas Battle, the Army Total Sponsorship Program manager for U.S. Army Installation Management Command. “It allows commanders to know exactly when their Soldiers

are showing up to the unit and assures them they have a sponsor to welcome them and guide them through the transition of coming to a new area and a new unit.”

The program is designed to help Soldiers better integrate into the Army and to assist them when they transition to different units.

“The always priority; the priority that exists all the time, regardless of whether it’s today or tomorrow, is taking care of our Soldiers and taking care of our families,” said Gen. Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff of the Army.









## IN BRIEF

### TRAFFIC UPDATES

For traffic updates, see the Traffic Report on page 4 or visit [www.riley.army.mil](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/FortRiley) or follow @FortRiley on Twitter.

### SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:usarmy.riley.imcom-central.mbx.des-vcc@mail.mil)

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

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

Please visit our website at [www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/EmergencyServices/AccessInformation.aspx](http://www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/EmergencyServices/AccessInformation.aspx).

### CENTRAL ISSUE FACILITY CLOSURE

CIF will be closed for inventory from noon Nov. 10 to 7:30 a.m. Nov. 16. If you have questions, contact the CIF manager at 785-239-9244 or the property book manager at 785-239-5938.

### CHILD, YOUTH AND SCHOOL SERVICES

The CYSS fees for the 2015 to 2016 school year scheduled to go into effect Nov. 1 will be delayed. The fees are now scheduled to be implemented Jan. 1, 2016.

### EYSTER POOL CLOSURE

The pool will be closing for renovations beginning Dec. 18. The estimated re-opening date is Jan. 13, 2016. During this time all programs including physical therapy programs supported through Irwin Army Community Hospital and the Warrior Transition Battalion, pregnancy PT, lap swim, recreational swim, etc., will be held at Long pool. This pool is not equipped with a computer system so all daily entry fees and pool passes will need to be paid by either cash or check.

For unit PT requests for Thursdays' only will be accepted during this time to decrease maximum occupancy with the early morning lap swim program. The aquatics office at Eyster Pool will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For questions or information call the aquatics program manager at 785-239-9441.

### HOLIDAY MAILING SCHEDULE

Dec. 15 - Standard Post  
Ground service for less-than-urgent deliveries and oversized packages.

Dec. 19 - First Class Mail  
Service for standard-sized, single-piece envelopes and small packages weighing up to 13 ounces with delivery in 3 business days or less.

Dec. 21 - Priority Mail  
Domestic service in 1, 2, or 3 business days based on where the package starts and where it's being sent. Includes variety of Flat Rate options.

Dec. 23 - Priority Mail Express  
Fastest domestic service, with guaranteed overnight scheduled delivery to most locations.

## Warner-Peterson neighborhood fills last house

### New families embrace advantages of living in all-military community

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

The breeze was cool Oct. 27 as Alyson Payne and her husband 2nd Lt. Brett Payne met their neighbor Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mitchell Leibach outside of their home, the last house to be built on post by Corvias Military Living. Leibach's wife Sara was unable to be there. She went back to Washington to finish last-minute details. The Paynes had just moved in, while the Leibachs moved in Oct. 15.

Leibach said he lived on Fort Riley about 10 years ago and was amazed by the transformation in post housing.

"I was here in 2005 living in Ellis Heights, and I was a specialist then," Leibach said. "It was pretty nice, but this is amazing ... if we want to paint we can paint, and we can actually make it our home."

While some military families choose to live in the surrounding communities, both families found they were drawn to living on post.

"It's expensive (off post) and we would've gotten a house for the same price but way smaller," Alyson said.

See NEIGHBORHOOD, page 16



From left, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mitchell Leibach, Sara Leibach, 2nd Lt. Brett Payne and Alyson Payne stand in front of their new homes at Fort Riley, which is the final house that staff and contractors of Corvias built on post.



Students of Seitz Elementary begin their parade Oct. 30 through the Colyer-Forsyth neighborhood at Fort Riley to end the Red Ribbon Week festivities. Students and staff spent the week dressing up in a different theme every day.

## Taking a stand

### Seitz Elementary's Red Ribbon Week campaign trumpets benefits of drug-free life

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

The students and staff of Seitz Elementary spent a week dressing up as favorite superheroes, in pajamas and as cowboys and cowgirls to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. The campaign promotes living a drug-free life and spreads awareness about drugs and their effects.

The student council representatives from each fourth-grade classroom put the spirit week together with their adviser Marlies Gipson.

"I think it went good because the days gave us a reason why we would do that," said LuCasey Hammock, daughter of Karissa and Staff Sgt. Roy Hammock, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Each day had a theme about saying no to drugs. Students participated in different activities

#### SEEING RED

Students and staff at Seitz Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a campaign promoting a drug-free life and spreading awareness about drugs and their effects, by emphasizing a new theme about saying no to drugs each day of the week. Students participated in different activities focused on how drugs could affect them and what to do if offered drugs.

#### MORE ONLINE

For more information about the RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN, please visit <http://redribbon.org/>.

See RED RIBBON, page 16

"It (Trunk or Treat) provides a safe and fun atmosphere for children in the community to trick or treat."

SGT. AMBER MINEAR  
BOSS PRESIDENT

## Trunk or Treat a safe Halloween alternative

Annual event consists of community trick-or-treat fun in controlled venue

Story by Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Kids and parents lined the parking lot of the Fort Riley Commissary waiting to take part in the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers annual Trunk or Treat. Military vehicles, cars and trunks and families were parked in rows decorated with spider webs, pumpkins and ghosts.

"It provides a safe and fun atmosphere for children in the community to trick or treat," said Sgt. Amber Minear, BOSS president.

Parents like Samantha and Sgt. Cody Cox, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division agreed that it was a safe alternative for trick-or treating and went to the event the year before. Their son Kasen was excited to grab as much candy as he could as he pointed at the rows of vehicles.

While many families were getting candy, some decided to dish it out instead.

"This is our first few months at Fort Riley and this is our first duty station," said Madelin Munk, wife of Pfc. Hunter Munk, 601st ASB, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div. "We wanted to go ahead and start getting into the community, so this seemed fun."

See TRUNK, page 16



Participants enjoy the Family Art Extravaganza on Nov. 1 at Rally Point. The event was hosted by staff of the Department of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation to honor Military Family Month.

## Art extravaganza draws in families

### Night at Rally Point part of lineup celebrating Military Family Month

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

Rally Point was filled with chatter and laughter from families as they drew and painted during the Family Art Extravaganza Nov. 1 to begin celebrating Military Family Month. There were a variety of arts and crafts activities to give options to all ages.

"This is our first time doing the Family Art Extravaganza," said Jeff Reade, outreach branch manager. "We have stations where people can paint bird houses or color little bears. The big one is the canvas painting and then

"I like that everybody can get together and just paint"

SPC. MARKIS TUIOTE  
1ST INF. DIV.

we have little door hangers that the younger kids can color."

Families took the event as an opportunity to get out of their houses and be part of the community.

"We really haven't done anything here and we've been here since August," said Elizabeth Morales, wife of Sgt. Joseph Morales, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. "And then my husband just recently deployed so we decided, 'let's go do something — keep busy.'"

Morales and her children were coloring and said they really liked the event and getting to do different crafts.

At another table sat Spc. Markis Tuiote, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and his son Brent sat at another table painting wooden peace signs.

"I like that everybody can get together and just paint and the kids can go nuts on the crafts," Tuiote said. "We mainly wanted to get out of the house and create some crafts and get the kids doing some creative activities."

Staff and volunteers from Fort Riley's Arts and Crafts center were assisting with activities and leading the canvas painting.

"It's just fun to bring all the families together and meet other families," said Marilyn Paras, lead arts specialist and Arts and Crafts manager. "It just lets them know that we're all here for them."



COMMUNITY CORNER

# Veterans Day chance to honor all who served

Col. Andrew Cole Jr.  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Veterans Day — the opportunity to tell those who came before us in this profession of arms — thank you and we will continue to bear the standard.

There are two holidays each year when we give thanks to veterans. But there is a distinction. Memorial Day is to honor those who have given their lives. Veterans Day is to honor all veterans serving now or previously.

Veterans Day dates back to World War I, which officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles June 28, 1919. But the fighting actually ceased seven months earlier on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In November 1919,

President Wilson designated Nov. 11 as Armistice Day. President Wilson said, “to us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations ...”

Armistice Day later became known as Veterans Day. We take the opportunity on that day to say thanks to all who have served. Unfortunately, this was not to be the last conflict where our

military members would be called to serve.

No one knows and better understands the difficulties and challenges our veterans face than fellow veterans and family members.

During the Vietnam War veterans returned home and didn’t receive the appreciation they deserved. Now we are undertaking to remedy that by saying a much needed thanks to those who served then.

When service members sign up for the military, they train for and know there is a possibility of being called to stand in harm’s way. They protected this country whether they deployed or not. Some sacrificed their lives and others their health, physical or mental. Even those who served during peacetime sacrificed a part of their lives as they gave up time with family, holidays, birth of children, graduations and much more.

Veterans are women and men, young and old and we might not even realize that people we meet and know every day may have served. Many of our Department of the Army civilians once wore the uniform and now continue to serve.

This day is a time of celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, their love of country and their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

We are Soldiers for life; so whether you are currently serving or have served, to our veterans past and present — thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

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# Employers commit to hiring military spouses

## Companies join partnership for military spouse hiring

WASHINGTON — Thirty-seven new companies and organizations were formally inducted into the Military Spouse Employment Partnership during a ceremony in Alexandria, Virginia, recently, bringing the total number of partners to 297.

The partners of the Military Spouse Employment Partnership are committed to recruiting, hiring, promoting and retaining military spouses in portable careers.

Since Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, launched the partnership in June 2011, partners have hired tens of thousands of military spouses, according to Stephanie Barna, acting assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs.



Steve Hosley, president and CEO of Liberty-Source Public Benefit Corporation, a Military Spouse Employment Partnership partner, signs the Statement of Support during a Military Spouse Employment Partnership induction ceremony Oct. 28 at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia. The Military Spouse Employment Partnership addresses the employment challenges facing military spouses while providing partner employers with access to a pool of highly qualified military spouses.

After the ceremony, partners attended a meeting focused on the day’s theme of building stronger relationships in support of military spouse employment.

As part of the broader Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities Program, the Military Spouse Employment Partnership is a targeted recruitment and employment solution. It addresses the employment challenges facing military spouses while, at the same time, provides partner employers with access to a pool of highly-qualified military spouses.

*Article courtesy of Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities.*

# NOW SHOWING

Barlow Theater is now in digital!  
Tickets cost \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children  
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• The Intern (PG-13) 2 P.M.  
• Sicario (R) 7 P.M.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
• Captive (PG-13) 5 P.M.

For movie titles and showtimes, call  
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MORE ONLINE

- **Military Spouse Employment Partnership Career Portal:** [msejobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/](http://msejobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/)

policy, addressed the military spouses in attendance.

“You represent the thousands of military spouses — both men and women — around the globe who are searching for meaningful employment and career opportunities that will not only fulfill your career dreams, but provide your families with a greater level of financial stability that keeps you strong and resilient,” she said.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Kristine Kash, a military spouse and an employee of Military Spouse Employment Partnership partner Starbucks, also spoke as part of the ceremony.

“Today’s ceremony is centered around ‘Building Relationships,’ which is perfect, because when I joined Starbucks eight months ago, that was my only option — to build relationships,” she said.

“My husband deployed to Iraq the same week I started with the company,” she continued. “I knew no one. I had just moved into a new apartment. The reason I resigned from my previous career and gravitated toward Starbucks was because of the stories I had heard from those who worked there were so inspiring. Everyone was always so happy and engaged.”

## Tell Me A Story:

Making Connections and Finding Support through Literature

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*Fort Riley Garrison Commander*

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Please include the number of adults and children attending.

The Military Child Education Coalition’s *Tell Me A Story: Making Connections and Finding Support through Literature (TMAS)* is an initiative created to empower our military children by using literature and their own stories. *Tell Me A Story* is geared toward children ages 4-12. Each family will receive a copy of the companion book “Our Fifty States”. Hands-on activities, snacks, and a fun learning experience will be provided!

Questions about the MCEC Tell Me A Story Program? Contact Judy Glennon at 254.953.1923 or [Judy.Glennon@MilitaryChild.org](mailto:Judy.Glennon@MilitaryChild.org). To learn more about other MCEC programs and initiatives, visit **[www.MilitaryChild.org](http://www.MilitaryChild.org)**

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The LeBlanc family hands out candy at the trunk or treat event Oct. 24 in the parking lot of the 97th Military Police Battalion Headquarters. “It was exciting,” Lauren LeBlanc, 12, daughter of Maj. Matt LeBlanc said. “It wasn’t realistic, but it was really cool. They put it together perfectly.”

# Soldiers host haunted house

Family Halloween event provided by Military Police Battalion Soldiers

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

Sarah LeBlanc, wife of Maj. Matt LeBlanc, 97th Military Police Battalion, and their 12-year old daughter Lauren, stood outside the MP headquarters on Oct. 29 and awaited reactions from others who just experienced the haunted house the Soldiers created inside their building. But the reactions never came.

LeBlanc and her daughter entered the haunted house without knowing what to expect. An MP guided them through the hallway as they entered. He carried a shield with “blood” on it and fought off the zombies to make them feel safe.

“The MP in front of us with the shield — that was really good,” Sarah said. “I actually liked that we could hide behind him. It made me feel safe.”

The haunted house was one of many Halloween-themed festivities at the event. Soldiers from the 97th MP Bn. hosted a trunk or treat event in the parking lot, a hay ride on the side of the building and the haunted house.

“It’s a great opportunity to bring the battalion together,” Matt said. “It’s more than an organization, it’s like a family.”

Sarah added, “and a little trauma.”

But Sarah and Lauren agreed it was just the right amount of trauma and the trunk or treat helped alleviate some of the anxiety from the haunted house.

“It was exciting,” Lauren said. “It wasn’t realistic, but it was really cool. They put it together perfectly.”

Among the highlights of the haunted house, the MPs with the shields were a crowd favorite as well as a zombie with a plastic dead cat in his



A Fort Riley family is led through the 97th Military Police Battalion haunted house Oct. 29.

“It’s more than an organization, it’s like a family.”

MAJ. MATT LeBLANC  
97TH MILITARY POLICE  
BATTALION

arms around a corner in the house.

“It was really well-put together,” Sarah said. “It was not what I was expecting it to be.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Ray Counts II, 97th MP Bn., said events like this are a way to show appreciation for Soldiers at Fort Riley. Counts participated in the haunted house as an evil jester.

“This event was beneficial because it opened up the battalion footprint to the families to promote a sense of family and reinforce that they are just as important as a member of this team as their Soldier spouse is,” Counts said. “This event allowed the BC (battalion commander) and I to engage with the family members of our organization outside of the traditional formal gatherings. The haunted house relied heavily on the volunteerism of our single Soldiers to participate, which allowed them to actively engage in this otherwise family-oriented event.”

# ‘Hamilton’s Own,’ Fort Riley honor sergeant

Soldier with six years of service leaves behind wife, daughter

By Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner  
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division honored Sgt. Thomas Packer Oct. 29 in a memorial ceremony at Fort Riley’s Morris Hill Chapel. Packer, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., died Oct. 8 in Geary County of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Packer, a fire support specialist with almost six years of service, served two tours in Afghanistan.

“Sgt. Packer’s selflessness was evident from the first day he donned the uniform,” said Lt. Col. Ryan Maender, com-

mander, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

Maender said Packer developed a strong work ethic and sense of duty and selfless



Sgt. Thomas Packer

serve and go on to do extraordinary things that makes our Army the strength of our nation,” Maender said.

Maender said wherever Packer served, he made that part of the Army a better place.

“I owe Thomas a debt of gratitude for all his support,” said Sgt. Joey Shelton, a fire support specialist with 1st

Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “TJ was there when I found my biological father and he helped me pull together the courage to talk to him and eventually meet him for the first time.”

Shelton said anyone who knew Packer knew he was the type of person who upheld the standards at all times and always did what was best.

“He would ask me for parenting tips for his beautiful daughter,” Shelton said. “I would joke with him about us sitting on porch staring at the unlucky guys that came by to date our daughter when they get older.”

Shelton spoke of Packer’s outspokenness and foresightedness to quickly pull pranks to lighten the mood.

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

Packer’s military assignments included Headquarters and

Headquarters Troop, 6th Battalion, 4th Armor Squadron, Fort Knox, Kentucky; 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.; Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt.

Packer’s awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Ribbon, NATO Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation and Combat Action Badge.

Packer is survived by his wife Sarah and daughter Topanga.

# November Month of the Military Family

2015 observance to focus on all family members of Soldiers

ARNEWS

ARLINGTON, Va. — Since 1993, the month of November has been recognized as Month of the Military Family across the Department of Defense as a way to thank family members, who support the career of a service member.

“National Guard families are important because the strength of our service members comes from the strength of their families,” said Jennifer Armstrong, the readiness manager for the National Guard Bureau Family Programs office. “Families are a vital part of the Guard’s ability to remain strong, and with thousands of service members deploying over the past 14 years, our families have never wavered in their support despite the many challenges they have faced.”

Though the focus is often on the immediate members and Armstrong said family for most extends well beyond that.

“This month is to honor all family members — mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents,” she said. “Friends can become family, especially for those in the military because you’re not always close to home and for some, employers are an extension of family as well.”

That is especially true for the men and women scattered across the country, who serve in the Guard.

“When our citizen-Soldiers leave on a deployment they



Master Sgt. Mark Olsen | Air National Guard  
Staff Sgt. Antonio Nieto, 50th Personnel Services Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard, laughs with his daughter, Antonella, after returning from a year-long tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on Joint Base McGuire Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, March 2, 2007. November honors military Families and the sacrifices they make.

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JENNIFER ARMSTRONG  
NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU FAMILY PROGRAMS

leave their family behind, oftentimes with no support other than themselves,” she said. “A lot of times they are geo-dispersed; we’re not installation-based. So November is when we honor those sacrifices that the entire (family) makes.”

As a way to recognize those sacrifices, the National Guard Bureau is scheduled to host an expo Nov. 19 highlighting a number of services available to family members through the military.

Armstrong said services include child and youth programs, spouse employment programs, the Military Family Life Counseling program, which includes personal financial counseling and volunteer programs.

The mission of the Guard is combat and service member readiness, Armstrong said.

“But we have to also think about family readiness, because if your service members’ home life is not together then ... they’re not ready or able to deploy and be a produc-

tive member of that team,” she said.

And as Guard members, having peace of mind about family readiness often includes domestic operations as well.

“(Domestic operations) can happen overnight and because they happen like that we’re called to serve our governors and states in a moment’s notice, and that can be stressful to the family,” Armstrong said.

Which is why ensuring family readiness is critical, she said.

“The military family is important to the mission of the Guard, and we are committed to helping families remain strong by providing the services necessary to ensure every member of the family feels supported and connected to the military and the nation,” Armstrong said.

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The last house that staff and contractors of Corvias Military Living built on Fort Riley is finally rented. The families of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mitchell Leibach and wife Sara and 2nd Lt. Brett Payne and wife Alyson Payne moved into the final house in October.

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“We’ve got our little one on the way and work is much closer to home this way than anywhere else,” Brett said.

Alyson mentioned she was also happy to have a brand new hospital so close.

“It definitely cuts down on time traveling to and from work,” Leibach said.

Both families felt glad to be living in a totally military community and were looking forward to getting to know their neighbors and the neighborhood.

“I’m an MP by trade so it’s nice to know that she’s here with people we can trust. When we lived off-post, I’d be worried about her being gone while I was at work,” Brett said.

“It’s the feeling of security,” Leibach said.

The families were also ready to explore and use all the facilities on post.

Leibach, who is a big football fan, said before they get cable, Warrior-Zone was awesome for Sunday football and great pizza. He and his wife had also tried out the bowling alley

the night before and loved it, saying it was state of the art and had specials like crazy.

“I’m excited to meet everyone, too. It’s the first time that we’ve lived in the military community. It’s cool to see where everyone is from,” Alyson said.

Both families agreed they wanted to leave post as little as possible while living at Fort Riley.

“There is actually meat in the commissary and we don’t have to worry about showing up on the right day,” Alyson said as she talked about her experiences on post so far in comparison to others they were stationed at.

Both families went on to describe how much they loved the layout and storage of their new houses and the slightest details such as paint color throughout the rooms.

The benefits they found to not only living on post, but living in Fort Riley gave the families a peace of mind and bright outlook to their future while stationed here.

## RED RIBBON

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every day that focused on how drugs could effect them and what to do if offered drugs.

“We got partners and put our feet on paper and traced it and we put ‘To Stomp Out Drugs,’” said Maliah Balancier, daughter of Isminaz and Sgt. 1st Class Zachary Balancier, 70th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

Students also drew pictures of the things they couldn’t do if they chose to do drugs.

“I drew a picture of someone that couldn’t do gymnastics if they did drugs,” Hammock said.

The student council representatives talked about the different things they learned, such as diseases a person could get from using drugs, like lung cancer, or how some drugs could keep a person up all night. They also talked about saying no and walking away and how to stay busy and active with their own hobbies, such as



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Students of Seitz Elementary start their parade route through the Colyer-Forsyth neighborhood Oct. 30 at Fort Riley to end the festivities of Red Ribbon Week. They dressed up in costumes to “Scare Away Drugs.”

art or sports instead of opting to use drugs.

Everyone got to wear Halloween costumes Oct. 30 to “Scare Away Drugs” and parade through the nearest neighbor-

hood. Soldiers of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team also joined the kids in the parade.

“We’re supporting our community,” said Pvt. Jesse Martinez, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st

ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “We’re here to show the kids that we support them going to school and growing up and becoming successful adults. We want them to look at us and look up to us.”

## TRUNK

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Families such as the Munks were able to meet other families, but they could also get in touch with organizations in Fort Riley and the surrounding communities such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Geary County, which had volunteers at the event with a trunk set up.

“Sgt. Minear ... had talked about it with us and we thought we’d come out and have some fun,” said Michelle Hawthorn, a volunteer from Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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The Defense Commissary Agency, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Innovative Market Solutions helped sponsor the event by donating the candy. The event also included a costume contest, and people could vote for their favorite decorated trunk. Those winners were named at a later date and called to receive their prizes.



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Families get candy from the Despicable Me Minion themed trunk at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 in the parking lot of the Fort Riley Commissary.



# Sports & Recreation

## IN BRIEF

**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](http://rileymwr.com).

**ARMY VS. AIR FORCE FLAG FOOTBALL GAME**

The Fort Riley Post football team is scheduled to play McConnell Air Force Base Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. at Sacco Softball Complex. Come out and support the Fort Riley team.

**BUTTERBALL BLAST SKEET AND TRAP**

Bring home the turkey at the sixth annual blast 10 a.m. Nov. 21 at the Fort Riley trap and skeet range. Use range guns and ammo to shoot paper targets. Pick your best and turn it in. One in 10 will win a turkey. Cost is \$5 per attempt.

**TURKEY BOWL FLAG FOOTBALL**

A flag football tournament will be held at Long Fitness Center, Nov. 25 starting at 8 a.m. It is open to active-duty Soldiers and there is a limit of 10 teams. Registration is free.

**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](http://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.

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## Post volleyball league spikes into action



Sgt. Kat Asumendi, flight medic, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, tips the ball over the net while Spc. Tyler Griger, medic with 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

“If you want to stand out in this sport, it can't happen without your teammates setting you up for success first.”

Charla Hoaglin | TEAM COACH

Story and photo by Maria Childs  
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Spc. Tyler Griger, a medic with 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fell to the ground desperately trying to keep the ball from hitting the floor.

After all, that is the point of the game of volleyball.

Griger is part of the team “I Got It” in the community life volleyball league, which plays at Whitside Fitness Center. The league is open

to all Department of Defense identification card holders. There are about 10 teams in the league this season.

“There is a lot of anticipation and excitement build up in volleyball,” Charla Hoaglin, team coach said. “From the serve receive to the pass to the attack, it is like you are holding your breath hoping it all goes right. There is nothing like a perfectly played down ball that comes from a perfect pass, set and attack.”

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## Eye on the Goal

### Basketball team takes on colleges

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

SALINA, KS — Pvt. Anthony Taylor, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, dribbled the ball to the basket with a minute and 46 seconds left in the game. There was 20 seconds left on the shot clock and the score was 72-76. But he kept his eye on the goal.

Taylor was one of the players on the Fort Riley basketball team who played during the Brown Mackie Classic at the K-State Salina campus Oct. 30 and 31. This is not a regular season game for the post team, but more a fun environment for them to be able to play.

“Toward the end, we started coming back and everybody was coming together and one turnover changed the whole game, and we just lost the whole momentum” said Dontarrius Pugh, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. “Once that happened, everybody started putting their



Pvt. Anthony Taylor, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, goes in for a lay-up during an Oct. 30 game against Tabor College at the K-State Salina campus. The team lost to Tabor, 72-76.

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The Fort Riley Basketball Team meets during halftime of their game against Tabor College Oct. 30 at the K-State Salina campus. The team lost to Tabor with a score of 72-78, then fell to Brown Mackie College Oct. 31, 84-64.

## ‘Run to Honor’ race remembers fallen Soldiers



John Teschner of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Stephanie Todd, the “Run to Honor” campaign spokesperson and the sister of Teschner's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor and fallen Soldier, Sgt. 1st Class David James Todd Jr., meet for the first time during the Army Ten-Miler Expo Oct. 10, in Washington, D.C.

Story and photo by Jessica Ryan  
U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND

WASHINGTON — Among the hundreds of participants who visited the “Run To Honor” booth and filled out memorial race cards, one runner went out of his way to introduce himself to an exceptional Gold Star sister.

Stephanie Todd, of Saint Hedwig, Texas, never expected such a personal encounter as she spent her morning at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command's booth at the Army Ten-Miler Expo. Her intent was to encourage any and all race participants to dedicate their runs to fallen service members; and then in walked her own inspiration.

John Teschner, of Charlottesville, Virginia, knew Stephanie's brother, Sgt. 1st Class David James Todd, Jr., when he was in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Teschner was a cadet, and Todd was his instructor.

Teschner remembered Todd as an instructor who genuinely cared about his students.

“I always told my Soldiers that one of the best things you could have on your side when you're developing [in your military career] is an instructor who actually cares, and that was Todd for me,” he said.

“I remember when I was a captain in the Ranger Challenge Team during

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## Soldiers in boxing battle for women's Olympic team

### Soldier-athletes from Installation Management Command compete

Story and photo by William Bradner  
INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Four Soldier-athletes from the U.S. Army Installation Management Command battled it out the end of October for a spot on the 2016 U.S. Olympic Women's Boxing Team.

Twenty-four of the nation's best boxers are participating in a double-elimination team trials tournament at the Memphis Cook Convention Center in Tennessee. Among them are 1st Lt. Giovanna Camacho, Spc. Alex Love, Pfc. Rianna Rios and Spc. Naomi Graham, all members

of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

“These are the elite of the elite,” said WCAP Coach Staff Sgt. Quentin McCoy, “so this week it's all about execution. We have a game plan, and we're going to execute.”

McCoy and the rest of the coaching staff, including Staff Sgt. Charles Leverette and Staff Sgt. Joe Guzman, have been reviewing tape of the other boxers and developing a strategy for the Army boxers for months, McCoy said.

Each fight consists of four two-minute rounds, and most fights end with a decision from the judges, McCoy explained. Knockouts and technical knockouts are rare in women's amateur boxing.



Alex Love in red boxes against Virginia Fuchs in the first round of the 2016 Women's Boxing Olympic Team Trials. Love lost to Fuchs in a split decision.

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heads down. We have to learn to stay together as a team.”

The team lost to Tabor College Oct. 30, 75-78.

“We learned we still have to learn a few things, correct mistakes, take care of the ball and recognize game situations,” Jason LaFasciano, assistant coach said.

Capt. Richard Shaw, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team members, 1st Inf. Div., said the team did not play as they practiced and that ultimately cost them the game. They learned from their mistakes Friday night and were ready to go home, recoup and then come back Saturday and take on Brown Mackie College.

“We didn’t come out and execute like we practiced and we didn’t play like we normally play,” Shaw said.

The team lost to Brown Mackie College the following day, 84-64.

Shaw said playing a tournament like this one outside of the regular season games helps them practice and become a better and stronger team.

“I think it’s good to get exposure to other teams and how they play,” Shaw said. “When you play games, that’s when you actually get better so we come out and practice — we learn as a team and learn how our game is.”



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**Spc. Everett Duis, 172nd Chemical Company, rebounds the ball and goes up for another shot during an Oct. 30 basketball game against Tabor College at the K-State Salina campus. “We learned we still have to learn a few things, correct mistakes, take care of the ball and recognize game situations,” Jason LaFasciano assistant coach said.**

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my senior year (at Tulane University). I wasn’t the best runner but Todd was,” he said. “During the last half mile, he was in his uniform with full boots on, and he was running with me and motivating me. That is just one example of what he did for his students.”

Teschner graduated from the ROTC program and was commissioned in the Army as an officer. Because of Todd’s leadership, Teschner followed in his footsteps and became a ROTC instructor later in his military career.

In 2008, Todd was killed in action near Bala Morghab, Afghanistan.

After hearing about Todd’s death, Teschner kept in contact with Stephanie’s family through a Facebook memorial group for her brother. Even though he was friends with her mother on the social media website, he never met Stephanie until the expo. The two talked about their memories of Todd, resulting in Teschner dedicating his Ten-Miler run to him.

For Teschner, the “Run to Honor” campaign holds a special meaning.

“When I run, it causes me to think and reflect on life -- especially for those individuals that we are running to honor,” he said. “It gives me time to reflect

on the impression that they made on me during their life.”

Both Teschner and Stephanie ran in the Ten-Miler the next day. For Stephanie, the meeting made a huge impact on her run.

“Little did I realize how much this conversation would help me on Sunday morning. As I hit the five mile marker, all I could think about was John’s story of David helping him in his run,” she said.

“The conversation played over and over in my head as I listened to the clapping of my brother’s dog tags, knowing that he was pushing me along too.”

For more information about “Run to Honor,” visit [www.armymwr.com/runtohonor](http://www.armymwr.com/runtohonor).

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Each Wednesday, teams face off in a match consisting of three games. In the second week of games, Team “I Got It” faced the “Boomers” Oct. 29. Team “I Got It” lost the match, but Griger said it isn’t always about winning for him.

“When you dive and get the save — it’s just great,” Griger said. “This is my getaway. I don’t have to think about anything.”

Hoaglin said for most of the team, this is the first time playing volleyball in a league. She said the league has a welcoming atmosphere that is enjoyed by the players on her team.

“Practice days usually end up in a mixture of teams on both sides of the net just scrimmaging,” she said. “We schedule one hour long practices, but always end up staying late because we are

having so much fun.”

Hoaglin said “there is no ‘I’ in team” rings true in the sport of volleyball. Without the entire team making each play happen, the plays don’t happen.

“If you want to stand out in this sport it can’t happen without your teammates setting you up for success first,” she said. “You really come together fast and learn to trust and rely on each other.”



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**Spc. Deschelle Lincoln, aviation operations, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, bumps the ball to a teammate during an Oct. 29 volleyball game at Fort Riley. Lincoln’s team played three games to complete the night’s match.**

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“That doesn’t leave a lot of time to impress the judges,” McCoy said. “There’s no time to feel out the opponent. You have to go in with a game plan and execute.”

The real challenge for the boxers comes if they lose the first match of the tournament. If so, they could conceivably have to fight every day of the six-day tournament to battle back through the loser’s brackets to win a spot on the team.

The double-elimination format requires a weigh-in every morning at 7 a.m., a grueling schedule for the boxers requiring them to build up energy during the day to box, compete, and then shed any excess weight before the next morning’s weigh-in.

“We’ll be up all nights some nights this week, just to make weight,” McCoy said.

Camacho, Love and Graham may face that

schedule: all three lost their first fights. Camacho and Graham lost on unanimous decisions, and Love lost a split decision.

Graham’s first fight was against the 2012 Olympic gold medalist in her weight class, Claressa Shields of Flint, Michigan.

Rios took home the first victory for the Army, in a split decision.

“This is not going to be easy,” McCoy said, “but they’re going to go out there and compete like soldiers. They’re going to fight like there’s no tomorrow, and never quit.”

The 24 Olympic Trials participants earned their berths in the event in one of three qualifying tournaments, beginning with the 2015 USA Boxing National Championships in January. The two finalists from the national championships and top three finishers from qualifying tournaments in June and September all earned spots in the Olympic Trials.

For more information on the Olympic qualifying process for both male and female athletes, visit [www.usaboxing.org](http://www.usaboxing.org). For more information about Army Olympic hopefuls, visit [www.ArmyMWR.com](http://www.ArmyMWR.com).



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**Naomi Graham, in blue, boxed against Claressa Shields in the first round of the U.S. Olympic Women’s Boxing Team Trials. Graham lost in a unanimous decision to Shields.**







# Travel & Fun in Kansas



The Wareham Opera House history begins more than 100 years ago. Manhattan businessman H.S. Moore built a wood and stone theater on the site in 1884 and named it The Coliseum. In 1893, Harry P. Wareham purchased the building, installed electricity and renamed it The Wareham Opera House.



Poyntz Avenue in Manhattan, Kansas provides a variety of shopping opportunities, including locally owned boutiques. The Manhattan Town Center Mall is located toward the end of Poyntz Avenue for those looking for more options.

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

If looking for a great spot for entertainment, look no further than Poyntz Avenue in Manhattan, Kansas. Located in downtown Manhattan, businesses on the street can help anyone customize their experience.

Art lovers should check out the Nelson-Strecker Art Gallery with works from local artists. It is the oldest commercial art gallery in Kansas with more than 5,000 square feet and 150 artists on display.

The owners also host Poetry on Poyntz twice a year, where community members can stand up and read their own poetry or prose.

Shoppers can visit one of the many boutiques lining the street. Other than the boutiques, the Manhattan Town Center Mall sits at the end of Poyntz Avenue for other shopping needs.

Poyntz has fine dining experiences at restaurants like 4 Olives, Harry's and Della Voce.

Harry's is located in The Wareham Opera House. The restaurant offers an American menu, featuring hand-cut steaks and seafood along with made-from-scratch specialty menu items. For lunch options, Harry's has a deli with smaller portions. And right next door is the Wareham Opera House where visitors can find a great concert or show.

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For those wanting to catch a baseball or football game during their meal, AJ's Pizzeria is a perfect fit. AJ's

serves large New-York style pizza by the slice.

For those who want something that's somewhere in between, Bourbon and Baker and Tallgrass Taphouse can satisfy any level of hunger. The chefs at Bourbon and Baker create new specials every night with their specialty being small plate comfort food. Enjoy a sweet treat on the way out the back door from their bakery.

Tallgrass Brewing Company was founded in 2006. The Taphouse, owned and operated by the company, is stocked with year-round and seasonal brews. In early 2015, Tallgrass moved into a new 60,000-square-foot building located adjacent to the Manhattan Municipal Airport. Tallgrass produces 100,000 barrels per year and distributes in 14 states. During the warmer days, enjoy a meal outside on the restaurant's rooftop seating area and get a great view downtown Manhattan scenery.