



Amanda Kim Stairrett | 1ST INF. DIV.

Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, serves turkey, roast beef and ham to Soldiers waiting in line for Thanksgiving meals Nov. 25 at Fort Riley's Demon Diner dining facility. Grigsby and other senior leaders across the division spent Nov. 25 and 26 serving at the post's two dining facilities.

## A Meal to Share

### Fort Riley dining facilities host Thanksgiving meals for Fort Riley, 'Big Red One' Soldiers

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

Roasted turkey. Stuffing. Pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Friends and family gathered around the table.

It's a common sight in many American homes in late November, but it was also what Soldiers found as they entered Fort Riley dining facilities Nov. 25 and 26 as the 1st Infantry Division celebrated Thanksgiving.

In addition to serving a first-class meal, the Demon Diner and the Devil's Den competed to win the Senior Commander's Best Culinary Dining Facility award. The winning dining facility will be announced at a later date.

In keeping with the Army tradition, officers and senior noncommissioned officers — including Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr. and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, 1st Inf. Div. command team — served Thanksgiving meals to their Soldiers.

The decoration theme for each dining facility this year honored the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War.

"The 1st Inf. Div. was the first to fight in Vietnam, with over five years of service," Grigsby said. "Thanksgiving is about being thankful, so we are very thankful for our Vietnam vets and what

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First Sgt. Terrina Anderson and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jeffrey Price, 1st Infantry Division Band command team, help serve desserts Nov. 25 at Demon Diner dining facility at Fort Riley. As is tradition in units across the Army, senior leaders dress in their finest to serve meals to junior Soldiers and their families.

## Fort Riley Soldier rallies for votes from community

By Robert Dozier  
IMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TX — The stage is set for Soldiers, spouses and civilians to sing their way to the title of "2015 Operation Rising Star" in the Army's world-wide competition. Twelve finalists chosen from various auditions are in San Antonio to prepare for Army Entertainment's series of four shows designed to showcase their vocal talents.

The roster of competitors includes Spc. Xochilt Ramirez-Luna of the 97th Military Police Battalion at Fort Riley. Ramirez-Luna learned about the competition from the 2014 winner Sgt. Christiana Ball.

"During basic training, my drill sergeant (Ball) told me it was a really big deal," said Ramirez-Luna. "This year the dates worked out so I submitted a video for fun. I used to hate singing in front of people until I did the National Anthem at basic training. I'll be singing for my husband who always attends my performances and is there to boost me."

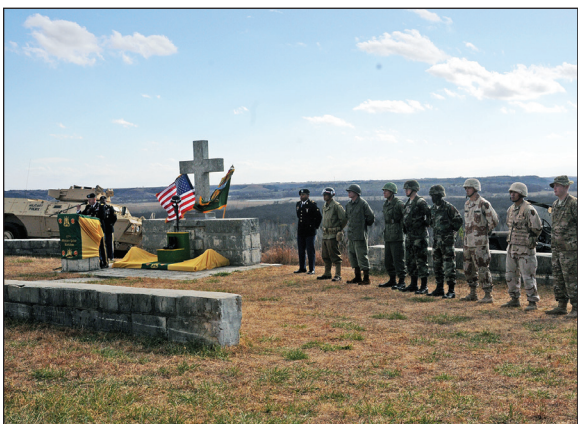
#### OTHER COMPETITORS

The field of performers also includes Spc. Pha Xiong. He was the local winner at Fort Hood and plans to express his feelings toward his fellow competitors in his go-to song "Open Arms" by the rock band Journey.

"When I was deployed in Afghanistan in a small forward operating base, there were times of sadness and loneliness, especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas," Xiong said. "We made it through and back home. In these times, (I say) let the world hear your voice. It will bring happiness and inspire."

Operation Rising Star will be performed in the Fort Sam Houston Theatre in front of a live audience, and taped for broadcast on <http://www.OpRisingStar.com>. Fans and critics will select or eliminate all but the best through online viewing and voting.

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Soldiers from the 97th Military Police Battalion stand in formation as Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Alexander Murray delivers his remarks during a ceremony to remember the fallen members of the Military Police Corps. The ceremony begins a year-long observance of the 75th anniversary of the Corps.

## Military Police remember fallen heroes

Story and photo by Andy Massanet  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Eight hundred forty one. Since Sep 26, 1941, the date of the inception of the Military Police Corps, that number is the total of Military Police heroes who have fallen in conflicts over those years.

It was deemed appropriate that the ceremony, held Nov. 20 at Fort Riley, was one of remembrance of the Military Police professionals lost, should begin a year-long observance of the 75th anniversary of the Military Police Corps.

"What they've (Military Police) provided to us on the battlefield has been so critical to commanders out there. And that's what makes them an integral part of the 1st Infantry Division. So we salute the MPs out there who have been in the fight with our infantry, our armor and our cavalry, as our Soldiers have described today ... They are absolutely a critical component."

COL. PATRICK FRANK | 1ST INF. DIV. DEPUTY COMMANDING OFFICER FOR SUPPORT

"We must remember our fallen comrades no matter what has taken them from our lives," said Lt. Col. Alexander Murray, commander of the 97th Military Police Battalion and the director of the Directorate

of Emergency Services at Fort Riley, in his official remarks. "Some of whom we've even served with, trained with, or we even had a few beers with. So as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of our beloved police corps

let's always remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to the MP corps of the Army, our families and friends, and our nation."

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The next USAG Resilience Day Off will be:

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#### SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, Nov. 26

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

#### Update on gate closures

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# U.S. Office of Special Counsel updates Hatch Act guidance for social media

By Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The United States Special Counsel recently released updates for Hatch Act guidance for federal employees' social media in regard to the upcoming presidential election year.

The act, which limits certain political activities of federal employees, determines what those employees are allowed to do in regard to their title and position with politics on social media, such as using campaign logos as a profile picture on their personal Facebook or Twitter accounts.

"The key thing with the Hatch Act is for federal employees, whether that's civilian employees or even Soldiers, (is) to know that their

actions politically are somewhat limited," said Eric Carter, Ethics Counselor and Administrative Law Attorney of Fort Riley.

Carter explained that typical things like voting, supporting candidates or parties, putting up signs in their personal yard or making contributions to a political party is fine. However, in their official capacities, federal employees are limited in what they can do or say. Basic guidelines include not engaging in political activity while on duty or in the workplace.

The term "political activity" according to the Hatch Act Guidance for Social Media "... refers to any activity directed at the success or failure of a political party or partisan political group ... or candidate in a partisan race."

"Even if you are in your personal capacity, you should not allow your official status to influence what you're saying in your personal status," Carter said. "If there is anything about your personal capacity that someone could say 'that person is a federal employee' or 'that person has an official status' they wouldn't be able to engage in that kind of stuff."

Carter suggests that if you are in doubt, don't post. Hatch Act violations can have repercussions such as removal or civil penalties.

Carter added that while the Act is referring to federal employees, contracted employees should look to see what their contracts may address.

More guidance about the Hatch Act can be found at [osc.gov/](http://osc.gov/).

## MORE INFO



While most of the Office of Special Counsel's advice remains the same, there are some changes and new issues contained in the revised guidance. For example:

- Federal employees may display campaign logos or candidate photographs as their cover or header photo situated at the top of their social media profiles on personal Facebook or Twitter accounts.
- Federal employees may display campaign logos or candidate photographs as profile pictures on personal Facebook or Twitter accounts. However, because a profile picture accompanies most actions on social media, employees would not be permitted, while on duty or in the workplace to post, "share," "tweet" or

"retweet" any items on Facebook or Twitter, since each such action would show their support for a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race, even if the content of the action is not about those entities.

- "Further restricted employees" — similar to all federal employees — may "like" a social media post from a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race and may comment on such an entity's social media pages when not at work. Note: No federal employee may "like" a post soliciting for partisan political contributions at any time. Most further-restricted employees work in law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

The office also has issued brief guidance on the Hatch Act implications of federal agencies' use of official social media accounts.

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All the contestants will return for a concluding show Dec. 4 to reveal the winner of 2015 Operation Rising Star.

Candidates for this year's show are amateurs selected during programmed events held at Army facilities throughout the year. Winners from these events around the globe were then allowed to apply for the national show.

Three contestants come to the competition from South Korea. Sgt. Clayzella Butler is a medic at Camp Casey, U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud, and has spent 10 years serving the Army. She sings to relieve stresses and aggravations.

"Gospel is where my heart is. It addresses strength in life, but I'll be competing with pop music," Butler said. "I'm thankful the Army thought enough of the Soldiers to put this show together. It has become a means to develop a talent that I didn't know I had."

Capt. Cydnia Jackson from Raleigh, NC, is stationed at Camp Humphreys as a senior human resources officer and had to jump through hoops to bring her competitive spirit to the competition.

"My boss had three conditions for me before I could leave: connectivity, telephony and 'find someone willing to sit in my place,' but I met all these and so I'm here doing this," Jackson said. "Our mission in the Army is to 'defend and serve,' and the work is hard, but Operation Rising Star shows it doesn't have to always be. Now that I'm here, it's 'step your game up' 'cause I want to win."

By rule, contestants can be active duty from any branch of service, or a family member at least 18 years old and eligible to be a patron at an MWR facility.

The third contestant from Korea is Tech. Sgt. Candice Fagan, an intelligence analyst from USAG Yongsan.

"Your dreams don't stop with responsibility," Fagan said. "I wanted to be a singer, but I didn't achieve what my youthful heart wanted. Just because you don't meet your goal doesn't mean you have to stop. Op Rising Star is another chance for me. You may be delayed, but not denied."

Petty Officer 1st Class Steven Powell is a Navy recruiter with 15 years experience at Pleasant Hill, Calif.

"A friend of mine, retired Air Force, told me about Op Rising Star," Powell said. "They said 'you have to do this' and I asked 'what is this?' I went on the website ([www.OpRisingStar.com](http://www.OpRisingStar.com)) and submitted a video audition, so I am here, a very happy guy. Music is my passion and this is a great opportunity to do what I love."

This is the 11th annual competition conducted primarily at Morale, Welfare and Recreation centers and facilities on Army garrisons. MWR programs are part of the Army's effort to promote the readiness and resilience of our all-volunteer service, for Soldiers, civilians, families and retirees.

Air Force spouse Chelsea Tabisz comes to the competition from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurstn New Jersey.

"I love to sing and saw an ad at the gym," Tabisz said, an Air Force veteran who served three years as a vocalist in the Air Force band. "I've got four children at home with dad. He's active duty Air Force. It's an odd thing for mom to be away. We've dealt with dad being gone, so this is new and different. I want them to see me perform and I want to thank them for finding the strength to be strong while I'm away."

Army MWR brings Child, Youth and School Services, Family Programs, Soldier Programs & Community Recreation, and Armed Forces Recreation Centers, among others, to Soldiers and their families where they are stationed or deployed. MWR professionals work hard to provide programs and services which boost morale to all patrons.

Army spouse Melinda Way-Bonner, from Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., is a special event coordinator with MWR.

"Never in my life did I expect to be here," said an astonished Way-Bonner, who is also a nine-year Army veteran. "I like to sing at church and this type of competition is unfamiliar to me. I didn't really think it through. Now I hope that from the music, I can provoke praise and worship."

Like many aspects of life, singers often need encouragement from others to take the time to enter Operation Rising Star. Three female Soldiers were reluctant but then nudged into auditions and rewarded by being selected as alternates from winners who were unable to make the trip this season.

Pfc. Nizika Wilson, a "92 Whiskey" or water purification specialist from Fort Irwin, Calif., sees herself as quiet and shy and had to be encouraged to compete.

"Even though I'd seen the show at Fort Sam Houston Theatre when I was in school there, I didn't really know about the competition," Wilson said, originally from Grenada. "Everyone knew I loved to sing, but my friends pushed me to do it. I didn't really think I was going to get it. I'm really thankful to be here."

Spc. Chyanna Dresden from Joint Base Lewis-McChord Washington is a "94 Yankee" integrated family of test equipment, operator/maintainer. She received her encouragement from her NCO support chain.

"In advanced individual training my platoon sergeant saw me playing guitar and said 'you need to try out,'" Dresden said. "My boyfriend is fully supportive and said 'go and do what you do.' My mom is excited. My dad always encouraged me. He has passed away, but if he were here, he would say 'just be yourself, I support you no matter what.'"

Sgt. Robert Gulley comes to the competition from Sembach Air Base, Germany and is a guitar player in the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus. He won a local-level competition to get his ticket to the finals, but he, too, had to be encouraged to try out.

"I've been in the Army band for 15 years and love rock and blues," Gulley said. "My wife Megan saw an ad for Op Rising Star on the Armed Forces Network. I told her 'no' for about a week, but eventually changed my mind. Music is important to me, coming from a family of musicians. My father is the bass player for Bill Medley (one half of the singing group The Righteous Brothers). I'm happy my unit afforded me this opportunity. To my wife I say 'I love you. It's hard to be alone, but everyone is great. Wish you were here.'"

Army spouse Isabella Robin is from Vilseck, USAG Bavaria, Germany.

"I heard it on the radio but wasn't thinking about it until I saw a sign," Robin said. "I love music for the satisfaction it gives me, it makes me happy. There is always a song for every emotion. For the Soldiers serving overseas and



Robert Dozier | IMCOM  
Spc. Xochilt Ramirez-Luna, 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley , sang "Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran in round one of Operation Rising Star Nov. 29. The top six in the competition were announced Dec. 3, but results can be found at [www.armymwr.com/recreation/promotions/operation\\_rising\\_star.aspx](http://www.armymwr.com/recreation/promotions/operation_rising_star.aspx). "I used to hate singing in front of people until I did the National Anthem at basic training," Ramirez-Luna said. "I'll be singing for my husband, who always attends my performances and is there to boost me."

deployed, I wish you could be here. I hope you have a good time (watching the competition) and I hope my singing will bring us closer together."

The winner of the 2015 Operation Rising Star finals will receive an all-expense paid trip to record a three-song demo at a location selected by Army Entertainment. The trip for the winner and a guest will include airfare, lodging and three days of studio time plus \$1,000 spending cash. Second- and third-place winners also receive a cash award.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command, headquarters element for the Army Entertainment Division, will announce the 2015 winner at the end of the fourth show Dec. 5.

# SUICIDE PREVENTION

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# Garrison Employee of the Year helps wherever needed

Story by Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

“I was shocked. I was really, really shocked,” said Brittany Toombs of receiving the Garrison Employee of the Year.

Toombs was awarded Garrison Employee of the Year for the 2015 fiscal year after being nominated by her boss, Danitta Brantley, director of Forsyth East Child Development Center.

Toombs worked at the front desk during the time when the facility was changing into a school-age facility. Brantley said she stepped up and did any job needed.

Brantley said she had never been in a school-age center before. She said Toombs had six years of previous experience in a school-age facility before coming to Forsyth East nine years ago. She used this experience to help me figure out the setting and flow for this type of facility.

“I think it (is) something that was very well deserved for her ... a long-time very dedicated employee of CYSS,” Brantley said. “She is that one employee who you can really count on to give you the knowledge if you need it and help others to learn.”

Before coming to work with the children of Forsyth East, Toombs said she always had a passion for kids. She earned an associate degree in art and then trained as a child development associate.

“I enjoy the kids,” Toombs said. “I really like challenging behavior (in) children. It seems like I can just get to them.”

She said that the kids in her pre-kindergarten classroom are always wondering where she is and when she is coming back. Toombs helps with the pre-k room by teaching basics that will help them in kindergarten such as writing their names and learning letters, sight words and counting.

“I help wherever help is needed,” Toombs said of her day-to-day work. “I’m here until they kick me out.”

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BRITTANY TOOMBS |  
PROGRAM ASSISTANT AT  
FORSYTH EAST CDC



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Brittany Toombs, program assisstant 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. “I think it (is) something that was very well deserved for her ... a long-time very dedicated employee of CYSS,” said Danitta Brantley, director of Forsyth Easy Child Development Center. “She is that one employee who you can really count on to give you the knowledge if you need it and help others to learn.”

# Snowburst: planning prepares Fort Riley for winter weather problems

By Andy Massanet  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The latest wintry blast, with freezing rain, cold temperatures and snow in some places, served as a reminder that being prepared and staying informed is key to making it through the season without too much difficulty.

Fort Riley’s Snowburst plan is now in effect and will be until April 30, 2016.

The plan is meant to limit the impact of wintry weather to post operations, so staying familiar with its major aspects is important for Fort Riley personnel — military, families, Department of the Army civilians, etc. — who commute to the post each day.

Snowburst involves coordination with outside agencies as well, to include civilian law enforcement and emergency personnel, Unified School District 475 and various news outlets.

A forecast of impending bad weather initiates Snowburst procedures that will further prepare the post for the event. This includes involvement of key leaders and the notification of Directorate of Emergency Services and Directorate of Public Works personnel.

Road clearance will be underway so use caution and safe driving practices around snow removal equipment.

## OFFICIAL ROAD CONDITION DESIGNATIONS

Roadways are assigned a color according to their passability and the availability of the post. The following color codes and their definition are:

- Green – No restrictions for any vehicle on Fort Riley
- Amber – No restrictions for privately owned vehicles. For motor pool and commercial fleet vehicles, senior leaders will ensure that only mission essential vehicles are dispatched. Other vehicles dispatched will include those in support of DES and essential base operations, supply vehicles, public works repair vehicles, recovery vehicles, mail service vehicles, and command or staff vehicles. For tactical vehicles, battalion commander or designees will ensure only mission-essential vehicles are dispatched. Other mission-essential tactical vehicles as defined by commanders and directors may be dispatched as needed.
- Red – No restrictions for privately owned vehicles. Official vehicles will be limited to DES emergency vehicles, snow removal equipment, ambulances, hospital food and linen trucks, engineer repair vehicles, dump trucks, crew buses and recovery vehicles. Tactical vehicles are limited to DES

emergency vehicles, snow removal equipment, vehicles dedicated to personnel safety and emergency resupply. Battalion commanders will ensure only emergency vehicles are dispatched.

- Installation Closed – No movement of privately owned vehicles is authorized. Official and tactical vehicle movements are limited to those dedicated to recovery emergency law enforcement and ambulance response and snow removal.

## POLICY FOR LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY RELEASE

Personnel should consult with supervisors to determine if they are deemed mission essential. As a rule, they include medical, police, fire, snow crews, Fort Riley Operations Center, and food service personnel at a minimum.

The policy for late arrivals and early release applies to non-minimal manning personnel. Those who are uncertain of what their status is should consult with their supervisor.

The Public Affairs Office is responsible for alerting the media as to the posture of

Fort Riley during a storm and whether late arrivals and early releases are authorized.

Decisions on late arrivals and early release will be made not later than 5 a.m. the morning of the storm and disseminated prior to 5:15 a.m.

The early release plan for non-essential personnel will be staggered according to the following criteria:

- \* “H” hour: release employees who live 25 miles or more from post.
- \* “H” hour plus 30 minutes: release employees who live less than 25 miles from post.

Soldiers, families and employees are urged to sign-up for AtHoc messaging service that will expedite receipt of workforce delay or service reduction decisions.

There are two ways personnel can ensure they and their family members are notified of severe weather and workforce notifications while deployed or at work.

One is by requesting AtHoc messages. How-to guidance can be obtained visiting [www.riley.army.mil/Portals/0/Docs/About/Advisories/AtHocFeb15.pdf](http://www.riley.army.mil/Portals/0/Docs/About/Advisories/AtHocFeb15.pdf)

The other is by downloading the Fort Riley app. Go to the Fort Riley Facebook page and click on the “Use App” link. Then use the appropriate QR code.

Users can also search their smartphone or tablet App Store. Enter “MyBaseGuide” into the search bar. Once the app is downloaded choose Fort Riley as your location.

## DIVARTY CREST FINDS HOME



1st Lt. Landon Barnes | DIVARTY

LEFT TO RIGHT: Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Stephens, Dawn Stephens, Lauren Bolen and Col. Thomas Bolen, 1st Infantry Division Artillery command team and their spouses, hung the DIVARTY crest on the Bolen home Nov. 20 at Fort Riley. This is the first time the “Drumfire” crest was placed on a “Big Red One” quarters since the brigade deactivated on Feb. 15, 2006, at Warner Barracks, Bamberg, Germany. The DIVARTY reactivated Oct. 16 at Fort Riley, and will support the division’s mission readiness by standardizing artillery training, certifying and teaching sections and enabling higher-level exercises throughout the division.

## Fort Riley Holiday Services

### Catholic Masses

24 December: 1630 at Victory Chapel  
24/25December: 0000 (Midnight) at St. Mary’s Chapel  
25 December: 0900 and 1200 at St. Mary’s Chapel

### Traditional and Contemporary Combined Christmas Eve Service

24 December: 1500 Refreshments & Carriage Rides at Main Post Chapel  
1800 Service at Main Post Chapel

### Gospel Watch Night Service

31 December: 2200 at Morris Hill Chapel

HOUSE AD



# Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program improves performance in workplace, at home



Courtesy photo  
**Ashley Rencher, third from left, a Master Resilience Trainer of the Performance Expert of Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program, provided in-depth team-building exercises to the staff of the 1st Infantry Division Post newspaper Nov. 19 to help refine skills and help people perform better at work or in their personal life. “A lot of these things that we teach are what people do already, but a lot of people don’t know that they can build on these skills,” said Ashley. “A lot of what we do is putting a name to a practice that you’re already doing and enhancing that.”**

## Self-awareness key to promoting healthy behaviors, resiliency

By Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The staff of the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program work diligently in the Victory Center to help Soldiers, family members and civilian staff of Fort Riley better themselves and their teams with skills for resilience through workshops, curriculum and one-on-one sessions.

While many Soldiers use their services regularly, they also work to keep other members of the community informed about what the Soldiers are learning.

“We offer a skill of the month for family members, Department of the Army civilians and military dependents that coordinates

with what their Soldier is being taught,” said Joseph Galus, master resilience trainer — performance expert of CSF2.

Along with those types of skills, trainers work with people using their sport psychology background for goal-setting, building confidence, attention control and energy management.

“A lot of these things that we teach are what people do already, but a lot of people don’t know that they can build on these skills,” said Ashley Rencher, MRT — PE of CSF2. “A lot of what we do is putting a name to a practice that you’re already doing and enhancing that.”

Rencher said that often times what they do makes people more self-aware of their actions and how they are using the skills. What they do is not a reactive approach, but instead they are there to help refine skills and help people perform even better at work or in their personal life.

“These are skills that I live and believe in and I like

Maria Childs, a staff writer for the 1st Inf. Div. Post attended this workshop. Read her thoughts on the experience.

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sharing and having those conversations with other people and seeing how it fits into their lives and work,” Rencher said.

The program is designed to build resilience and enhance performance of Soldiers, their families and Army civilians. The sessions are free of charge and accomplished by providing hands-on training and self-development tools so that members are better able to cope with adversity, perform better in stressful situations and thrive in life.

“If you have the time we’ll, teach it,” Galus said. “All it costs is your time.”

Go to [csf2.army.mil](http://csf2.army.mil) or the local Fort Riley CSF2 Facebook page at [facebook.com/RileyCSF2](http://facebook.com/RileyCSF2) to find out more about the organization.

# Fort Riley recognized for water fluoridation success

## Flouridation efforts lead to decline in tooth decay

By Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Fort Riley is the only community in Kansas to receive the Certificate for 50 Years of Water Fluoridation, presented by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Kansas and Bureau of Oral Health. In addition, the Department of Public Works also received a Water Fluoridation Quality Award.

Because of its contribution to the significant decline in tooth decay the CDC named community water fluoridation one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century.

The national certificate of appreciation award recognizes communities that have contributed to the safe and effective prevention of dental cavities.

“Fort Riley is consistently able to maintain levels of fluoride that are safe and effective in the prevention of dental cavities,” said Pamela Smith, fluoridation specialist and evaluator. “This represents a high level of operator care and accomplishment.”

The staff of the Fort Riley water plant and environmental office of the Directorate of Public Works strive to maintain the fluoridation at the specified level of .7 parts per million, which means there is just under one millionth milligram per liter.

“There are samples collected and analyzed at the water plant twice daily for process control,” said Steven Stanislow, environmental protections specialist of the Department of Public

Works. “There are four quarterly samples collected, analyzed and reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. These samples are used to demonstrate Fort Riley’s compliance with state and federal drinking water regulations.”

While the members of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment makes the regulations for the amount of fluoride allowed in the water, the personnel of the Department of Public Works has to continuously implement those regulations into the water system of Fort Riley over the years.

“We have done a great job developing a positive working relationship with our regulators,” Stanislow said.

Jeff Williamson, director of the Directorate of Public Works, accepted the certificate of appreciation and award at the Kansas State University — Olathe campus in a ceremony Nov. 11.



**ABOVE: Jeff Williamson, director of the Directorate of Public Works, stands with other award recipients at a ceremony at the Kansas State University Olathe campus Nov. 11. Williamson accepted the Certificate for 50 Years of Water Fluoridation and the Water Fluoridation Quality Award on behalf of Fort Riley. RIGHT: Williamson provides comments upon his acceptance of the award, which came from Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Kansas and Bureau of Oral Health.**



Enjoy a German holiday tradition with family and friends at Fort Riley's 7th annual Christkindl Market!

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TRAFFIC REPORT

Construction on Rifle Range Road continues

Construction on Rifle Range Road will affect traffic flow. The work started in September and has been contracted for 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 Forsyth 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

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The access control point hours are now as follows:

Four Corners/Trooper/Ogden: Open 24/7

Henry: Open 24/7

12th Street: Effective Dec. 5, open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed to non-commercial traffic Saturdays; closed Sundays and federal holidays.

Rifle Range: Closed to all traffic.

Grant: Effective Dec. 12, open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

Estes: Effective Dec. 5, open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

Fort Riley weekend and Holiday Dining Facility Schedule

Two of Fort Riley’s three dining facilities will run on a holiday schedule through December. Take note of updated hours.

Dec. 5-6: Devil’s Den and Demon Diner, open 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12-13: Devil’s Den, open 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 19-20: Devil’s Den and Demon Diner, open 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24-27: Devil’s Den, open 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.

Irwin Army Community Hospital’s DFAC will be open regular hours through the holidays.



## RILEY ROUNDTABLE

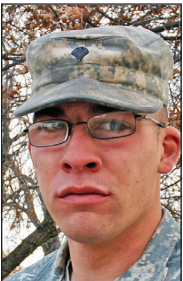
What is the key  
to a great tailgate?



"Food like chicken, chips and  
dip and barbecue."

**SPC. BRITTANY BONNER**  
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"Fellowship."

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24th Transportation Company, 541st Combat  
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Division Sustainment Brigade



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Division Sustainment Brigade



"Music and food like wings and ribs.  
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24th Transportation Company, 541st Combat  
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Music and great people."

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### TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for this week:  
How do you sign up for  
AtHoc text messaging  
severe weather alerts?

Well, we stumped the  
audience this week. The  
answer: get how-to  
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#### FROM DANGER 6

## Campaign Plan 2020: Road map to the future

On Dec. 11, the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley will roll out our Campaign Plan 2020, which provides the road map to the training, facilities, partnerships and services we require in order to be recognized as the U.S. Army's premier warfighting division and installation.

A reframe and revision of previous plans were required for the following reasons: new leadership at the Chief of Staff, Forces Command and 1st Inf. Div. level; refined guidance from the Department of the Army; force reductions; and pending budget cuts. The new plan allows us to pursue these requirements through four primary goal areas: Mission Readiness, Ready and Resilient, Sustainability and Community.

The basic construct of the plan has not changed, but as you know, there are many changes occurring in our Army. Because of these changes and my vision and guidance for the command, we have refined

the operational approach, and I wanted to share our plan that will allow us to get better as a Division, a post and a community.

The 1st Inf. Div. is America's most storied division and has a distinguished historical legacy. We are proud of every mission, task and sacrifice that our Soldiers, Airmen and civilians have accomplished throughout our history. That is why the rollout is important, not only to the division and Fort Riley, but to our communities and partners. We continue to make history not only within the military realm, but also with the enduring partnerships and relationships within the Central Flint Hills region and surrounding communities. This plan extends our belief that the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley is the best place to live,



Maj. Gen.  
**Wayne W. Grigsby Jr.**  
1ST INF. DIV. AND FORT  
RILEY COMMANDING  
GENERAL

trained, combat-ready forces to commanders in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Korea. The division and Fort Riley also provide Joint and Total Army training opportunities, and have built and maintained close partnerships with Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Midwest. These, all the other factors mentioned and more, show the importance of the CAMPLAN and its overall purpose.

This is why we are going all out in providing these

train, deploy from and come home to.

The nation's investment in the "Big Red One" and Fort Riley over the years has afforded us a better quality of life for service members and their families, as well as enabled the division to provide

updates to the division, Fort Riley and our community next week. There will be static displays, briefings from the staff and our forward deployed commanders and a review of the CAMPLAN in its entirety. I look forward to sharing this important part of who we are, what we need and what we do for our Army and our nation.

I am proud to be the commander of the best division and installation in our Army. To the community, we are your division — you enable us to provide one of the best locations available in the U.S. military to raise a family, retire and work. And to the entire division and Fort Riley team, thank you for your hard work and dedication in preparing this plan for this important day — keep up the good work.

No Mission too Difficult,  
No Sacrifice too Great —  
Duty First!

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

#### FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## Advance leave granted under certain conditions

*Dear IG,*  
I recently graduated from Advanced Individual Training and arrived at Fort Riley in September. I am trying to take 16 days of leave over the Christmas holiday, but I only have a balance of five days on my Leave and Earnings Statement.

My friend in the barracks said I could take leave because I have enough days in my Expiration Term of Service balance block on my LES, but when I turned in my leave form my platoon sergeant said that I will not be allowed to take leave at all over Christmas because I don't have enough days. I just want to see my family for the holidays. Can you help? *Signed, PFC Homesick*

*Dear Homesick,*  
What you are trying to do is request advance leave. In accordance with AR 600-8-10, chapter 4-5, "advance leave is chargeable leave granted in anticipation of the accrual of leave during the remaining period of active duty." What this means is that your commander can grant leave up to 30 days based on your current and ETS balances on your LES.

However, AR 600-8-10, chapter 4-5, continues to say that advance leave may be granted for the following reasons: if a Soldier has an emergency, AR 600-8-10, chapter 6; if a Soldier has an urgent personal or morale problem; if a Soldier is conducting a PCS move, AR 600-8-10, chapter 7 or if a pregnant Soldier desires home leave. Your commander is in a better position to

determine if you fit into any of these categories, and will decide if advance leave will be approved.

There are drawbacks to requesting advance leave. In your case, when your leave is processed you will end up with a negative leave balance of -8.5 days (7.5 days current balance - 16 days of leave = -8.5). This may prevent you from taking leave until you have a positive leave balance, which will not be until April, when you will have 1.5 days of leave available.

You also mentioned that your platoon sergeant is denying your leave. The Commanding General's Policy Letter #4, paragraph 4, states "company commanders are granted the responsibility to approve or disapprove requests for individual leave or passes.

This approval authority cannot be delegated to anyone other than a company commander." While your platoon sergeant may already know that your commander will not approve your leave request because it will result in you having a negative leave balance, he cannot deny your leave request. Ultimately, it falls to your commander to approve or disapprove your leave.

You may also consider requesting a mileage pass if your family resides outside of the 250-mile radius from Fort Riley. Your commander is also the approval authority for this request, and if approved it will allow you to be at home for Christmas.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact the Office of the Inspector General at 785-239-4444.

#### SPECIAL COMMENTARY

## Oh, the many life lessons of the simple mouse trap

As I stood in the classroom with my palms pressed on both sides of the armed mousetrap, I couldn't help but think all I was going to get out of my office team-building session was a broken finger. Mousetraps are meant to kill or injure rodents, and here we were playing with them to learn a team-building lesson.

Not only did I have to put the mousetrap between my own hands, we also stood in a circle while holding mousetraps between each other's hands. And we had to strategize how to release the mouse traps without hurting one another in the process.

That's when I began asking myself what does a mousetrap have to do with real life anyway?

I discovered the answer to my question was simple. Everything.

In the newspaper business, my office mates and I are frequently at the mercy of each other during production. Each week, the process repeats itself. But if one person won the lottery and left us without finishing their piece of the puzzle, it would fall apart.

And we worry so much before releasing the final product each week because something could be wrong. We could've misspelled a name or used the wrong shade of red when we were being creative.

It's almost as if we are afraid of getting a broken finger over a newspaper error — funny how it worked out like that.

And there I was thinking team-building sessions were making my week more chaotic because there was so much I could get done at my desk in two hours. But the truth was the team-building session was just what I needed and I didn't even know it.

I spend so much time at my desk thinking about what I have to get done, I tend to forget I have a whole office of people who have their own things happening at work. And somehow being terrified of an injury in a circle with my coworkers helped me learn the value of them.

My editorial team can't help me if I don't ask for clarification and guidance when I need it. And as coworkers, we can't help each other if we don't have the courage to stand up and ask the questions we need answers to. We are a small team, but we each have to build each other up.

And that's what the team-building session did.



Maria Childs

1ST INF. DIV. POST  
STAFF WRITER

It allowed us to seek answers to problems we had been either waiting to go away or didn't have the courage to confront ourselves.

I'd be lying if I said we played with mouse traps for two hours and walked away a

better team.

We also talked about what our office looks like on Wednesdays while we are designing the newspaper and when the stress levels are high. We each talked about how to handle stress in the office in a professional manner. And the answer is different for each of us.

I personally learned I can give myself permission to pause my coworkers when I can't handle the stress level of the office or conversation.

Of course, I was doing normal newspaper reporter things and walked in late for the team-building. My office mates were in the middle of a team-building exercise with another group of individuals. Each individual drew a role. One was a leader who couldn't speak unless her name was used. One could only speak in the form of questions. One could not

speak unless spoken to. And the list goes on and on.

The point of the exercise is even if one person knows what you are supposed to be doing; you couldn't accomplish it without each other. The importance of asking the right question came into play while the leader had to find a way to assemble a pyramid of people without speaking.

Although I didn't personally participate in this exercise, I still learned from observing it. As a reporter, I ask questions each and every day. It's really important I know what questions I am going to ask and phrase them in the right manner to be able to get the answer I am looking for. And that makes for a good story in the newspaper — funny how that works too.

I just want to thank the master resiliency trainers at the Victory Center we had working with us in the group. You showed me I have nothing to fear when I am surrounded by those who care about my well-being.

I can't speak for the rest of the people I work with, but I thought the team-building session opened my eyes to the things I couldn't see in my own circle of life. I reflected on the kind of coworker I am and how I want to improve in my professional life.

And it all started with mouse traps.













# THANKSGIVING

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they did for us. (They) set the stage for us to do what we have to do today. So why not celebrate it?”

The commanding general described his meal at the Demon Diner Nov. 25 as “unbelievable.” He and his command team visited Devil’s Den on Nov. 26.

“An Army moves on its stomach,” Grigsby said. “DFACs and chow halls are very important because you have to eat to have the energy to be able to go out and close with and destroy the enemy, do all the training, do all the leader development. Chow halls are pretty important to Army divisions, and this one is one of the best.”

Grigsby said the “Big Red One” is one big family, which makes coming together during the holidays so important.

“These events bring our families and our Soldiers all together,” he said. “That’s why we’re here.”

Soldiers at both dining facilities put in extra hours to make the special meals for Soldiers and their families.

“The past couple of nights I’ve been here overnight,” Spc. Amber Wolverton, 97th Military Police Battalion, said at Demon Diner on Nov. 25. “I’d come in at 7:30 (p.m.), work until three or four o’clock in the morning.”

Wolverton, who made a fall-inspired marble cake, said that amount of work was typical for food service Soldiers on Thanksgiving.

“Everybody comes together and makes it all happen,” she said. “Everybody put in so much hard work and dedication into all of their products.”

The specialist said Thanksgiving was an opportunity for dining facilities to make a special meal for Soldiers who may not be able to go home for the holidays.

“When they come in here, they’re going to see all this extra stuff and all the extra effort we’ve put in to trying to make it more like home,” she said. “No matter where you’re from, at least one part of it is going to feel like home.”

The Demon Diner Thanksgiving meal included both fried and roasted turkey, crab legs, lobster tails, numerous sides and a variety of desserts, from chocolate mousse to pecan pie.

“Thanksgiving is our biggest meal for food service — we call it our Super Bowl,” said Sgt. 1st Class Leonnard Pierre-Louis, dining facility manager for Demon Diner. “We’ve been preparing for so long, and to have everything at the end and see everyone happy, it makes you feel good.”



Capt. Ed Alvarado | 2ND ABCT



Amanda Kim Stairrett | 1ST INF. DIV.

**LEFT:** Col. Miles Brown, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, commander, serves up Thanksgiving meals to his Soldiers Nov. 26 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

**RIGHT:** One of Fort Riley’s two main dining facilities helped Soldiers and families celebrate Thanksgiving on Nov. 25 with traditional meals and edible displays. This cake, honoring Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipients, was on display at Demon’s Diner.

# POLICE

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The mission and role of the Military Police Corps over the years has been most often defined by its versatility, said Staff Sgt. Reginald Hawkins, who provided additional remarks as master of ceremonies, and this diverse role has evolved since before the official formation of the Corps in 1941.

“While the Military Police Corps is one of the youngest branches of the United States Army,” Hawkins said, “Soldiers have performed Military Police functions since the Revolutionary War. Soldiers (were) accoutered as light dragoons who were charged with assisting the commander with maintaining good order and discipline and policing stragglers.”

Of the modern mission, Murray said, “it’s really two-fold. What everybody sees in garrison is the security and law enforcement of our installation. But we have a large tactical mission as well which involves security, training host-nation police and providing convoy security support to combat arms for their movements. We also handle prisoners of war.”

“During every conflict the U.S. participated in,” Hawkins said, “there was a need for highly skilled Soldiers capable of performing law enforcement functions and policing the battlefield. Soldiers in the Veterans Reserve Corps and Provost Corps performed military police duties during the Civil War. Military Police Soldiers continued to serve with distinction in the Spanish American War and World War I.

“This tradition of service and the recognition that the Army needed skilled Military Police Soldiers led to the formation of the Military Police Corps on Sep 26, 1941,” Hawkins said.

In the modern era, the role of the Military Police Corps in support of the 1st Infantry Division’s wartime mission is vital.

“For the division, the MPs are a critical battalion for us,” said Col. Patrick Frank, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding officer for support. “They provide our brigade combat teams the capacity to help us control main supply routes and alternate supply routes on the battlefield. They assist the division commander in that structure across the battlefield.”

As a result, Frank said, the Military Police Corps plays a key role in supporting the division accomplish its warfighting tasks.

Frank added, “I told the battalion commander today as we listened to the Soldiers discuss all of those MPs that have fallen in different conflicts, that we could not have done over the past 14-plus years in combat, in Afghanistan and Iraq, without the MPs. What they’ve provided to us on the battlefield has been so critical to commanders out there. And that’s what makes them an integral part of the 1st Infantry Division. So we

LIVES LOST

The numbers of Military Police professionals who have lost their lives in conflicts since 1941:

WWII – 350

Korea – 136

Vietnam – 135

Panama – 1

Somalia – 4

Desert Storm – 1

Iraq – 176

Afghanistan – 38

salute the MPs out there who have been in the fight with our infantry, our armor and our cavalry, as our Soldiers have described today ... They are absolutely a critical component.”

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Military Police Corps throughout 2016 will mean a great deal to everyone associated with the 97th MP Battalion, said Billy Counts, the battalion’s command Sergeant. Major.

“It means a lot,” Counts said, “not only to our Military Police Soldiers but to our support Soldiers as well. We have a lot of people in our unit who are not MPs ... Although young in the Army’s terms, it’s been a good seven-plus decades of support. We’re going to have a lot of things going on over the upcoming year to celebrate what the Soldiers in the Military Police Corps do on a daily basis.”

Counts added that “this (the year-long observance) is not so much about us taking credit, it’s a showcasing of what we do. You know, the Special Forces are known as the quiet professionals, but the Military Police, because of our capabilities, we can operate within any range of operations. We are probably most visible at home station so it’s important to showcase who we are as a regiment.”

“I think the thing I’d like people to take away is that we’re Soldiers first,” Counts said. “In every conflict going back to the Revolutionary War there has been a Soldier that has performed a Military Police function. It is one of the things that has often been overlooked in either offensive or defensive operations.”

Among those things, Counts said, are maintenance of security, good order and discipline. “They are key pieces that ensure success. We’re more than the guy or gal who pulls you over to give you a ticket.”

Murray concluded with a quote from President Harry Truman, who made the decision to use the atomic bomb in Japan during World War II. Truman made the decision, Murray said, because he felt using the bomb would save the lives of “hundreds of thousands of Soldiers on both sides of the war.”

“Our debt,” Murray quoted Truman as saying, “to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our nation can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.”

Murray ended his remarks by saying, “Take charge, proven in battle, Duty First.”



## 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."

### SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS

Dec. 7: Start date of Commercial Driver's License 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 p.m., Employer Workshop, Fort Riley Transition Center, building 212, room 201.

Dec. 8: 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Law Enforcement Employer Day: U.S. Border Patrol, 210 room 118C, Fort Riley.

Jan. 4: 1 to 2 p.m., Employer Workshop, Fort Riley Transition Center, building 212, room 201, Fort Riley.

Jan. 21: 10 a.m. to noon, Law Enforcement Industry Workshop, Education Ctr, Custer Ave, building 217, room 202, Fort Riley.

Feb. 15 to 19: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Project Management Professional Transition Boot Camp, Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Manhattan, Kansas Register at [www.vets2pm.com](http://www.vets2pm.com).

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Visitors 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 recommended to get a temporary badge or pass early at 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).

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### SANTA AT THE LIBRARY

Don't miss Santa at the Fort Riley Post Library Dec. 19.

Santa will be giving out candy and presents from 1 to 3 p.m. You can also get your picture taken with him. For more information, call 785-239-5305.

### 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.

### LAST DAY FOR HOLIDAY MAIL

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 one, two or three 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.



### Long Journey Ahead?

Head-on collisions are more likely on two-lane roads.

### Stay Vigilant!

Ensure your safety and the safety of others while driving on a long distance trip.

“We recognize that we have special responsibilities, and at the forefront of those responsibilities is our outreach and service to one half of one percent of the citizens of our nation who serve our country in arms.”

BERNADETTE GRAY-LITTLE | UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CHANCELLOR



Bernadette Gray-Little, University of Kansas chancellor, presents Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, with a copy of a partnership resolution between their organizations Nov. 23 in Lawrence, Kansas. Grigsby said wherever he went in uniform, people always thanked him for what he does. “Whenever I’m around educators, it’s the other way around because you guys are the ones that are really transforming our country and transforming our youth through the headware,” Grigsby said to KU officials and educators he met with on campus. “You do that in your university each and every day. ... I just wanted to personally thank each and every one of you for what you do for us. It’s very important.”

## Deepening Ties

‘Big Red One,’ University of Kansas formalize partnership resolution



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

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Leaders of the 1st Infantry Division visited the University of Kansas on Nov. 23 to formalize a partnership resolution between the “Big Red One” and Jayhawks.

Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, and Bernadette Gray-Little, KU chancellor, signed the resolution, which outlined ways the organizations could aid each other in their missions. This included the following goals: create a campus community aware of the military and the role it plays in American society; expand access of Fort Riley to KU leaders, innovators and scholars; provide subject-matter expertise to Fort Riley leaders and assist KU in its mission of education and research; create opportunities for the KU community to connect with, learn from and experience America’s Army; and collaborate with KU on mutually beneficial research initiatives.

The university has long had a relationship with the military and veteran communities, Gray-Little said.

“Today, we deepen those ties and build upon that partnership that already exists between us and the Big Red One,” she added.

That formal partnership began in February when Brig. Gen. Eric Wesley, then the 1st Inf. Div. senior mission commander, and Col.



Brig. Gen. John Kolasheski, the 1st Infantry Divisions deputy commanding general for maneuver, talks about ways the “Big Red One” and University of Kansas can partner to benefit their communities Nov. 23 on campus in Lawrence. Leaders from the 1st Inf. Div. met with KU educators and administrators to formalize a partnership resolution between the two organizations.

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## ‘Iron Rangers’ show appreciation for Douthit staff

Gunnery complex lead contractor, manager earn awards on behalf of staff

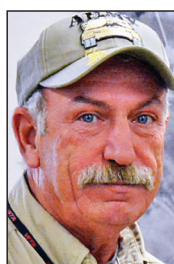
By Maria Childs  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The command team of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, presented staff of the Douthit Gunnery Complex at Fort Riley with two certificates of appreciation Nov. 25.

“We fight and die as a team,” said Lt. Col. Trent Upton, battalion commander. “We appreciate all those long nights you all put in with us as equal members of the team. I can’t say enough good



Fred Siebe



Dave Skidmore



Lt. Col. Trent Upton

things about the support your team has provided us ... We are incredibly grateful for your hard work and dedication.”

Fred Siebe, manager of the Douthit Gunnery Complex, and Dave Skidmore, lead contractor, received the awards on behalf of the staff.

Siebe said the staff met with this unit in July to begin developing the

scenario they wanted to train for. While Siebe and his team work with the command team and master gunner of the unit, Skidmore and his team build targets to meet the training months in advance. The staff provides

the support required for the unit to perform their gunnery event from start to finish.

“That’s from building their scenario to getting them out here to proof the table to make the changes required to before their gunnery so they are successful when they arrive here,” Siebe said.

The unit completed their month-long gunnery event Nov. 4.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Coelho, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said this was his first gunnery event as the battalion master gunner. As the battalion master gunner, Coelho worked one-on-one with the staff at the complex.

He said the dedication he saw in the staff to help him do his job was what solidified that they needed to be shown appreciation from Soldiers who work with them.

“I really got to see the hard work these guys put in, whereas before I never got to see it,” Coelho said. “I saw how much easier they made my job and for that, I’m really appreciative. When I saw they didn’t get enough recognition for what they do, I felt the need to do something about it.”

## MORE ONLINE

- A webcast of the Dec. 11 and 12 commencement ceremonies will be streamed live at [k-state.edu/graduation/](http://k-state.edu/graduation/).
- A virtual commencement ceremony is available at [global.k-state.edu/commencement](http://global.k-state.edu/commencement) for distance education students unable to attend their commencement ceremony in person. The website includes a listing of students earning degrees through distance education, a place for family and friends to post congratulatory messages and other commencement-related offerings.

## K-State students prepare for graduation

Fall commencement ceremonies set for Dec. 11 and 12 in Manhattan, Salina

By Stephanie Jacques  
K-STATE NEWS AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University’s fall commencement ceremonies will be Friday, Dec. 11, on the Manhattan and Kansas State University Polytechnic campuses, and Saturday, Dec. 12, on the Manhattan campus.

The university will award 1,300 bachelor’s degrees, 340 master’s degrees, 70 doctorates and 10 associate degrees. More than 300 students are earning their degree through K-State Global Campus distance education programs.

Also, Kansas State University’s Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps units will have commissioning ceremonies at 10 a.m. Dec. 11 in the K-State Student Union’s Forum Hall. The Army ROTC will commission two officers and the Air Force ROTC will commission two officers.

Commencement ceremonies Dec. 11 include the Graduate School at 1 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Marlin Fitzwater, university alumnus and former presidential press secretary, will be the commencement speaker and receive an honorary doctorate. Representing the Kansas Board of Regents at the Graduate School ceremony will be Regent Joseph Bain, Goodland. Commencement on the Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus will be at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center. D. Shane Bangert, Dodge City, chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, will be the commencement speaker.

Commencement ceremonies Dec. 12 will all take place on the Manhattan campus. The following is a schedule ceremonies and speakers:

- College of Agriculture, 1 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Jason Bergtold, associate professor of agricultural economics, will give the commencement address.
- College of Arts & Sciences, 8:30 a.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Donald Saucier, associate professor of psychological sciences and the university’s 2015–2016 Coffman chair for distinguished teaching scholars,

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COMMUNITY CORNER

# December a time to commemorate, rejoice

Col. Andrew Cole Jr.  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

There are several holidays in December that many of our Soldiers and families celebrate. This year Hannukah begins on Dec. 6 and goes through Dec. 14, Kwanza begins Dec. 26 and goes through Jan. 1 and Christmas is Dec. 25.



Colonel Cole

Perhaps travel is in your plans to spend time with family and friends. If you choose to travel, remember we want all Soldiers and families back with us after the holidays. December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving prevention month. Do not drive if you drink or take medications — particularly ones that cause drowsiness.

As Soldiers rush to get home for the holidays or back to Fort Riley, be sure get enough rest to make the trip if you are driving. Many of us know the warnings about driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs and take precautions for those times, but perhaps you are not aware of the hazards of driving while drowsy.

Studies by the National Sleep Foundation have concluded that driving while drowsy can impair driving performance as much or more than alcohol. The American Automobile Association estimates that one out of every six deadly traffic accidents, and one out of eight crashes requiring hospitalization of a driver, is due to drowsy driving.

Remember driving is a participant activity — don't drive distracted — put down the cell phone. Nothing is so important that it can't wait till you can safely stop.

A tool that is helpful when planning holiday travel is the Travel Risk Planning System. The online assessment will assist

you in calculating your travel route, times and distances. TRiPS provides features such as multi-leg, round-trip and one-way travel, and recreational vehicle and trailer planner. It also provides road construction, weather and hazard information and mapping. It is accessible with smart phones and tablets with an internet connection, although you can still get an emailed pdf. This tool is available at [trips.safety.army.mil](http://trips.safety.army.mil).

REMEMBER THE FALLEN

While there is much to celebrate in the month of December, there is also a time to remember the history of our fallen Soldiers. On Sunday morning Dec. 7, 1941, the Army and Navy bases in Pearl Harbor were attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The attack came as a surprise and lead to great losses of life and equipment. Many service men and women lost their lives or were injured that day in Hawaii. On that date, let's stop and commemorate our fallen Soldiers and remember the honor with which they served their country.

As we bring out decorations, dust off traditions, cook up meals and possibly travel to spend time with family and friends — remember to celebrate responsibly. Draft a plan for your celebration. Designate a sober or rested driver and always look out for fellow Soldiers. Don't let unsafe activities threaten the joy the holidays can bring. Our most valuable assets are our Soldiers and families — stay safe this holiday season.

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Soldiers pick up coffee and food at the Turkey Tailgate outside Long Fitness Center Nov. 25. The tailgate was put on by members of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

## Soldiers enjoy food, games at Turkey Tailgate

### Annual Turkey Bowl and Tailgate bring Thanksgiving cheer

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

The day before the Thanksgiving holiday, as Soldiers gathered for the annual Turkey Bowl at Long Fitness Center, members of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers served up food and games to participants and bystanders in a Turkey Tailgate.

"We do it every year," said Sgt. Amber Minear, BOSS president. "Every year we like to do something for Thanksgiving for the single Soldiers. This year we decided to do it in conjunction with the Turkey Bowl."



Soldiers at the Turkey Tailgate put on by members of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers participate in the football toss game outside of Long Fitness Center Nov. 25.

A few of the BOSS members gathered donning turkey hats to serve the food and help get people started in playing games such as football toss and bean-bag toss.

"I think it's going good," said Spc. Jaymyn Riley, Medical Department Activity.

"We've been having people coming and going, and we've been letting people know that we're here."

Riley was in charge of putting the tailgate together, including finding sponsors and getting food and other supplies for games.

The tailgate became a popular meeting spot before and after the games with Soldiers and Turkey Bowl football players coming and going.

Many of the Soldiers participated in the football toss, trying to get a football through one of two targets.

"I'm enjoying myself. This is cool," said Pfc. Jacqueline Sampson, 24th Transportation Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade. "I like the games and I love the food. This is my first time being at something like this."

The tailgate lasted from 8 a.m. to noon. Members of BOSS served food and drinks.

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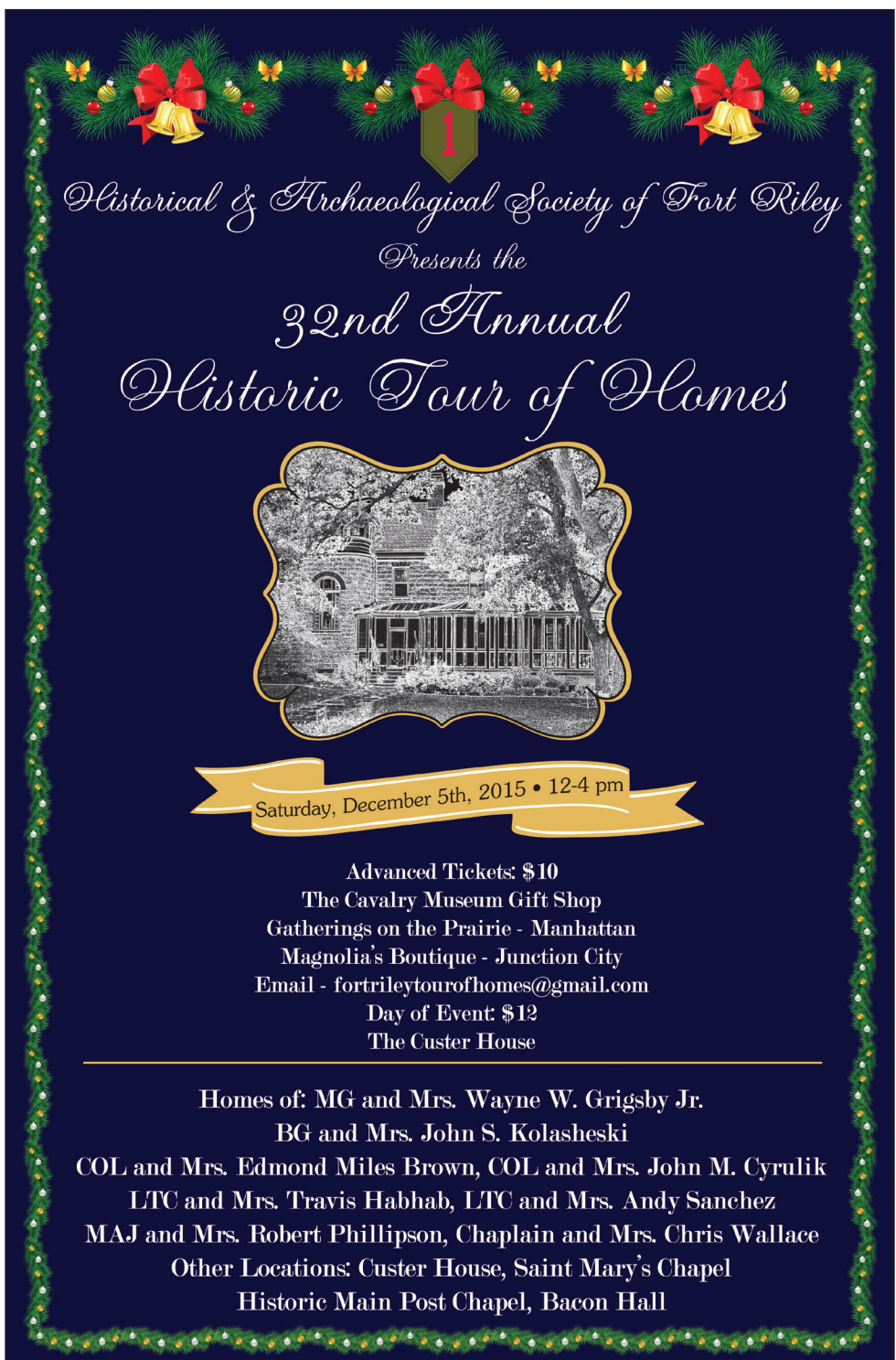
- **1st Place:** Each member receives an Xbox One and Halo 5 game.
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- **Pre-registration:** Drawings are being held at in-processing, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Turkey-ganza and the BOSS Monthly meeting. If you pre-register at one of these events you are entered to win one of five Halo 5 games. Those who pre-register and show up the day of the event are entered to win an Xbox one Console. Additionally all spectators will have a chance to win an Xbox One Console through a raffle the day of the event.

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For more information about the tournament, call 785-240-6618 or visit [rileymwr.com](http://rileymwr.com).



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# Eyster Pool to shut down for upgrades

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

Eyster Pool will be closing for renovations Dec. 18.

Hedy Noveroske, Fort Riley aquatics director, said the scheduled renovation will focus mainly on the pump room and chemical area. New underwater lights will be installed in the pool.

“It’s important stuff that needs to be done,” Noveroske said. “The only thing they are going to be doing in the facility that our patrons will notice is replacing our underwater lights. It’s mostly behind-the-scenes and in the mechanical room.”



Eyster Pool will close for renovations Dec. 18. The renovations will center mostly on the pump room and the chemical area.

Noveroske said all programs like physical training programs supported through Irwin Army Community Hospital and the

Warrior Transition Battalion, pregnancy physical training, lap swim, recreational swim, etc., will be held at the Long Fitness Center pool.

Noveroske said pool passes will be honored, and a daily entry fee will be charged. It is important to note there is no point-of-sale system at Long Fitness Center. Due to the lack of the system, patrons can only pay using cash or check.

The estimated re-opening date is Jan. 13.

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.

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Miles Brown, commander of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., met with KU deans and senior educators. Talk began then about establishing a mutually beneficial partnership between the division and university.

Brown’s Soldiers and language and culture experts at KU began meeting as the “Dagger” brigade prepared for a September deployment to Kuwait. That partnership was referenced during the Nov. 23 event.

“Col. Brown and his team were very instrumental in bringing this together today and we wish him the best during his deployment,” Gray-Little said. “We take great pride in knowing that we played a small part in the language and cultural pre-deployment training for Col. Brown and his brigade.

This partnership resolution is a foundation on which we can build future academic exchanges, research initiatives and partnerships.”

Before and after the signing, Grigsby; Brig. Gen. John Kolasheski, deputy commander for maneuver; Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, 1st Inf. Div. senior noncommissioned officer; Col. Thomas Bolen, 1st Inf. Div. Artillery commander; and Maj. Brad McCoy, 2nd ABCT rear detachment commander, met with KU deans, department heads and other officials in the KU ROTC program, School of Business, KU Edwards Campus and KU Medical Center to talk about ways to implement the goals and take the resolution beyond a piece of paper.

This included opportunities at KU for Soldiers in the business and science, technology, engineering and math fields of study and help for getting class credit for military training and experiences.

“We recognize that we have special responsibilities, and at the forefront of those responsibilities is our outreach and service to one half of one percent of the citizens of our nation who serve our country in arms,” Gray-Little said.

Grigsby said a partnership with KU could complement the existing ties the Big Red One has with Kansas State University. KU’s cultural and language expertise combined with its ties to nearby Fort Leavenworth, the Command and General Staff

College and its Ph. D programs are an advantage.

“I think we can just take huge, huge advantage of that,” Grigsby said. “And working with two different schools, two different philosophies, two different missions ... we see a different perspective, which helps us out tremendously, as well. I think it’s a strength. I really do.”

With the Army’s current fiscal environment, well-qualified Soldiers are re-entering the civilian ranks, Cornelison said. Many enroll at K-State and stay in the community. Leaders can also direct them toward the Kansas City and Lawrence areas, he added, in an effort to give them more opportunities.

And, Grigsby added, the KU community could benefit from the experiences of these Soldiers.

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will give the commencement address.

- College of Business Administration, 11:30 a.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Ken Selzer, Kansas insurance commissioner, will provide the commencement remarks.
- College of Education, 10 a.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Carol Adams, executive

director of teaching and learning for USD 383, the Manhattan-Ogden School District, will give the commencement address.

- College of Engineering, 4 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Cathy S. Ritter, president of Constellation Design Group Inc., will give the commencement address.

- College of Human Ecology, 2:30 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Dennis Hulsing, president and CEO of Hulsing Enterprises LLC, will give the commencement address.

A webcast of the commencement ceremonies will be streamed live at k-state.edu/graduation/.

A virtual commencement ceremony is available at global.k-state.edu/commencement for distance education students unable to attend their ceremony in person. The website includes a list of students earning degrees through distance education, a place for family and friends to post congratulatory and other commencement-related messages.

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Contact: [Jacqueline.Watts@operationhomefront.net](mailto:Jacqueline.Watts@operationhomefront.net)

**Registration required:** <http://www.operationhomefront.net/event/list?id=4515>

Details: The added expense of the holiday season can be challenging for military families. We at Operation Homefront recognize that many military families are separated during this time due to deployments and others travel long distances to be together. Holiday Meals for Military is Operation Homefront's way of saying *Thank you for your service and sacrifices that you have made for our country!*



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**NIGHTMARE CHRISTMAS  
TEEN PARTY**

A Nightmare Christmas Teen Party is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 5 at Eyster Pool. The event is open to ages 13 and 18.

## YOUTH SPORTS OFFICIALS

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

## SPORTSMAN SYSTEM

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# Gridiron Glory

# Fort Riley teams vie for supremacy the day before Thanksgiving

**Story and photos  
by Andy Massanet**  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

There is one thing that Thanksgiving means besides the feast.

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Spc. Jeffery Buggs (left) and Spc. Mason Riney, both from the 977th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, hold the PIG Bowl trophy after the team defeated the 300th Military Police Company, 20-14, in the tournament final. Buggs is a native of Donalsonville, Georgia and Riney hales from Yuba City, California



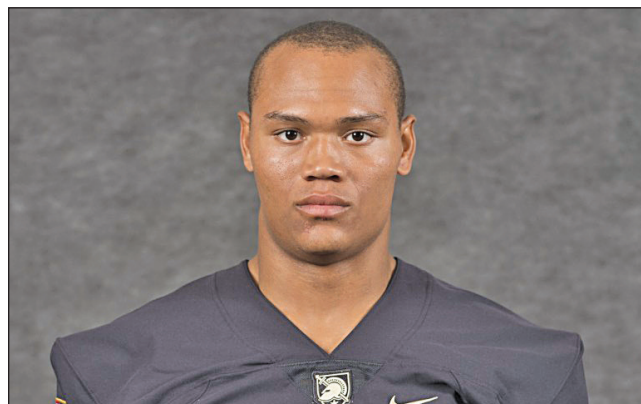
Far from being only about football, the PIG Bowl football tournament featured families and food. In the photo at left three members of the 977th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, prepare to cook up some burgers and hotdogs. They are, from left to right, Spc. James Joyner of Millen, Georgia, Spc. Christopher Van Way of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and Pfc. Garritt Salazar of Commerce, Texas. In the photo at right, from left to right, Elisha Lockhart of the 116th MP Co., 97th MP Bn, sits next to Jennifer Hill of the 287th MP Co., 97th MP Bn. On Hill's lap sits her one-year old daughter Camille. Lockhart is a native of Columbus, Georgia, and Hill is from Augusta, Georgia.

## West Point's Brinson receives prestigious scholar-athlete award

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The National Football Foundation named Kenneth Brinson Jr. one of the five recipients of this year's 2015 NFF High School Scholar-Athlete Award. In school Brinson excelled as a three-sport athlete, led his football team for two-years as the team captain, and made a bold decision to attend the United States Military Academy and play linebacker for the Black Knights.

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COURTESY PHOTO

West Point Cadet Kenneth Brinson Jr. is one of five recipients of this year's 2015 NFF High School Scholar-Athlete Award. The 6-foot-2-inch, 235-pound defender, who is a prospective linebacker for the Black Knights, graduated from Marist High School in Atlanta, Georgia, with a 4.1 grade point average.



FOOTBALL

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“Maj. Smith was nursing sore legs,” Corson said after the Turkey Bowl final, “but, I’ll tell you, the (commanding general) and everyone out here was nursing injuries but no one was willing to give up. They were having fun and were on a roll so they weren’t going to do anything that took them out of that game (the Turkey Bowl final). So it was just determination, persistence, perseverance — all those things that they showed today.”

“I’m really excited,” Corson said of the win. “We came together and wanted to have a team, wanted to have some fun and have some team-building in the division and to come out with a victory and have some fun while we did it was just awesome.”

Corson touched upon the value of the day’s football games and of all Army intramural sports, and Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, did the same.

“I think they (Army intramural sports) are important because being in the Army is a contact team sport,” Grigsby said. “And the more reps we get at playing with teams the better we will be executing our mission. Winning still counts and is the most important thing. We should know how to win first but if and

when we lose it should leave a bad taste in our mouth and we should work harder as a team to win — sports does this for us.”

On the opposite sideline players from the 97th MP Bn., coming to the Turkey Bowl event after a full morning competing for the PIG bowl trophy, were as sore and spent as anybody. But they did not hang their heads.

Salem, Oregon, native Spc. Travis “Doc” Dunn, a medic for the 287th MP Co., 97th MP Bn., exemplified that attitude. He played well all day, both during the PIG Bowl and Turkey Bowl tournaments. In the Turkey Bowl, Dunn scored the MP’s only touchdown on a deep pass reception. The score gave the MP’s the 7–6 advantage that held until Team Victory’s last-minute drive.

“Even though we lost I’m very proud,” Dunn said after the Turkey Bowl final. “I just want to give a special shout-out to 97th MP battalion leadership. Our (battalion commander Lt. Col. Alexander Murray) and two of our sergeants major came out to support us. That right there helped us play hard. Everybody here put their heart into it. There’s always next year. So I’m very proud of what our guys did today.”



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Above, Spc. Travis “Doc” Dunn, a medic for the 287th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, races upfield in a one of the games during the PIG Bowl. Below, Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, maneuvers to try and avoid pressure from an opposing defender.



ANDY MASSANET | POST  
Team Victory poses behind the trophy they earn with a 12-7 win over the team from the 97th Military Police Battalion in the final of the Turkey Bowl tournament on Nov. 25. The team was coached by 1st Lt. Joshua Corson (kneeling, third from the left), aide de camp for Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver, Brig. Gen. John Kolasheski. The team was quarterbacked by Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr. (kneeling, second from the left) 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general.

CADET

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about me; I want this to be about the people who have gotten me to this point.”

Brinson thanks the multitude of coaches who invested so much of their time in him and most importantly, his parents.

“I’m thankful for the hard work my parents put into me. I want to keep moving forward and keep doing the best I can,” he said. Brinson does

not wish to remain stagnant after receiving the award; he is committed to progress. These values of progress and dedication were instilled in him during his time as a football player at the Marist School.

“At my school there was a big emphasis on discipline, doing your job, and working hard; I think all of those helped to guide me,” Brinson said.

His discipline has helped him earn a spot in every game for the Black Knights this season.

“You get what you work for; the harder you work, the more of an opportunity you give yourself. You might not always get what you want, but in working hard, you at least give yourself a shot,” Brinson said.

“The biggest thing I learned, and am still learning

from football,” Brinson added, “is first being able to be a part of the team, know your role, and be able to follow others. And when it’s your turn, your time to lead, be decisive,” Brinson said.







# Travel & Fun in Kansas



Story and photos by Patti Geistfeld

Do you know the meaning of Knucklehead, Panhead, Flathead and Shovelhead? Are you a biker at heart? Then consider a visit to the Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette, Kansas, population 537. There have been thousands of visitors from coast to coast as well as foreign countries stopping in the small town to see the display of vintage bikes.

Stan Engdahl ran a small-town television and motorcycle repair shop, but his real passion was flat track racing. He won more than 600 titles including numerous state and national titles in races spanning from the 1940s to the 1990s. He was a five-time national racing champion and won 16 Kansas State Championships.

In 1993, he retired from racing at the age of 64 and in 1994 he closed his repair shop. Stan sold the building to the city for a dollar. In 2003, city leaders had the idea to turn the building into a museum to display vintage motorcycles. The story goes that Stan didn't think they could get enough motorcycles to fill

up one row, but 45 days after opening, there was a room full of donated motorcycles.

The museum has more than 2,000 square feet with three rooms packed with more than 100 vintage and rare motorcycles. There are name brands, some of which are now out of business, as well as homemade models. You will find motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, memorabilia from races and movies and even a British Military motorcycle.

This a good place to visit during the winter months, but don't forget they also have a motorcycle rally in the spring. The 2016 Thunder on the Smoky rally will be held May 21.

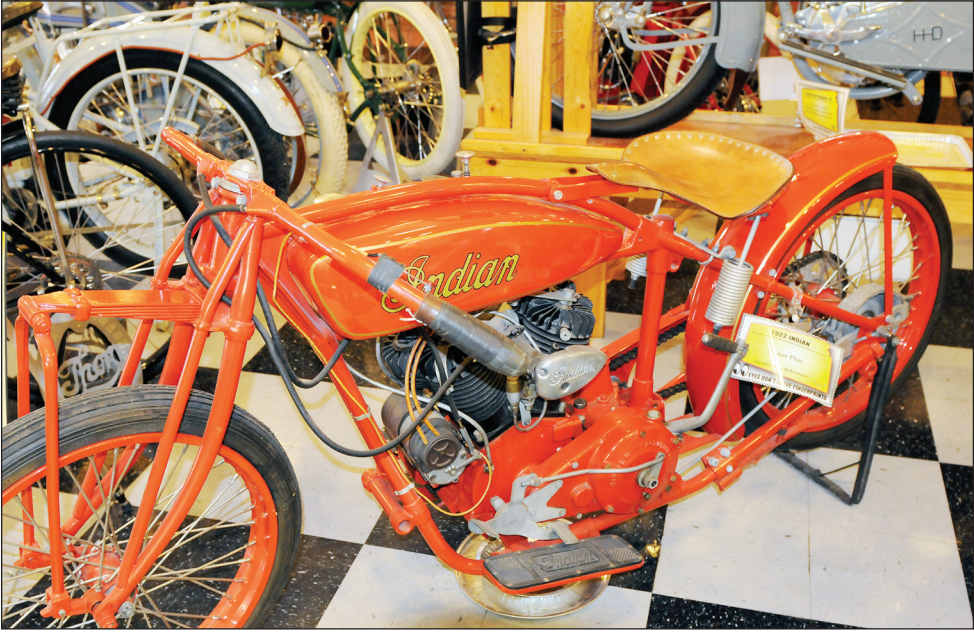
The museum is located in Marquette, Kansas just 8 miles west of Lindsborg, on Highway K-4 in the Smoky Valley of south central Kansas. It is a 15-minute drive west of I-135. It is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and may be closed on holidays. If you plan to visit on a holiday, or for group tours, call 785-546-2449 to check hours of operation or to make an appointment. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. For more information visit [www.ksmotorcyclmuseum.org](http://www.ksmotorcyclmuseum.org).



Jim Oliver of Golden, Colorado, rode "Lucille" on a World Trip he completed in 60 days as he traveled through 13 countries, covering more than 15,000 miles.



A 1947 British M20 was one of the longest serving motorcycles in the history of British military motorcycling, as well as becoming the most numerous type produced for World War II with 126,000 in active service.



The 1922 Indian Powerplus Motorcycle was Indian's first flathead.



Vintage and rare motorcycles on display at the Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette, Kansas.