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## LEADING THE WAY



Col. Andrew Cole Jr., Fort Riley garrison commander, addresses a statement by an audience member about renewable energy Jan. 22 during the Flint Hills Regional Leaders' retreat in Overland Park, Kansas. During the annual event, Cole talked to local business and government leaders about everything from on-post housing to the new hospital.

## Grigsby, Cole talk mission readiness, numbers at annual leaders' retreat

Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, speaks to attendees of the Flint Hills Regional Leaders' Retreat – an annual event that brings together local business and government leaders to talk about the way forward for the region – on Jan. 22 in Overland Park, Kansas.



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

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – Members of the central Flint Hills region of Kansas are an integral part of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley mission, Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr. said Jan. 22.

Grigsby, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general; Col. Andrew Cole, Fort Riley garrison commander; and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, 1st Inf. Div. senior noncommissioned officer, attended the Flint Hills Regional Leaders' Retreat to represent the “Big Red One’s” and Fort Riley’s Soldiers, families, civilians, retirees and veterans. The annual retreat brings together local business

and government leaders to talk about the way forward for the region.

Grigsby, Cole and Cornelison talked about the division’s and post’s readiness, deployments, economic impact, construction and housing — among other topics — during the event and later answered questions from attendees.

“When there are areas where we have shared interest,” Grigsby said, “we need to continue to partner to enable mission readiness. Our partnerships with local elementary schools, universities and sports teams benefit the community and our Soldiers in immeasurable ways. We need to keep these partnerships strong – and we will.”

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## Future enlisted leaders inducted

By Sgt. Jarrett E. Allen  
1ST CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Enlisted leaders of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, held an induction ceremony Jan. 19 at Barlow Theater, Fort Riley, to welcome 23 noncommissioned officers into a time-honored corps.

The ceremony was a rite of passage where leaders and peers acknowledge NCOs as standard-bearers for their Soldiers and as the backbone of the Army.

Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, the 1st Inf. Div.’s senior noncommissioned officer and guest speaker for the ceremony, spoke of the importance of the ability to witness the transition of Soldiers into the ranks of the NCO Corps.

“This is a very special moment and one that should not be taken lightly, for you are about to become part of an organization that is respected all over the world, Cornelison said.”

“Every military organization on this earth would like to possess a professional NCO Corps such as ours,” he said. “It is a time-honored corps with a great history and it is the backbone of the Army.”

The process for choosing NCOs, even in the earliest history of the U.S. Army, has been done with great care and deliberation, Cornelison said. NCOs are true professionals, and the Army regards professionalism as being competent, responsible and dedicated.

“Becoming competent requires continual self-

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## Fort Riley tax center open for business for new season

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

Another tax season is here, and the tax center on post is open for business to serve Soldiers and retirees. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place Jan. 20.

All services at the tax center come at no cost.

“We have experts here who can help with the stress of tax preparation,” said

Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general for support, during his opening remarks for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the center.

The tax center is run by a military and civilian team. Col. Warren Wells, 1st Inf. Div. staff judge advocate, who works with the center, said it is saving Soldiers and family members hundreds of dollars during tax season.

Last year the tax center helped Soldiers, retirees and families of Fort Riley save \$3.6 million, and helped garner \$17.6 million back in refunds.

Tax center employees spent the week before opening working with people from the Internal Revenue Service to get ready and qualified.

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Col. Andrew Cole Jr., Fort Riley garrison commander, Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general for support, and Col. Warren Wells, 1st Inf. Div. staff judge advocate, cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Fort Riley Tax Center Jan. 20.

## ‘Dagger’ Soldiers train for Expert Infantryman Badge in Kuwait

By Sgt. Dana Moen  
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – Leaders with the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, are providing training to Soldiers for the “Dagger” brigade’s upcoming Expert Infantryman Badge

testing. The candidate training, which includes Soldiers from all units in the area, not just those from the 2nd ABCT, started Jan. 18 and goes through Jan. 31. The EIB testing is scheduled for Feb. 2 to 6.

The purpose of the EIB test is to recognize infantry Soldiers who demonstrated a mastery

of critical tasks, including the ability to locate, attack and destroy the enemy through fire, maneuver and close combat.

“It means being a professional and an expert at what I do,” said first-time candidate Capt. Andrew Grady, commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th

Mountain Division. “So that I can lead my guys and show them what right looks like.”

Months of planning are put into a single EIB testing process. Everything from choosing an appropriate site to picking tasks and selecting the graders has to be done to prescribed standards.

“Basically, everybody that is an EIB holder is selected to be a grader,” said Staff Sgt. Juan Fernandez, squad leader with 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., who was in charge of the terrain features station. “I graded at the last EIB we had at (Fort) Riley.”

The testing is organized into four phases over a five-day period. Only infantry and Special Forces Soldiers are eligible to test for the EIB.

Phase one is an Army Physical Fitness Test. Each candidate must score a

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The next USAG  
Resilience Day Off is

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## SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Wednesday, Jan. 27,

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

## HIGHLIGHTS



1ST INFANTRY DIVISION SOLDIER CONNECTS WITH FORT RILEY COMMUNITY THROUGH SALSA MUSIC MONTHLY AT RALLY POINT, SEE PAGE 9.

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# Staff at military pay office offers better service with new hours

By Andy Massanet  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division requiring service at Fort Riley’s Defense Military Pay Office need to know the hours are being adjusted to accommodate necessary training for the staff, DMPO director Jerry Roush said.

The change in hours will take effect Feb. 2, and is intended to achieve two goals, Roush said: one, continue to meet the needs of 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers and their families, and, two, make sure skill development for the military pay office staff continues.

With these hours, Roush and his team will work to achieve both ends.

“My job is two-fold,” Roush said. “Number one is the Soldiers of Fort Riley and their families. The other side is my staff and their developing skill sets.”

There is no choice in whether the DMPO leadership will ensure this training, Roush said. It is mandated both by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and union agreement.

With each position DFAS mandates a certain level of certification, Roush said. “It’s all based on your GS pay scale,” he said. “If you are a supervisor or above you have to have (Financial Management) level-two certification. Non-supervisors have to have FM level one certification.”

There are DFAS-mandated conditions of employment and levels of certification that must be met. In addition, per the labor agreement, each employee must be provided the tools and training needed for advancement and promotion opportunities.

Much of the efforts of staff and leadership in DMPO go toward further institutionalizing a positive and constructive value system within the organization.

In recent days Roush went to his entire staff and solicited input to draft a fresh mission statement. It reads as follows: To deliver and administer superior financial services in an efficient and timely manner for Fort Riley Soldiers and their families while setting the standards in customer service as leaders throughout all of DFAS.

“The consensus was at the time that we are already doing those things,” Roush said. “But now we have mutual agreement and when everybody has input there is a sense of ownership. And once it is in print, you have to live up to it.”

The policies, regulations, procedures and processes that govern DMPO operations are under a constant state of evaluation and revision both by DFAS and locally, and that’s why training must be on-going. Some of those changes can cause dissatisfaction among Soldiers, more with the policies and regulations than with the staff, Roush said.

But ultimately, those factors are what the DMPO staff must work with.

“If it’s not illegal, immoral, unethical or doesn’t violate policy and procedures, that’s how we are to operate,” Roush said.

Again, the training should keep the DMPO staff fluent in those requirements. The training helps keep staff doing what is acceptable practice according to DFAS, Roush said.

“We are all doing the same things consistently each day,” Roush said.

A few facts about DFAS may be helpful here. It was created in 1991. According to the DFAS website, the web address is [www.dfas.mil/pressroom/aboutdfas.html](http://www.dfas.mil/pressroom/aboutdfas.html), the organization is trusted with fiscal responsibilities by the American taxpayers and ensures “the resources they provide are accounted for properly.”

## DMPO OFFICE HOURS

### SEPARATIONS

Monday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; training scheduled 12:30 to 4 p.m. Office will be closed  
Wednesday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m.  
Thursday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m.  
Friday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m. (except for garrison RDOs, when the office will be closed)

In/Out Processing – Out processing briefs will be maintained, DMPO leadership will rotate staff.

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Friday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m. (except for garrison RDOs, when the office will be closed)

### CUSTOMER SERVICE/DEBT MANAGEMENT/REVIEW/PROCESSING/RC

Monday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m.  
Thursday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; training scheduled 12:30 to 4 p.m. Office will be closed  
Friday - 7:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3 p.m. (except for garrison RDOs, when the office will be closed)

Also, on the third Wednesday of each month each department opens at 8:30 a.m. to allow for the DMPO Director to conduct an all-hands meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

In Fiscal Year 2015, DFAS:

- Processed 135.7 million pay transactions
- 6.3 million people and accounts
- Made 5.7 million travel payments
- Paid 11.8 million commercial invoices
- Maintained 190.6 million general ledger accounts
- Managed \$834 billion in military retirement and health benefits funds
- Made \$477 billion in disbursements
- Managed \$455 billion in foreign military sales, reimbursed by foreign governments.

- Accounted for 1,367 active Department of Defense appropriations

At Fort Riley, the DMPO team makes sure the DFAS mission is accomplished. But meeting these requirements, and attaining the performance consistent with the Fort Riley DMPO mission statement, requires the staff to train.

The training will keep the DMPO staff prepared to serve Soldiers as well as maintain high staff morale as each person works for advancement opportunities. At the same time, the staff can focus on making sure Soldiers get what they’ve earned, when they are entitled to it. As such, their work is key to maintaining morale in the division.

“It’s a win-win,” Roush said. “With better trained staff we get better service to the Soldiers.”

## ORDER OF ST. GEORGE



Sgt. Dakota Hudson | 1ST INF. DIV.  
Brig. Gen. John Kolasheski, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general for maneuver, knights Master Sgt. Jeremy Mastran into the Order of St. George Jan. 19 at 1st Inf. Div. headquarters at Fort Riley. Mastran is the “Big Red One’s” master gunner, and induction into the order is reserved for the top members of the armor community.

## BOARD SELECTION CRITERIA



J. Parker Roberts | 1ST INF. DIV.  
Chief Warrant Officer 5 Yinusa Adeoti, assignment officer with the Army’s Human Resources Command, advises warrant officers from across the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley about board selection criteria Jan. 14 in the division’s headquarters building. The warrant officers participated in an afternoon of professional development that included tips on career advancement, mentorship and upcoming events of the Fort Riley chapter of the Warrant Officer Association. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Carlos Jimenez, the division’s senior human resources technician, led the professional development.





# Henry Martinez: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier

By Phyllis Fitzgerald  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Henry G. Martinez is a “Big Red One” Soldier. Martinez served 22 years in the Army, with 15 of those spent at Fort Riley.

He started his Army career in 1967 with a three-year enlistment. He served in Vietnam as an 11C, indirect fire infantryman. After serving two years in Vietnam, Martinez left the Army in 1970.

In 1973, however, he reenlisted in the Army and traveled to Germany where he served until 1976. His return that year marked the beginning of his connection with the 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One.

When he received his orders he realized he didn’t know anything about the post including where it was. Most of the noncommissioned officers he asked didn’t know much about it either. One officer told him he would need a car to get around because the post was large and spread out.

On the 4th of July weekend 1976, Martinez arrived at Fort Riley, leaving his family for a time in Houston before they could join him. He spent a short time with the replacement company before being assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, as a squad leader.

Martinez served with the 2nd Bn., 63rd Armor Regt., until 1978 when he was ordered to Korea on an unaccompanied tour. With his home base in Fort Riley his family stayed on post. For a time during this assignment the Army changed his home to Fort Hood, but before he returned to the continental United States the Army again made his home post Fort Riley.

For his second tour he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 17th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, at Camp Forsyth. This unit was de-

activated from 1978 to 1979 and reflagged as 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. He was with this unit from 1979 to 1985. A large amount of his service during that time was spent training Soldiers in Army Advanced Individual Training.

In 1985 he was selected for drill sergeant school at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Martinez then returned to Fort Riley and served the disciplinary barracks at Camp Funston from 1985 to 1988.

The next assignment from 1988 to 1992 was with Headquarters and Headquarters Company for the Fort Riley garrison as the senior range noncommissioned officer for all the ranges.

Martinez retired from the Army as a sergeant 1st class, after which he and his family stayed in Junction City, Kansas. By then, they had bought a house and considered the area home. His original home was Sugarland near Houston, Texas. The family liked it better in Kansas which provided a safe and slow-paced environment to raise their children.

“The community is very friendly and accepting of the military families and we’ve made a lot of good friends,” he said.

Martinez said his best memories are about the camaraderie Soldiers have with each other.

“I loved being a drill sergeant,” he said. “This position was like a dream of mine because I like training Soldiers.”

He wanted to deploy to Desert Storm, but he was needed at the range to train Soldiers. He was identified to be one of the first replacements for Desert Storm.

Martinez is now a supervisor at Russell Stover’s Candies in Abilene, Kansas.

*Editor’s Note:* To submit your Big Red One story, email [fitzmiss@yahoo.com](mailto:fitzmiss@yahoo.com).

## THEN & NOW



# Fort Riley and 1st Infantry Division November and December trial results

### STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Fort Riley Soldiers and civilians who violate the law potentially face discipline in a court of law. Two types of court are held on Fort Riley: military courts-martial and federal District court. While commanders normally handle Soldiers’ minor misconduct through nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, serious Soldier misconduct is generally handled at a trial by court-martial. On the other hand, all civilian misconduct and Soldier traffic offenses occurring on Fort Riley are handled by the federal U.S. District court. Both types of court are held in courtrooms at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate on Custer Avenue. Trials are open to the public. Below is a list of recent trial results.

### COURT-MARTIAL RESULTS:

Nov. 19 a General Court-Martial convened at Fort Riley. Maj. Francisco I. Gumataotao, Medical Company, Medical Department Activity, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his plea of guilty to all charges, of three specifications of engaging in a lewd act with a child, two specifications of sexual assault of a child, and two specifications of willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer. The military judge sentenced the accused to be confined for 20 years and to be dismissed from the service.

Nov. 23 a General Court-Martial convened at Fort Riley. Spc. Kristopher M. Hadley, 300th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, was convicted by a military judge of knowing and wrongful possession of child pornography. The military judge sentenced the accused to be confined for five months and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Nov. 30 a General Court-Martial convened at Fort Riley. Spc. Dayshawn M. Guice, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor

Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of one specification of wrongful possession of child pornography and one specification of wrongful distribution of child pornography, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be dishonorably discharged from the service, to be confined for 45 months and to be reduced to the grade of private, E-1. As part of an offer to plead guilty, a pretrial agreement limited confinement to 30 months.

Dec. 9 a General Court-Martial convened at Fort Riley. a military judge acquitted a Fort Riley Soldier of five specifications of Article 120b - Rape and sexual assault of a child.

Dec. 11 a General Court-Martial convened at Fort Riley. Pfc. Shaykhiem A. Griffin, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division sustainment Brigade, was convicted by a military judge, in accordance with his pleas, of two specifications of Article 107 - False official statements and two specifications of Article 120b - Rape and sexual assault of a child. The judge sentenced the accused to be dishonorably discharged from the service, to be confined for 18 months and to be reduced to the grade of private, E-1.

Dec. 17 a General Court-Martial convened at Fort Riley. Spc. Dylan C Ingle, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, Rear, Provisional, was convicted by military judge alone, in accordance with his pleas, of Article 85 - desertion; Article 111 - operating a vehicle while drunk; Article 128 - assault of a law enforcement officer; Article 95 - resisting arrest; Article 107 - false official statement, and Article 92 - failure to obey a regulation by driving while his on-post driving privileges had been suspended. The military judge sentenced the accused to be discharged

from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, to be confined for 10 months and to be reduced to the grade of private, E-1.

Dec. 21 a General Court-Martial convened at Fort Riley. Pvt. Kenderrick D. Pearson, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, was convicted by military judge alone, in accordance with his plea of a violation of Article 86 - Absent without leave, terminated by apprehension. The judge acquitted Pvt. Pearson of a violation of Article 85 - Desertion. The judge sentenced Pvt. Pearson to forfeit \$1,031 pay per month for three months; to perform hard labor without confinement for 60 days; and to be confined for 30 days.

### U.S. DISTRICT COURT RESULTS

#### Nov. 5

- Elias Gray of Glendale, Arizona, pled to assault on a child. District Court sentence: committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of 60 days. Upon release of imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of one year, \$25 special assessment.
- Stephon Tucker of Fort Riley pled to theft of government property. District Court sentence: Probation for a term of 6 months, \$200 fine, \$25 special assessment.
- Sherry Kennedy of Fort Riley pled to theft of government property. District Court sentence: probation for a term of one year, \$25 special assessment.

#### Nov. 19

- Heath Bowie of Junction City, Kansas, pled to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine, \$5 special assessment.
- Thomas Carter of Junction City, Kansas, pled to driving under the influence. District Court sentence: committed to the custody of the United States Bureau

of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of 48 hours, \$200 fine, \$10 special assessment.

- Cynthia Reid of Fort Riley pled to domestic battery. District Court sentence: \$200 fine, \$10 special assessment.

#### Dec. 3

- Blake Pope of Junction City, Kansas, pled to misdemeanor assault. District Court sentence: committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of 12 months. Upon release of imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of one year, \$25 special assessment.
- Tanisha Porter of Manhattan, Kansas, pled to criminal trespass. District Court sentence: \$100 fine, \$10 special assessment.
- Ishmael Thomas of Junction City, Kansas, pled to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine, \$5 special assessment.
- Kendra Harris of Fort Riley pled to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine, \$5 special assessment.
- Dazon Gross of Pontia, Michigan, pled to criminal deprivation of property. District Court sentence: \$100 fine, \$25 special assessment.
- Dustin Engelhaupt of Carlton, Kansas, pled to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$50 fine, \$5 special assessment.

#### Dec. 17

- Antoinette Hatlelid of Abilene, Kansas, pled to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$50 fine, \$5 special assessment.
- Desiree Moore-Booker of Junction City, Kansas, pled to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine. \$5 special assessment.
- Charmaine Little of Junction City, Kansas, pled to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine, \$5 special assessment.



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# Civilians receive leadership skills training in classes at Fort Riley

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

Classes and training are available on Fort Riley for civilian employees to improve their skills and leadership abilities.

The Civilian Leader Development Program is one of many programs civilians can go through to receive more training and to help them advance further in their careers.

Sue Simmons, instructor from Barton Community College, teaches the program consisting of 18 classes lasting around four hours each over the course of nine months.

“It’s teaching leadership skills, so we’ve got a really mixed bag in here,” Simmons said. “We’ve got some who are already supervisors, some who hope to be supervisors and some who are trying to figure out where they want to be.”

Simmons said the course covers communication, leadership, people skills and management techniques to develop current and future leaders.

“I’m always looking for opportunities to advance and better myself,” said Mark Grant, material handler for the Directorate of Public Works, who is going through CLDP.

Grant’s classmate Adrianne Watson, installation ammunition manager, agreed saying any chance she has to learn how to be a better leader or how to be a better supervisor to someone else is always beneficial.

Another way for civilian employees to get more training is through Job Skills Enhancement. Through this program, employees can take a one-day class to



Sue Simmons, an instructor from Barton Community College, teaches the Civilian Leader Development Program Jan. 21. The program is for civilian employees on post who are looking to develop the skills needed to help advance in their careers.

improve their skills and are then able to go back to their job better prepared. This year, Kathy Basset, director of Civilian and Leadership Development, is teaching classes for customer service, project management, problem solving and developing communication skills.

“Those are all topics that can come up for employees that they can use improvement on,” Basset said.

Basset said she believes when supervisors encourage and support employees taking training, it contributes to improved performance by the organization.

Those interested in these programs may contact their supervisor.

# Grigsby visits Soldiers in Kuwait

By Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard  
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, visited “Big Red One” Soldiers throughout Southwest Asia during a battlefield circulation to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility Jan. 12 to 18.

During Grigsby’s stops at Camp Arifjan, Camp Buehring,

Camp Patriot and the Joint Training Center, he attended a prayer breakfast with 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade Soldiers; conducted physical training with Soldiers from 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., conducted leader development training with company-level command teams; received operational briefings from key “Dagger” brigade leaders;

administered the oath of enlistment to 48 reenlisting Soldiers; placed combat patches on the right shoulder sleeves of 73 Soldiers and gave more than 10 division coins to Soldiers throughout CENTCOM for their hard work and dedication. Soldiers of the 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., are conducting theater support cooperation and increasing partnership capacity throughout parts of Southwest Asia.



Sgt. Dana Moen | 2ND ABCT

Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, observes Sgt. Brandon Ledford, gunner, as he times Spc. Andrew Swenson, team leader, disassemble, reassemble and perform a functions check on a M2 .50-caliber machine gun Jan. 14 at Camp Patriot, Kuwait. Swenson, a team leader with Company A, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, was preparing to compete for his Expert Infantryman Badge from Jan. 25 through Feb. 6 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

## TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Jan. 29 was “During FY 15 – the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2015 – how much is the Net Public Benefit from Soldiers and DA Civilians associated with Fort Riley?”

Answer: [www.riley.army.mil/Portals/0/Docs/Units/Garrison/PAIO/FY15FREIS](http://www.riley.army.mil/Portals/0/Docs/Units/Garrison/PAIO/FY15FREIS).

This week’s winner is Jessica Gladden. Jessica’s husband is Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jordan Gladden, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Jessica is pictured on the left with Jordan.

CONGRATULATIONS JESSICA!

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

### ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS OF OPERATION

Until further notice, the Estes Access Control Point is closed permanently every Saturday and Sunday, but will remain open Monday through Friday to all traffic including commercial vehicles. Also until further notice, 12th street ACP is closed to privately owned

vehicles on Saturdays. The commercial side remains open Saturdays. 12th St. ACP is closed to all traffic Sundays. 12th street ACP is open to all traffic Monday through Friday. Effective Dec. 12, Grant Street ACP closes permanently every Saturday and Sunday but remains open Monday through Friday to all privately owned vehicle traffic. Motorists wanting access to Fort Riley on Saturday or Sunday should use Ogden, Henry or Trooper gates.

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:** Until further notice, open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

**Estes:** Until further notice, open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

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# RILEY ROUNDTABLE

## What is the most influential thing Martin Luther King Jr. did?



"He spoke out about what was happening. He said what was going on while other people ignored it."

**SPC. MICHAEL BRIALES**  
**FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

24th Transportation Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade



"He took a different approach. He said 'you killing him and him killing you isn't going to fix this.'"

**PFC. XAVIER PRYOR**  
**SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"He spoke the truth about what he felt."

**PFC. JOHN RABELL**  
**SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**

300th Military Police Company, 97th MP Battalion



"He opened up a lot of eyes to what society was really like, and it's still the same today, but not the exact same."

**PFC. KOREY WAINWRIGHT**  
**TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**

1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"He gave thousands of people a voice."

**SPC. TIMOTHY WHELAN**  
**FORT RILEY, KANSAS**

1st Infantry Division Band

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### FROM DANGER 6

## Division prepares for Warfighter exercise with training

As we enter the last week of January, I want to take this opportunity to come up for air and update everyone on some of the great things happening in the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley footprint. I promised the division's pace this month would be fast and furious and this has proven true. The team is coming together and we are building the capability to close with and destroy our enemies wherever they may be.

This week finds us at the end of Command Post Exercise 2, another step on our way to this spring's Division Warfighter Exercise. I'm impressed with how far our team has come since the first iteration late last year.

As we continue preparing for the Warfighter, remember we do not fight wars alone. It is up to us to build leaders who are comfortable working and sharing information in the joint, inter-organizational and multinational environment. If you walked into our joint operations center, you would see

representation from all three components of the Army, including our partners from the Kansas Army National Guard's 35th Infantry Division.

Our staff will continue to train and demonstrate what mission command done right looks like.

Your "Big Red One" men and women are making every effort to structure operations to build the capable and adaptable leaders we need for the future of our force. Building that future leader is paramount — because here in the 1st Inf. Div., training and leader development is one word. Likewise, operations and leader development are one word. This Warfighter train up is simply another vehicle to build leaders.

Additionally, as I observed our deployed units last week during my visit to Kuwait and



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

the surrounding region, I realized every operation we conduct sets the stage for leader development.

One of the highlights of the trip was visiting our Soldiers' training partner nation forces in a live-fire exercise. The young leaders we met on our trip were learning how to think about information sharing and operating with our partners. We must continue to place a premium on information sharing and interoperability with those nations.

I was inspired by the cooperation and the extent to which our multinational partners have embraced the military decision-making process and leader development within their forces, and how this has impacted their focus to building mission readiness. Something else equally

important was the strength of the partnership between Soldiers of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team's 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, and their Southwest Asia teammates.

Our Soldiers were able to quickly establish partnerships with coalition forces because we have robust partnerships with local schools, universities and cities in the central Flint Hills region. Our Soldiers are constantly partnering and sharing different points of view, and it translates to our missions forward. Let's continue to get after it through our partnerships, training and leader development. Remember, our number 1 priority is building mission readiness — there is no number 2 priority!

No Mission Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great! Duty First!

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

### SAFETY CORNER

## Hacking the cold, harsh winter season

By Thomas Anderson  
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Welcome to difficult-to-predict Kansas weather and road conditions.

As you may have noticed, weather reports are not always accurate. On those days where light snow is predicted, we may have a snow-apocalypse, of heavy snowfall and on days where heavy snow is predicted, we may have a negligible dusting. In either event we must be able to plan in order to prevent accidents. How do you plan when conditions are so unpredictable? You plan for the worst and hope for the best.

Planning involves assessing risks. What are some the risks of inclement weather? The obvious risks are those that come from wet conditions: snow, ice, freezing rain, hail etc. We are all familiar with the risks of operating a vehicle in ice and snow, but add extremely cold temperatures, and we can have a recipe for disaster.

A hack is terminology that used to be exclusively for writing clever computer code, but has broadened to mean, shortcuts

and loopholes which aren't obvious but make life a bit easier. Weather hacks can never take the place of practical safety precautions but in a pinch, some of these hacks might keep you safe in an emergency:

- Raise your wipers at night and cover them with socks to keep them from freezing to your window. Worn or cracked windshield wipers place streaks or hazing on windshields when it rains or snows. This can limit vision and increase the risk of striking a pedestrian or animal in times of low visibility. Preserving your windshields is a great investment.
- Hand Sanitizer and a straw. Temperatures can drop unexpectedly during precipitation resulting in frozen locks. Getting into the vehicle quickly, especially when not dressed properly, can prevent hypothermia and other cold weather injuries. Using a straw to blow alcohol-based hand sanitizer into lock mechanisms can thaw them quickly.
- Using a lighter to heat your car key can help open frosty doors.
- Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients as commercial de-foggers.

When windows are foggy, spray a layer of shaving cream on the inside of your windows and wipe clean.

- Applying cooking spray to the edges of your car doors to keep them from freezing shut.
  - Safety in the winter is about seeing and being seen. Placing a gallon-size freezer bag over your car mirrors at night will prevent them from frosting over.
  - Are your headlights covered with dirt, salt and grime? If so, clean your lights with toothpaste to reduce surface debris and increase their effectiveness.
  - Kitty litter can provide added traction, a large enough bag of kitty litter in your trunk can give your back end extra weight, providing more tire to surface contact.
- Use these tips and take extra precautions when traveling in inclement weather. One of the best control measures we can employ to keep safe during unpredictable weather is to slow down.
- For more information on keeping safe during the winter, contact the Garrison Safety Office at 785-240-0647.

### FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## Dual-military family struggles with paperwork

Dear IG,

My wife and I are active-duty Soldiers and we recently had a baby. My first sergeant told me since we are a dual-military couple with a child, we had to complete a family care plan. We completed all of the required paperwork; however, my commander is refusing to validate my plan.

The commander told me I cannot have my wife listed as the baby's short term care provider. We don't feel comfortable leaving our new baby with anyone else, and I doubt that we will both be deployed at the same time.

Can the commander refuse to sign my paperwork? He said if I don't find another short term care provider he can chapter me out of the Army. Can he do that? My wife is going to separate from the Army in eight months anyway. I don't see what the big deal is.

Sincerely,  
Specialist Family Man

Dear Spc. Family Man,  
Your commander is correct and here's why...

This plan is designed to be executed only if neither of you are available. Because of this, neither of you can be the alternate caregivers.

Let's look into the regulation.

Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, paragraph 5-5 states: "Commanders of Active Army and Reserve Component Soldiers, regardless of the Soldier's grade, will conduct or arrange for family care plan counseling and require a family care plan should be completed when a pregnant Soldier is married to another Service member of an active Army or reserve component member of any service."

The commander is also the sole approving authority for the DA Form 5305 of the family care plan and cannot delegate this authority. The commander must also "adequately test the validity and durability of the family care plan, to include contacting the designated guardian(s) prior to final approval or recertification." The commander "should consider initiating a bar to reenlistment

against Soldiers who fail to properly manage personal, marital or family affairs, or who fail to provide or maintain adequate family care plans" and "consider initiating involuntary separation proceedings against Soldiers who fail to provide and maintain adequate family care plans."

Now for your situation, the family care plan "must be signed by both members of a dual-military couple and, if possible, by both commanders. The same plan should be submitted by both members of the dual-military couple, and neither member should be identified in the plan as the temporary or long-term guardian."

As you can see, neither you nor your spouse should be the short term or long term guardian. The commander has an obligation to the unit and the Army to make sure nothing hinders military requirements such as deployment, temporary duty, or other reasons for not being like additional duty, alerts, annual training or emergencies. The

recommendation is to sit down with your spouse and come up with a better guardian for the short-term plan. She is still in the Army until her separation and needs to be aware of the military requirements of her unit. You should also sit down with your command team and, if possible, your spouse's command team and see if there is anything you could come up with to lessen the burden on your family until your spouse gets out of the Army. Otherwise, your commander "should consider initiating a bar to reenlistment against Soldiers who fail to properly manage personal, marital, or family affairs, or who fail to provide or maintain adequate family care plans" and "should consider initiating involuntary separation proceedings against Soldiers who fail to provide and maintain adequate family care plans."

If you have any further questions, please come in to our office at building 8071 Adams Hall, Normandy Drive on Custer Hill or contact our office at 785-239-1G1G (4444).



# Military Working Dog assigned to Fort Riley laid to rest after service

By Maria Childs  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Rex, a military working dog assigned to Fort Riley for seven years of active-duty service, was laid to rest Jan. 6.

Once military working dogs reach about 9 years old, they are considered for the military’s adoption program. Every dog is considered for the program, but not every dog is suitable for adoption.

The evaluation process to retire an MWD includes an adoption suitability checklist where the dog is videotaped interacting with people and the kennel master then evaluates the dog’s aggression levels and how he acts with those people from the video.

“It shows how he acts with equipment, how he acts without the equipment,” said Master Sgt. David Cochran, kennel master with the 523rd MWD Detachment at Fort Riley. “It’s a long process.”

The kennel master and the veterinary clinic staff makes recommendations based on the interaction in this video. The commander of the unit makes the final decision. Sometimes when a dog is too aggressive, it might be because of underlying medical reasons, but the report will read aggression. This reason is cited to ensure safety.

Rex, who had reached the end of his working life, was deemed too aggressive to be safely adopted upon his retirement. Available

MWD Disposition Reports annotate an average of five MWDs per year up to 2012, the last year the reports were available, are put down for uncontrolled aggression. At the same time, between 300 and 400 dogs are successfully adopted per year.

“He was a good dog,” Cochran said. “He will be missed and his loss will be felt in the kennels and throughout the battalion here at Fort Riley.”

Rex completed one secret service mission to Des Moines, Iowa; deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from June 2011 to June 2012; and deployed to northern Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from April 2013 to April 2014. He conducted numerous missions in search of weapon caches, mortar rounds and different types of homemade explosives.

Cochran said he wants people to understand MWDs and their handlers deploy around the world and are the front line of defense for counter improvised explosive device detection.

“These handlers walk point for the infantry and special forces,” Cochran said. “They are in the fight. They are in Afghanistan looking for IEDs.”

Cochran said the unit’s relationship with the veterinary clinic staff on post is crucial to the job they do. He said the vet helps train the handlers for medical emergencies

they may encounter during deployment. In addition, the clinic collaborates with the unit on more sensitive matters such as euthanizing a dog.

“We were all there that day,” Cochran said. “We usually give the dog his last meal and let him run around the kennel. We let him have fun and do the stuff he wouldn’t normally do.”

Following the death of the dog, the vet does something known as necropsy. The Army studies every dog that dies — no matter the reason. During the necropsy, the vet teaches handlers how to administer medical attention to a dog with a critical injury such as a losing a leg so they will know what to do in a tactical environment.

“It’s pretty brutal,” Cochran said. “For dog handlers, it’s good because the vet goes in there and shows them how to amputate a leg. The transition to that is when a Soldier is deployed to Afghanistan and the dog gets hurt, he knows how to save the dog’s life.”

Cochran said the Army has tried to substitute machines and other equipment for MWDs, and nothing has compared to the skill level a dog brings to a tactical environment.

“These guys are walking point — it’s the most dangerous job in the infantry,” Cochran said. “It’s the first person to get shot at; it’s the first person to find a bomb,” potentially saving Soldiers’ lives.



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Soldiers from the 523rd Military Working Dog Detachment of the 97th MP Battalion and Rex stand outside Veterinary Services Jan. 6.**

## PASSING THE GUIDON



Spc. Derrick Tribbey | 1ST ABCT  
**Col. Timothy Hayden, left, commander of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Michael Post, commander of the 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st ABCT, during the change of command and responsibility ceremony Jan. 21 at King Field House at Fort Riley. The passing of the guidon signifies the transfer of authority given from the brigade commander to the new commander of the battalion.**

## TAX CENTER Continued from page 1

“We had to meet in a classroom and did a week of training ... on the software the IRS uses to prepare taxes and what the tax law is for everything and how we can maximize the refund for the client,” said tax clerk Brock Schmidt.

The tax center staff were prepared and ready to start a few days before the deadline as W-2s came out to service members. Elizabeth Thurston, tax center manager and attorney for the Fort Riley SJA, said she believes they will start seeing clients very soon.

Thurston and other civilians, retirees and service members said having this tax center — free of charge — was a great opportunity for everyone who qualifies to use it. The center maximizes the refund because clients don’t have to pay for the service.

To get an appointment with the tax center walk in or call the office at 785-239-1040. The center is in building 7034 on the corner of Normandy Drive and Bullard Street. Hours are Monday through Friday are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays are walk-ins only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As of Jan. 26, 2016, the center helped Soldiers and retirees save \$1,157,203 in refunds and \$87,831 in preparation fees.



Hannah Kleopfer | POST  
**Elizabeth Thurston, attorney for the staff judge advocate and Fort Riley Tax Center manager, and Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general for support, shake hands after cutting the cake at the grand opening of the tax center Jan. 20.**



## INDUCTION

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development in all areas of leadership,” he said. “Management of technical and tactical skills, along with responsibility are of significant importance.”

Cornelison challenged the Army’s new NCOs first to be true to themselves and to be a role model for every Soldier they encounter throughout their careers.

Sgt. Darrin J. Kennedy, flight operations, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., was one of the 23 newly inducted NCOs. Kennedy said it was an honor to be a part of a tradition as great as the NCO Corps.

“I am overwhelmed with happiness and it is a great honor to become an NCO,” Kennedy said. “I pushed harder than ever to make the rank of sergeant, and I couldn’t be happier.”

Kennedy said he had the help of friends and leaders to get him where he is, for which he is thankful.



Sgt. Jarrett Allen | 1ST CAB  
Command Sgt. Maj. Sean McKay, senior noncommissioned officer, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, left, stands with Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, the 1st Inf. Div.’s senior noncommissioned officer, during a noncommissioned officer induction ceremony Jan. 19 at Barlow Theater at Fort Riley.

## LEADERS

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Grigsby said a lot has changed in the Army in the last year. Ashton Carter took over as Secretary of Defense; and made his first visit Thursday to Fort Riley; Gen. Mark Milley took over as Army chief of staff; and the 1st Inf. Div. welcomed a new commander, two deputy commanders and a new senior noncommissioned officer.

While a lot has changed, “the values we share with this community and our commitment to our partnership have not,” Grigsby said. Any change in leaders brings new guidance, he went on to say, and the Army’s most senior leaders produced new guidance for training and shaping the forces to remain able to close with and destroy the nation’s enemies for years to come.

Fort Riley is at the forefront of this training and reshaping effort, Grigsby said, as the division has seen the deactivation of a brigade, stand up of the 1st Inf. Div. Artillery and a reconfiguration of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team by reducing the number of companies in the maneuver battalions from four to three.

“All of these changes have impacts on our post and on our communities,” Grigsby said. “In spite of the slight decrease in Soldiers on Fort Riley, we continue to have an enormously positive impact on the local economy.”

Cole later outlined those numbers, saying with the combined payroll, supplies, services or contracts as well as construction, education and healthcare dollars, the total direct economic impact equaled more than \$1.58 billion.

Total economic impact for the state with all Kansas Army retirees and survivor annuitants’ pay totaled more than \$2.08 billion with Fort Riley’s full economic impact totaling more than \$3.4 billion.

Grigsby further talked about the post’s impact, saying 22,000 partners at

the federal, state and local level trained at Fort Riley.

“These people are staying in your hotels, spending money in your restaurants and shopping in your stores,” he said.

Training facilities continue to improve, he continued, and partnerships with the Army Reserve and National Guard and interagency partners bring even more people to the region. Members of the Kansas Army National Guard’s 35th Infantry Division are at Fort Riley this week to help evaluate the 1st Inf. Div. during its Command Post Exercise 2. The exercise is in preparation for the spring’s Division Warfighter Exercise, a high-level training opportunity aimed at preparing the headquarters for a mission downrange.

The division’s primary mission is to build and maintain combat-ready forces, Grigsby said, “and – on order – deploy to fight and win our nation’s wars.”

## BADGE

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minimum of 80 points for each of the pushup, sit-up and run events to advance. Phase two consists of day and night land navigation skills testing with a three-hour limit. Three of four points must be correctly located for both iterations plus the daytime start-point coordinates. Phase three comprises 30 individual stations testing weapons, medical and patrol skills against time and standards. One retry is permitted at any station, but all stations must be passed and no more than two “no-gos” are allowed or the candidate is eliminated. Phase four entails completing a 12-mile march while carrying a 35-pound rucksack in less than three hours. The march is followed immediately by a combat casualty drill performed in 20 minutes or less.

“So far it’s been excellent training, very professionally run,” Grady, a native of Amesbury, Massachusetts, said. “The standards are put out well ahead of time and the standards are enforced.”

Soldiers and officers of the Dagger brigade put many hours in preparing the site and validating the lanes, which includes a site visit from an EIB test manager from the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

“We worked hard for them (the candidates) setting this up,” Fernandez said. “They should repay us back by going and getting their EIB.”



Sgt. Dana Moen | 2ND ABCT  
Staff Sgt. Juan Fernandez, squad leader with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, grades the terrain features station training attempt of Spc. Zachary Hutson, infantryman with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Jan. 20 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, as part of Expert Infantryman Badge training.







## 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

Feb. 1 from 1-2:30 p.m. Employer Showcase, Fort Riley Transition Center, building 212, room 201.

Feb. 15 to 19 from 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).

Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon, Industry Workshop, Trade and Vocational, Education Center, Custer Avenue building 217, room 202, Fort Riley.

Feb. 23 at 6:00 p.m. Bradley Morris Live To register, contact Donna Zielke 678-819-4138 or [Dzielke@Bradley-morris.com](mailto:Dzielke@Bradley-morris.com)

March 1 from 9 a.m. to noon, Soldier For Life Transition Forum, 1st Infantry Division headquarters, building 580, room 110, 1st Division Road, Fort Riley. Military and spouses invited.

### THREAT AWARENESS AND REPORTING PROGRAM TRAINING

At Barlow Theater, Mar. 2, April 13, May 11, June 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., training will be offered for Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors. For information or to schedule training, contact 785-240-3097.

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Warrior Zone Super Bowl party is Feb. 7. More than 40 screens are available. Participate in Madden tournaments using the Super Bowl teams, tailgating party and other entertainment. Warrior Zone is at 7867 Normandy Drive. For more information, visit [riley.armymwr.com](http://riley.armymwr.com) or [facebook.com/rileybosswz](http://facebook.com/rileybosswz).

### GARRISON BOWLING DAY

Join the garrison staff at Custer Hill Bowling Center Feb. 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Shoe rental plus two games of bowling for \$8.

### VALENTINES DINNER AND DANCE

Celebrate Valentines Day with dinner and dancing at Riley's Conference Center, Feb. 13, visit [facebook.com/rileymwr](http://facebook.com/rileymwr) for ticket information.

### LOVE SUCKS PARTY

National Singles Awareness Day Party at the Warrior Zone Feb. 14 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Bring old photos and mementos for the burn the past bonfire.

### COCKTAILS AND CANVASES

Come to the Rally Point Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. for this event. Admission of \$25 covers painting supplies, instruction and a drink ticket. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

### PARENT-CHILD CRAFT CLASS

Bond with your youngster. The event is scheduled for Feb. 21 from 7 to 3 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts center. The project will be a St. Patrick's day theme.

### STAYCATIONS AND DESTINATIONS

Fort Riley MWR staff will host a tourism and travel expo Feb. 27. There will be vendors from tourism and visitors' bureaus from Kansas and other areas. Travel vendors and representatives from on-post will also be available. Admission is free and open to the public.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

A temporary Fort Riley access badge or pass is required for anyone without a Department of Defense ID card. If you know the date of your visit, it is recommended to get a temporary badge or pass early at the Visitor Control Center by 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).

There are longer wait times for passes during periods of higher traffic, especially weekday mornings and weekday afternoons.

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 [www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/EmergencyServices/AccessInformation.aspx](http://www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/EmergencyServices/AccessInformation.aspx) for details.

## Observance speaker: Paying rent more than money

Audience learns the value of settling dues in form of services to others

"I was inspired by how (Martin Luther King Jr.) dedicated his life to service."

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

Linnita Hosten | Guest speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr. observance luncheon

"Are you paying your rent?" asked Linnita Hosten, guest speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance luncheon Jan. 20.

To Linnita Hosten, paying rent does not just mean writing a check to a landlord on the first of every month, it means paying dues in services such as helping a fellow human being.

"I was inspired by how (Martin Luther King Jr.) dedicated his life to service," Hosten said.

Hosten spent the last nine years of her career leading and "edutaining" small and large groups of teens in the Maryland and

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Guest speaker Linnita Hosten speaks to the Fort Riley community at the Martin Luther King Jr. Observance luncheon Jan. 20. Her topic of "Paying Rent" was about the way people should spend their time on earth remembering to serve others.



COURTESY PHOTO

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edwin Reyes, 1st Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, performs at the League of United Latin American Citizens Convention in 2015. Reyes has been selected at the Officer in Charge for the convention this year.

## Salsa, anyone?

Fort Riley Soldier connects with community through music, dance

By Maria Childs 1ST INF. DIV. POST

### FILL YOUR DANCE CARD

• Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edwin Reyes plays at Salsa Night on the last Friday of each month at Rally Point at Fort Riley. For more information about Salsa Night, call 785-375-3260.

When Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edwin Reyes, 1st Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, first came to Fort Riley in 2014, the thought of people not listening to salsa music was foreign to him and his family and to community members here it wasn't common.

The first time he played salsa music in the area was in Manhattan at Cat Tracks Bar and Grill.

"The first time we played we had a crowd of 265 people," Reyes said. "Apparently, people have never experienced Latin music in the area. People tell me 'We are in Kansas – you're not going to find very many people who are playing live, Latin music.'"

In May 2015, Reyes, his wife and guest artists played at Rally Point for the first time. Now they play there every month for Salsa Night. His guest artists are usually other Soldiers.

"I want to say I have played music with more than 500 Soldiers in the last 19 years," Reyes said. "I was stationed in Savannah, Georgia, for 12 years. While I was doing that, Soldiers come and go and come and go."

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COURTESY PHOTO

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edwin Reyes, 1st Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, dances with his wife, Limary Ortiz, at a Latin Convention in Wichita, Kansas in August 2015. "I want to say I have played music with more than 500 Soldiers in the last 19 years," Reyes said.

## Cots to pots at Relocation Readiness office

Fort Riley program offers socials, loaner furniture, change-of-station briefings

By Hannah Kleopfer 1ST INF. DIV. POST

For Soldiers and their family members, relocating to a new post can be stressful. According to Bryan Bartlett, manager of the Fort Riley Relocation Readiness Program, the

stress of transitioning is one of the top five contributing factors for domestic violence, domestic assault and suicide. But with the care Bartlett puts into his service for transitioning Soldiers and their families, he said he hopes to prevent things like that from happening in the 'Big Red One' and Fort Riley community.

When Bartlett came into his position, he said he had a lot of connections from previously serving as the sergeant major of the Directorate of Emergency Services and the acting

Fort Riley Garrison command sergeant major.

One of the things Bartlett implemented for Soldiers coming to Fort Riley is the International Hotel Group Social Wednesday nights. At the socials, incoming Soldiers and family members get to know the faces of people from the programs available to them here such as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, USO Fort Riley, Defense Commissary Agency, Corvias Military Living and Child, Youth and School Services.

Another effort put forth by Bartlett is to obtain loaner furniture for them as they wait for their furniture to arrive or until they can buy some.

Bartlett said his goal – and the program motto – is that no one should have to sleep on the floor.

Bartlett has found everything from cots to pots. Anytime a need for something is brought up, he puts in an effort to obtain it such as rocking chairs for breastfeeding mothers and

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Fort Riley Elementary School Principal Becky Coy, far left, stands with her son, students and dignified guests at the Fort Riley Elementary School ribbon cutting. She said that this was one of her favorite moments working as principal of FRES the last 21 years.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL: BECKY COY

# Fort Riley Elementary principal uses 21 years on job to build relationships

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

Over the past 21 years, Becky Coy has become a familiar face to the community as the Fort Riley Elementary School principal.

Receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees from Kansas State University, Coy started teaching fourth and fifth grade for Unified School District 475 at Milford Elementary and Sheridan Elementary and worked with staff development for the district before becoming the principal of FRES.

"I was interested in continuing to make a difference for kids in a larger setting," Coy said. "It was really the right match and I walked into a great setting."

Born and raised in Junction City, Kansas, Coy herself is a product of the district and said it's been interesting that she's always had friends from the military, but now she gets to work with them.

Over Coy's 21 years as the principal, she said kids and families and the community have been a big part of why she has stayed.

"It's the people that make the job so exciting," Coy said. "I can help make a difference in these kids' lives. And knowing the military families and what all they go through, we can be their consistent piece for them then. Our families have a lot more on their plate in different ways than a non-military family."



Becky Coy gives a speech at the ribbon cutting of the new Fort Riley Elementary School building.

One of Coy's favorite moments as principal was the ribbon cutting for the new FRES building.

"My biggest moment was switching to the new building ... and being a part of the planning, and helping the staff move over," Coy said.

Coy said that one thing that she has consistently tried to do throughout her career is looking for new ways to connect and teach kids through curriculum, personnel and technology.

"One part that has kept me going is that connection with the kids and those relationships you build with people," Coy said.

When Coy gets rare free time, she likes to spend it reading, exercising and getting in quality family time. Coy's son is a second grader at FRES. This has taught her a good balance between parenting and working in the school.

"It's another reason you want to make it the best, and I feel strongly that it is the best for my child," Coy said of FRES.

COMMUNITY CORNER

# Fort Riley community should be ready for winter weather's reach

Col. Andrew Cole Jr.  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

We recently experienced some hazardous winter driving conditions. We were fortunate we didn't get the severity of snowfall seen on the east coast, but winter is not over yet. And even though this weekend is forecast to be as warm as 60 degrees, it's not too late to revisit the winter preparedness tips and make sure we are ready in the event we get more adverse weather.

Check around your house to be sure snow and ice has not accumulated in places where it could cause damage. Particularly check places where accumulation could melt and refreeze to increase risk. Sidewalks are a prime example. As the snow melts, the water refreezes at night and that is a fall waiting to happen. You can buy bags of de-icing material, but sand or cat litter will work in the short term to prevent falls.

Another danger can be from exertion. If you shovel snow, work slow and steady. Consider working together with a friend or neighbor. The cold weather will cause your body to work harder as

it keeps you warm while you do a set of movements that are not part of your normal routine. Have a cell phone handy in case of medical problems or injuries.

Even if there is no snow or ice, we may still experience low temperatures. Wind chill is a regular factor in our Kansas weather. Wear appropriate outdoor gear and layer clothing. Use mittens, scarves, waterproof boots and something to cover your head.

Avoid traveling if conditions are severe, but if you have to go, check weather and road conditions. Inform a friend or relative of your route and anticipated arrival time. Pack a winter emergency kit in your car in case you get stuck.

When driving on slippery roads, you have to adjust your driving style. The best way to survive a skid on a snowy road is to avoid getting into one. Slow down and don't break or change speed suddenly and if you find yourself in a skid, take your foot off the gas and steer into it.



Colonel Cole

The best tip, if possible is to get off the road when the weather turns bad and wait until snow plows and sanding crews have done their work. Late arrivals are always better than not at all.

Before you start, make sure your tires are adequate for the driving conditions. Most tire stores will check tread depth for you. Also, ensure you have good wipers and windshield washing fluid that won't freeze.

Some people think that if they have Electronic Stability Control, all-wheel drive or four-wheel drive they can drive the same as they would on dry roads. This is at best a false sense of security. These features don't give you immunity from the laws of physics.

Your head and your concern for proper safety is the best feature in your car. So, as we go into a weekend of unusually warm weather for January – don't forget that it can and probably will change. Be prepared.

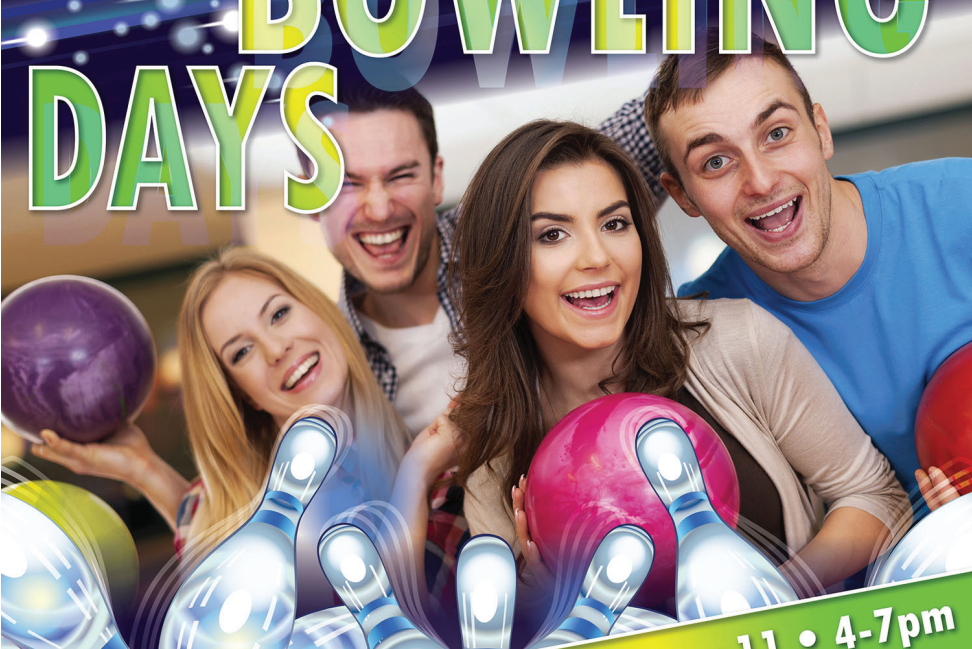

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# Child care assistance program transitioning to contractor

By J.D. Leipold  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — A program that helps Soldiers with off-post child care expenses will begin transitioning from the Government Services Administration to a contractor, Feb. 22.

The Army Fee Assistance program helps Soldiers with the cost of off-post child care when on-post care is unavailable. The transition to the contractor, Child Care Aware of America, will take place over about eight months.

The administration will continue to manage Army family accounts until the transfer to the contractor is complete in October, said Stephanie Hoehne, director of the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity, which oversees the Army Fee Assistance program.

The program had been under the administration of CCAoA from 2004 until 2014,



ARMY NEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO  
**Children from Fort McPherson, Georgia, take part in a children's parade. Over the next eight months, the Army will transition its fee assistance program for off-post child care from the Government Services Administration to contractor Child Care Aware of America.**

when it was transferred to GSA. However, under GSA, a backlog of 25,900 items accrued and multiple information technology security breaches potentially exposed information from 8,000 families.

There was no indication by the Army of dissatisfaction with the services provided by CCAoA, which continues to service the fee assistance programs for the Navy, Marine Corps and

## ON THE MOVE

• **The Army Fee Assistance program** will transition from the Government Services Administration to the contractor Child Care Aware of America over an eight-month period.

Air Force. Hoehne said the Army made the decision to move the program to GSA through an interagency agreement that hoped to save the Army \$4 million by eliminating a contract during the 2013 sequestration.

The decision was a good one at the time, Hoehne said, but the problem was in the execution and oversight of the transfer and ensuring GSA was prepared to take on the full volume of work, which ultimately did not save money.

Following testimony in September before the same committee, GSA and the Army started taking major steps in

rectifying the problems faced by Army families under the GSA administration.

These improvements included reductions of eliminations in long-term backlogs in every major category and a transition away from GSA administration back to the contractor.

“Since September, we have eliminated the backlog of unpaid invoices ... and made significant progress in transitioning Army Fee Assistance to Child Care Aware of America,” Hoehne said. “In addition, the Army also increased the levels of communication and support to Army families, reiterating our strong commitment to work with GSA to restore AFA to an effective and efficient program.”

She said in October, the Army informed families that GSA had paid the backlogged provider invoices and those families who had paid the subsidy portion of their child care fees to the provider up-

front should expect providers to credit their accounts. Hoehne noted that families were encouraged to contact the Army if reconciliations were not made in a timely manner.

The CCAoA Executive Director Lynette Fraga addressed the committee's concerns on the breach of Family personal information that happened at GSA explaining that the first steps being taken were to screen and conduct background checks of all staff. She said CCAoA would also ensure access to the data system is limited to only high-level managers.

“Since initial discussion with the Army, CCAoA has been developing the required infrastructure to ensure programmatic success,” Fraga said. “This includes a family-centered approach, exceptionally trained and experienced staff and robust work flow and data management systems and protocols.”

# Mentors, mentees seek ‘lollipop moments’

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

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS — Karen Perkins, human resources director of U.S. Army Installation Management Command, posed a question to 43 mentors and 36 mentees as they met in-person for the first time during the Headquarters Centralized Mentoring Program orientation January 12 at the College of the Installation Management on Joint Base San Antonio.

She asked, “Did you know that you could have a big impact on someone’s life without even realizing it?” then showed them a video entitled “TEDxToronto — Drew Dudley ‘Leading with Lollipops’” which is available online on YouTube.

Dudley, the video’s speaker, told a story about the remarkable impression he left on a college peer after he persuaded another student to give her a lollipop during a campus registration event.

“How many of you guys have a lollipop moment, a moment where someone said something or did something that you feel fundamentally made your life better?” said Dudley.

“We need to redefine leadership as being about lollipop moments, how many of them we create, how many of them we acknowledge, how many of them we pay forward, and how many of them we say thank you for.”

The command’s mentoring program provides an opportunity for employees to find and give those lollipop moments. It is designed to build the bench for junior to mid-level civilian employees to become future leaders and future mentors that influence and shape the future workforce.

“The yearlong program is comprised of unique developmental experiences,” explained Amanda Rodriguez of IMCOM G1’s Workforce Development team. “It includes an orientation phase and a job-shadow week, and



**Unique to the Headquarters Centralized Mentoring Program is the mentees’ completion of a capstone project. During the program orientation’s last day, Jan. 15, mentees, grouped into teams, briefed senior leaders at U.S. Army Installation Management Command on their project ideas and plans.**



**Sgt. Maj. Lon Culbreath, left, of U.S. Army Installation Management Command G1, poses with his mentee Sgt. 1st Class Sherri Queen (right), of U.S. Army Garrison Japan, at the College of Installation Management, January 15. Throughout this year, Culbreath will guide Queen in developing her skill sets and career goals through regular communication, a weeklong job shadowing experience and completion of the program’s capstone project.**

“We all have a common mission to take care of Soldiers, families and civilians.”

SGT. MAJ. LON CULBREATH | IMCOM G1

then culminates in a group project capstone event — all of which are aimed at building a multi-skilled and adaptive workforce.”

New to the program this year is an active-duty Soldier pairing, according to Perkins.

Sgt. Maj. Lon Culbreath, of IMCOM G1, agreed to mentor Sgt. 1st Class Sherri Queen, a detachment sergeant at U.S. Army Garrison Japan, after reviewing her application. Although the program was initially opened to only civilian

employees, the IMCOM G1 staff believed that active-duty Soldiers assigned to the command should participate.

“We all have a common mission to take care of Soldiers, families and civilians,” said Culbreath. “As we move forward into the future, it’s important that we Soldiers and civilians are integrated together.”

Even though the pair is stationed in different countries, they plan to communicate regularly through phone and email.

## MORE INFORMATION

• For more information about the Headquarters Centralized Mentoring Program, contact the IMCOM G1 Workforce Development at [usarmy.jbsa.imcom-hq.list.g1-workforce-development-owner@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.imcom-hq.list.g1-workforce-development-owner@mail.mil).

## MORE ONLINE

- **U.S. Army Installation Management Command:** [www.imcom.army.mil](http://www.imcom.army.mil)
- **IMCOM G1 Workforce Development:** [www.imcom.army.mil/Organization/G1Personnel/Civilian-Personnel/HCMP.aspx](http://www.imcom.army.mil/Organization/G1Personnel/Civilian-Personnel/HCMP.aspx)
- **IMCOM news:** [www.army.mil/imcom](http://www.army.mil/imcom)

Culbreath’s focus will be developing Queen’s promotion eligibility for her next grade. She hopes to eventually become a sergeant major like him.

“I think it’s critical for senior noncommissioned officers to have a mentor who can show them the path to achieving their goals,” Culbreath said. “There are certain steps that she needs to get done in order to accomplish those goals, and I’m excited to help her reach them.”

In the year ahead, the mentors and mentees will be seeking to give and receive those lollipop moments as they build a strong relationship that with hope will last beyond the program.

“Although this is a year-long program, it doesn’t mean that the mentor-mentee relationship ends then,” said Rodriguez. “Mentoring can last a lifetime.”

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• Concussion (PG-13) 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31  
• Daddy's Home (PG-13) 5 P.M.

For movie titles and showtimes, call  
**785-239-9574**

## Fort Riley Religious Information

### Chaplain Office Locations and Phone Numbers

Area Code 785

<b>INSTALLATION CHAPLAINS OFFICE</b> 2560 Trooper Drive 239-3359	
<b>1ST INFANTRY DIVISION CHAPLAIN</b> 580 Division Road 240-6268	
<b>HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN</b> 239-7871 600 Huebner Road, Irwin Army Medical Hospital	
<b>MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING</b> 7865 Normandy Drive 239-3436	
<b>DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b> 2560 Trooper Drive 240-1443/239-0875	
<b>CHAPEL YOUTH PROGRAM</b> 240-6499	
<b>Directors of Religious Education (DRE)</b> • Roxanne Martinez: 240-1443 • Dr. William Townsend: 239-0875	



### Chapel Facilities

<b>Victory Chapel</b> 2560 Trooper Drive 239-0834	<b>Historic- Main Post Chapel</b> 6 Barry Avenue 239-6597	<b>Historic- Saint Mary's Chapel</b> 3 Barry Avenue 239-6597	<b>Morris Hill Chapel</b> 5315 Ewell Street 239-2799	<b>Kapaun Chapel</b> 7086 Normandy Drive 239-4818	<b>Normandy Chapel</b> 7865 Normandy Drive 239-3436	<b>Hospital Chapel</b> 600 Huebner Road Irwin Army Community Hospital Second Floor 239-7871
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Welcome to Fort Riley!  
*Home of the Big Red One!*

Our religious support team invites you to check-out the religious support activities and events offered post-wide.

Christian Worship Services include: Protestant, Catholic, and Gospel Services. Other Worship Services include: Wiccan.

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We also have a Chapel High School & Middle School Youth Program.

Our Religious Support Team stands ready to perform and/or provide religious support to you and your Family.

To all our Soldiers, Family members, DoD Civilians, and military Retirees, thank you for your service to our Nation; may God richly bless you in your assignment here at Fort Riley.

CH. KEITH CROOM  
GARRISON CHAPLAIN  
FORT RILEY, KS





COURTESY PHOTO  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edwin Reyes, 1st Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, plays at Rally Point monthly for Salsa Night. Reyes said he tried to connect the community he lives in through his music. “We try to showcase our culture and show people not to be afraid to get out of the house,” Reyes said.

## SALSA

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Reyes said he connects with the community he lives in through his music. “We try to showcase our culture and show people not to be afraid to get out of the house,” Reyes said. “Enjoy the facilities we have here at Fort Riley like Rally Point. People don’t have to travel that long. They don’t have to get out of the gate; it’s just a matter of walking across the street.”

Because of his experience in music, Reyes is the Officer in Charge at the U.S. Army Latin Ensemble. He also performs and speaks at the League of United Latin American Citizens Convention each year, where more than 30,000 people congregate. This is his fourth year.

“What we do with our music – we conduct His-

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CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 EDWIN REYES  
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

panic outreach, we teach people about our culture as Latinos, the importance of Hispanic culture in the military,” Reyes said. “We can basically educate others about our culture, traditions, the love for music and definitively, the importance to achieve union in a community, and we do that through our music.”

An example of showcasing his culture is participat-

ing in “Parrandas” which is a Puerto Rican tradition of Christmas caroling. He and his wife went door-to-door this past Christmas teaching the tradition.

“We just knocked on the door and as soon as they opened we started singing,” Reyes said. “From there, the owners of those houses go with us to the next house. The group will be bigger and bigger every

time we go to a different house. We had an opportunity to bring the culture to this environment.”

Reyes has played with Soldiers in Manhattan, Fort Riley, McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas, and Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska. He said he would encourage the community to come out and give salsa a try. Although Reyes is not certified to teach salsa, he is willing to share music and teach about his culture.

“Don’t be afraid to come and have a good time,” Reyes said. “All you have to do is get dressed and go.”

Reyes plays at Salsa Night on the last Friday of each month at Rally Point at Fort Riley. For more information about Salsa Night, call 785-375-3260.

“We take the time to appreciate and understand our history, understand where we came from as a nation and where we’re going.”

COL. TIMOTHY HAYDEN | 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

## KING

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Washington D.C. area. Senior Equal Opportunity Advisor Sgt. 1st Class Monique Singleton, the 1st Infantry Division’s Equal Opportunity Advisor, plans the monthly luncheons and decided to invite Hosten to this one after requests from Soldiers to bring in someone young and energetic. After seeing Hosten speak a few times, Singleton said she would be a great fit.

The observance and Hosten’s speech gave those in attendance a chance to think about what they have to offer as service.

“It’s not a day off of work, but a day on for us to be out in our communities and doing something so that we can help everyone around us,” Singleton said. “Being a Soldier is one of our services, but we also do things like volunteering and offering service to members in our community.”

Soldiers from the 1st Inf. Div. also presented music for the luncheon, with selections important to the Civil Rights movements during King’s time. Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Cook, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., sang “Troubles of this World” by Mahalia Jackson, and the 1st Inf. Div. Band played the National Anthem and a musical tribute to the civil rights movement.



Hannah Kleopfer | POST  
Linnita Hosten, the guest speaker for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance luncheon, gives her speech on “Paying Rent” Jan. 20 at Riley’s Conference Center.

“We take the time to appreciate and understand our history, understand where we came from as a nation and where we’re going,” said Col. Timothy Hayden, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team Brigade commander. “It’s really about taking the time collectively as an organization to recognize how we all contribute and how we can contribute more in the future to making this a better nation.”

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## RELOCATION

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sippy cups for toddlers. He finds if one person needs it, there are probably a number of other people who need it as well. Many items for this project are new, high quality items that will last or are from Soldiers who are leaving and have no need for it anymore.

Another of Bartlett’s ongoing efforts is a weekly permanent change of station briefing for those who are moving to a new post. Bartlett said he mod-

ified the briefing to fit everyone regardless of where they are being stationed.

“Its two and a half hours now, and we have the single Soldiers meeting on Tuesdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and married Soldiers are in the afternoon,” Bartlett said. “Every person counts.”

Bartlett has more plans for Relocation Program offerings such as posting weekly Facebook webcasts featuring topics Sol-

diers and their family members are asking about. The idea came from the virtual welcome he helped put together for Soldiers coming to Fort Riley when the 3rd Infantry Division’s 3rd Brigade Combat Team at Fort Benning, Georgia, were realigned. “This is what it’s all about,” Bartlett said, pointing to cards taped to the wall of his office. The cards were from mothers of Soldiers, thanking him for taking care of their child.

WORSHIP

Protestant Services

Victory Chapel

239-0834

Contemporary Protestant Service

Sunday School [K-12 & Adult].....0915-1015

Sunday Worship.....1045

Morris Hill Chapel

239-4815

Gospel Protestant Service

Sunday School.....0930

Sunday Worship.....1100

Main Post Chapel

239-6597

Traditional Protestant Service

Sunday Worship.....1030

Catholic Services

Victory Chapel

239-0834

Sunday Mass.....0900

Sunday Catechism.....1040

Saint Mary's Chapel

239-6597

Saturday's Vigil Mass.....1630

Sunday Mass.....1200

Mid-day Mass- Mon., Wed., & Fri.....1200

Tuesday & Thursday Mass.....1800

IACH Chapel

239-7872

Mid-day Mass- Tue. & Thur.....1200

Wiccan Service

Kapaun Chapel

239-4818

Fort Riley Open Circle- SWC

1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly.....1800

Fort Riley Religious Services

Off-Post Services

LDS Religious Services

Church of Jesus Christ of LDS

• 1705 McFarland Rd., Junction City, KS

785-238-8720

• 2812 Marlatt Ave., Manhattan, KS

785-439-5445/3357

Muslim Religious Service

Islamic Center- 785-340-7053

1224 Hylton Heights Rd., Manhattan, KS

icmmhmanhattan.org

Jewish Religious Service

Manhattan Jewish Congregation- 785-539-8462

4509 Wreath Ave., Manhattan, KS

manhattanjewishcong.org

Chapel Youth Program (SNAC)

Meets Sundays, see calendar

MS Youth- 1530-1700 at Morris Hill Chapel

HS Youth- 1830-2000 at Victory Chapel

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AWANA

Meets Sundays, see calendar

1530-1700 Victory Chapel

785-239-9313

Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Weekly Tuesday Meetings at Victory Chapel

0900-1130 & 1830-2030

Morning Childcare Provided.

For more information email [rlcypwoc@gmail.com](mailto:rlcypwoc@gmail.com) or Facebook "Fort Riley PWOC"

Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

Weekly Wednesday Meeting at St. Mary's Chapel

0900-1130

Childcare provided.

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# Sports & Recreation

## IN BRIEF

### CUSTER HILL BOWLING SPECIALS

Wednesday through Friday:  
From 1 to 6 p.m., \$2.50 games and \$2 shoes.  
Wednesday: From 6 to 9 p.m., \$1 games and \$1 shoes.  
Thursday: From 6 to 9 p.m., \$5 cover, which includes shoes and 50¢ games.  
Friday: From 6 to 9 p.m., \$15 for unlimited bowling for up to six people, shoes not included.  
Saturday: Extreme bowling from 6 p.m. to midnight, \$9 for shoes and up to three hours of bowling.  
Sundays: From noon to 6 p.m., family fun, \$35 per lane, which includes two hours of bowling, one large two-topping pizza, two pitchers of soda and shoes for up to six people.

### OFFERINGS FOR FITNESS-MINDED INDIVIDUALS

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has a comprehensive offering of options for health- and fitness-minded individuals on post.  
Contact one of the following MWR fitness department professionals to get started:  
Vincent Spencer, fitness coordinator, vincent.j.spencer2.naf@mail.mil, 785-239-3146.  
Jocelyn Hemnitz, fitness specialist, jocelyn.n.hemnitz.naf@mail.mil, 785-239-2616.  
Choose between the following rates:  
• One person, one-hour training session — \$25.  
• Two people, one-hour training session — \$40.  
• Three people, one-hour training session — \$48.  
Personal training sessions can be purchased at Whitside Fitness Center Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.  
You can also purchase a session of massage therapy:  
• 30-minute session — \$30.  
• 60-minute session — \$60.  
• 90-minute session — \$90.  
For more information call 785-239-2573.

### EYSTER POOL WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Eyster Pool is closed. No re-opening date has been determined.  
During this time, all programs — including physical therapy supported by both Irwin Army Community Hospital and Warrior Transition Battalion, pregnancy Physical Therapy, lap swim and recreational swim — will be held at Long Pool, inside Long Fitness Center. Because this pool is not equipped with a computer point-of-sale system, all daily entry fees and pool passes will need to be paid using cash or check.  
Unit Physical Training requests for Thursdays only will be accepted during this time; this is to decrease maximum occupancy with the early-morning lap swim program.  
The Aquatics Office at Eyster Pool will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call the aquatics program manager at 785-239-9441.

### 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.  
Volunteer and paid positions are available. Training is 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 and check-out system called iSportsman. Individuals can register at [www.fortriley.sportsman.net](http://www.fortriley.sportsman.net).  
To access Fort Riley training area, use the iSportsman website. Check-in and check-out may be done with any personal device with Internet access, visit the iSportsman kiosk at 1st Division and Vinton School roads or the Environmental Division Office, building 407, during normal business hours.  
For more information, contact the Environmental Division at 785-239-6211.



There is more on the line at the youth basketball games played Jan. 23 at Forsyth East gym than just winning. Coaches teach young players teamwork, cooperation and good sportsmanship, values that will serve these youngsters throughout their lives. **TOP:** Players and coaches of both teams shake hands congratulate each other for a game well-played at the end. **ABOVE, LEFT:** Coaches shout tips to their players from the sidelines. **ABOVE, RIGHT:** Robert McGill IV, son of Melissa McGill-Brouthers and Capt. Curtiss Brouthers, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, takes the ball to pass to one of his teammates.

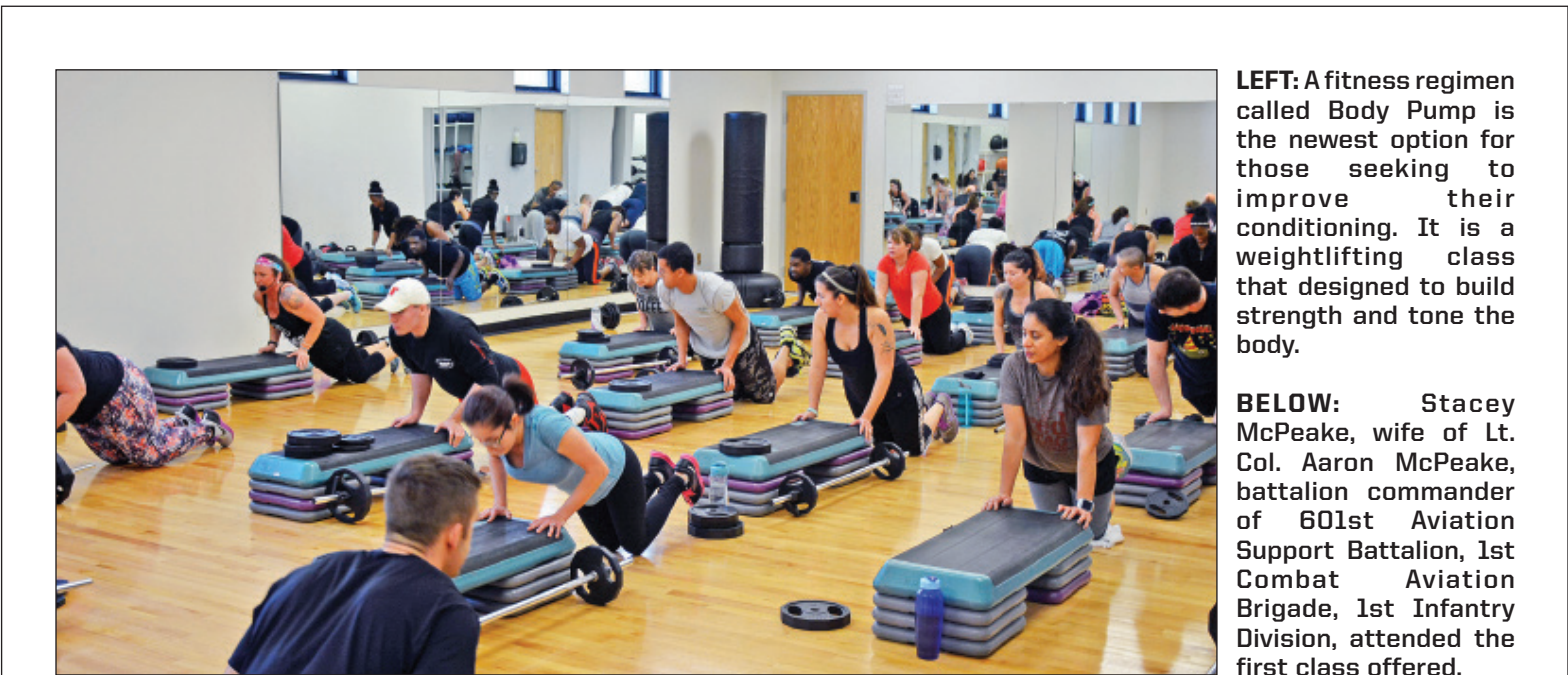
Story and photos by Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Parents cheered and shouted as their kids ran and dribbled up and down the court of the Forsyth East gym. The weekly games hosted by staff and volunteers of Child, Youth and School Services were packed with Soldiers and their families for a morning of basketball. Many parents had cameras and phones ready to take pictures of their child getting hold of the ball.

“We do every season,” said Capt. Cherry Black, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, mother of Jeremiah Black, 5. “Having your kids learn teamwork at a young age is really good and also he’s developmentally learning playing ball as a 5-year-old with the 6-year-olds.”  
While parents cheered, coaches of each team were shouting instructions from the sideline as the 5- and 6-year olds attempted to

keep the ball moving and score a few baskets.  
“At this level we’re basically trying to work on dribbling with them and shooting,” said coach Spc. Keshawn Dooley, Company A, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. “A lot of them try to dribble with two hands and a lot of them run with the ball without dribbling, so at this age ... it’s the hardest part.”  
Many of the coaches volunteer in the league and take the time to be there on Saturday mornings.

“I make a big impact on the kids as far as them seeing a good strong brotherhood and leadership,” Dooley said.  
Robert McGill IV, 5, son of Melissa McGill-Brouthers and Capt. Curtiss Brouthers, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., said he has learned a lot “like dribbling the ball and like making shots into the baskets.”  
McGill said his favorite part of playing basketball was having his teammates help him.



## Trainers offer new fitness class called Body Pump

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

“5...4...3...2...1.”  
And the weights hit the floor as participants of the Jan. 16 Fitness Marathon at Whitside Fitness Center completed 26 minutes of the newest fitness class to be offered at Fort Riley — Body Pump.  
Body Pump will be added to the regular fitness class schedule Feb. 1.  
It is a weightlifting class that designed to build strength, tone the body and push participants to the limit every class, according to Les Mills International, a group that designs fitness workouts. The 60-minute workout consists of squats, presses, lifts and curls while using barbells, plates and a height-adjustable step.  
Michelle Giles, certified instructor for Body Pump at Whitside Fitness Center, said she would describe the weight-based resistance



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Kelsey Minato, West Point women’s basketball team standout, handles the basketball on her way up the floor during the cadets’ 75-38 victory over Navy in Patriot League action the afternoon of Jan. 23 at Madison Square Garden.

# Academy women’s basketball team tops Navy, wins gold star

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NEW YORK — The Army West Point women’s basketball team sprinted out to 16-2 lead and led throughout in a 75-38 victory over Navy in Patriot League action the afternoon of Jan. 23 at Madison Square Garden. The Black Knights captured the women’s basketball gold star in the 2015-16 Star Series presented by United States Automobile Association.

Army collects its sixth win in a row to improve to 16-2 overall and 7-1 in the conference, while Navy slips to 9-10 and 3-5.

Senior Kelsey Minato led all scorers with 22 points to include a 4-for-8 performance from three-point range. She also added five rebounds and four assists. Classmate Jean Parker finished with 15 points on 6-of-8 shooting and 3-of-5 shooting from deep, while sophomores Destinee Morris and Aliyah Murray each added eight points off the bench, with Morris’ eight points coming as a career high.

Senior Aimee Oertner finished with seven points and a game-high eight rebounds, freshman Madison Hovren tallied six points and four boards, and sophomore Janae McNeal recorded five points and five rebounds.

Taylor Dunham paced Navy with nine points, while Sarita Condie added eight.

“This was a tremendous performance by this group,” said head coach Dave Magarity. “I was a little concerned with all of the distractions today, but we came

out about as well as we’ve played to start a game all season long. I think today was the case of us executing the game plan, both offensively and defensively.

“The way this senior class has carried themselves and has shown the leadership with our younger kids, has been a pleasure to watch. We never stopped playing hard. We got great minutes off the bench from many of our younger kids, especially Destinee and Aliyah. For our seniors to win four consecutive Star games is impressive.”

Army opened up a 16-2 lead early in the first quarter, during a run that included a 4-of-4 showing from three-point range, with two coming from Parker and one from both Minato and senior Brianna Johnson. The start marked the Black Knights’ best of the season, as the score remained 16-2 heading into the game’s first media break, with 4:29 left in the opening period.

Navy responded with a long jumper from Dunham at the 4:01 mark before three different Black Knights contributed to a 7-0 run that extended the lead to 19 points, 23-4, with 1:09 to play in the quarter.

The Midshipmen trimmed their deficit down to 14 with five unanswered points over the next 46 seconds, but Murray beat the first-period buzzer, sinking a lay-up with two ticks remaining to bring the score to 25-9 after the first.

Danielle Poblarp made a lay-in 11 seconds into the second period to cut Navy’s margin to 14, and Morris buried

three-pointer with 5:24 before halftime to cap a 7-4 run that brought the score to 32-15.

Navy came back to within 14 points again at the 4:25 and 1:17 marks before Hovren pulled down an offensive rebound and converted the ensuing lay-up with seven seconds left in the half to give Army a 37-21 advantage heading into the locker room.

Both sides struggled finding the bottom of the net to begin the second half, as Army scored three points to Navy’s two during the first 4:58 of the third quarter.

Minato converted a runner in the lane to bring the score to 42-23, with 5:01 remaining in the third frame before Murray registered a steal 12 seconds later and took the ball back the other way for a lay-up. The Black Knights forced another Midshipmen turnover on the ensuing inbound pass, and Minato took advantage of the opportunity with a jumper that capped a 6-0 run that lasted 40 seconds and increased the lead to 46-23.

Army closed the third period with seven of the next 13 points, including three from Morris and two points each from Hovren and Oertner.

Following a three by Navy’s Christina Potts early in the fourth period that made the score 53-32, the Black Knights closed the game on a 22-6 run that lasted the final 8:18 of the quarter.

Army has a week off from competition before returning to Christl Arena to host Patriot League-leading Bucknell on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m.

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training as a hardcore weightlifting class without the weights.

“It’s like being in the weight room without all the big, heavy weights,” Giles said.

She said typically people will come to group fitness classes when they have met someone who has achieved impressive results from going or they see someone like them who is capable of doing it.

“I think people are curious, especially if they see other people who have changed their body’s physique and find out they do Body Pump,” Giles said. “Seeing the average person come out and do Body Pump eliminates that fear. I think Les Mills is a ... known name with Body Pump and everything else they have.”

Stacey McPeake, wife of Lt. Col. Aaron McPeake, battalion commander of 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, attended the first class offered.

McPeake said attending a Body Pump class regularly helps tone every muscle and gives an overall sense of achievement.

“It’s a full-body workout,” McPeake said. “It really works everything.”



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Col. Andrew Cole Jr., commander of the Fort Riley garrison commander, participates in the Body Pump portion of the Fitness Marathon at Whitside Fitness Center on Jan. 16. Body Pump is a fitness program that will be available beginning Feb. 1.

McPeake said one of her favorite things about Body Pump is the amount of weight is adjustable to each participant, and it’s a workout she feels she could not get alone.

“It wears you out,” McPeake said. “If you have limited time, and you need to get in and get out, Body Pump is perfect.”

Les Mills International claims each person participating in a single 60-minute Body Pump class reaches about 1,000 repetitions and burns up to 560 calories.

There are three instructors certified at Whitside to teach the class, including Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole Jr., who is looking to set an example

and encourage participation in the Performance Triad for garrison employees beginning in February

Although a schedule is not set for Body Pump, a full schedule of fitness classes can be found at [rileymwr.com](http://rileymwr.com). For more information about Body Pump, visit [lesmills.com/bodypump](http://lesmills.com/bodypump).

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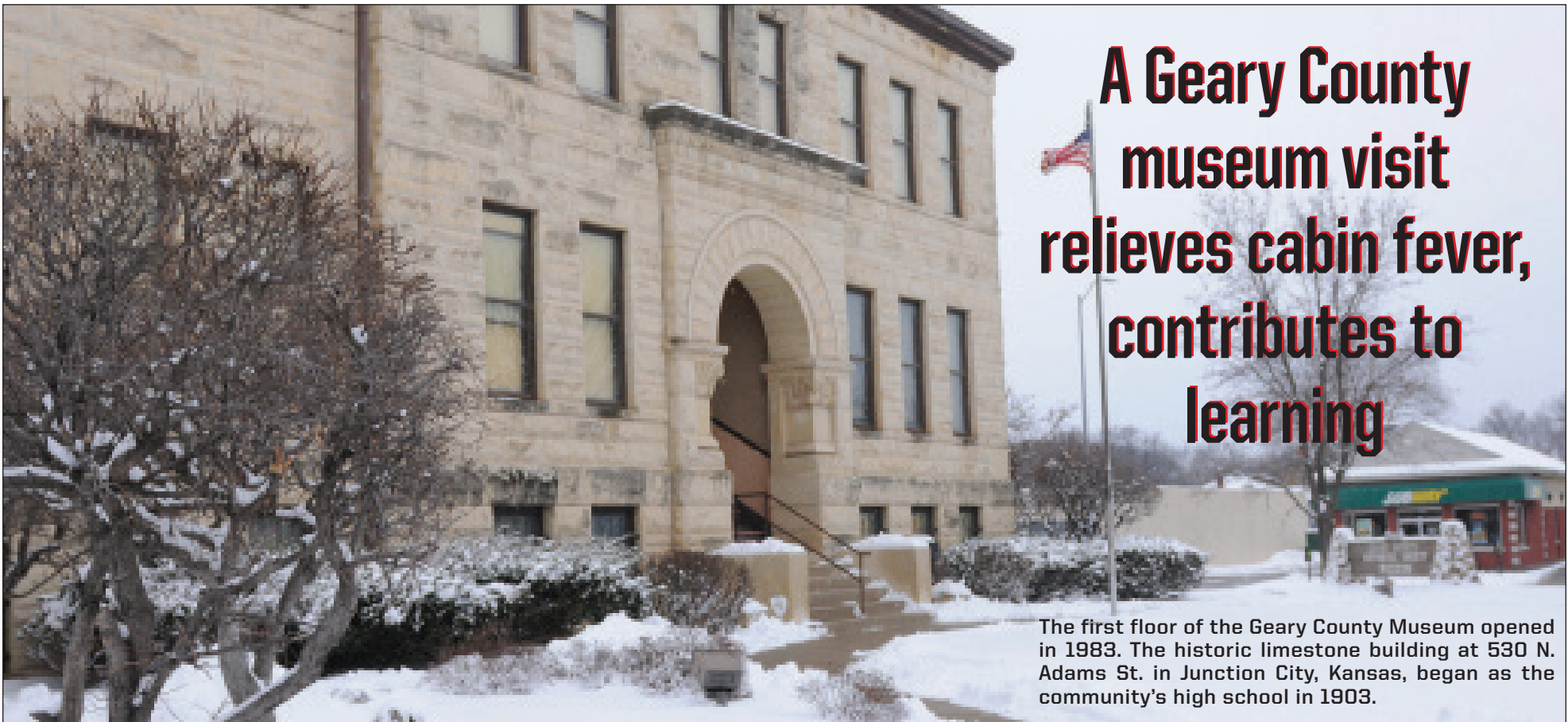
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# Travel & Fun in Kansas



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When winter weather leads to cabin fever, there is an activity nearby to provide a change of scenery. There are several museums in the area where you can spend an afternoon looking back at history. Jamie Clark, executive director, and Heather Hagedorn, curator, at the Geary County Museum in Junction City, Kansas, will tell you history is not boring like you may have felt when you were in school. For instance, did you know that Junction City had the

first hydroelectric plant in central Kansas, on the Smoky Hill River? A dam supplied electricity to the downtown Junction City area beginning in Sept. 1, 1886. At the museum on Adams Street, you can use a brochure to take a self-guided tour or there are volunteers to walk through with you and point out interesting items and stories from the history of Geary County. The local limestone building is in what was once the Junction City High School starting in 1903. It would host a variety of different school classes and administrative offices until the 1970s. The building was purchased and donated to the

Historical Society and they opened one floor as the museum in 1983. In the main street gallery, there is a replica of a small western town as it may have looked in the late 1800s to early 1900s. Many of the items and signs were once part of businesses in Junction City. There are historical items from the railroads, American Indians and the fire station, all of which had an influence on the settlement and development of the area. The museum has the original printing press used by the high school to teach students the printing trade. It has been restored and is being used to print items for the museum.

There is a replica of a one-room schoolhouse complete with the desks, wood stove and chalkboards. When possible the museum provides areas that allow hands-on experiences. One of the more popular ones with kids is the opportunity to write on the schoolroom chalkboards. There is a temporary '50s memorabilia display. Many local residents have loaned the museum items that would have been innovative technology from those years. Another room has display cases with oddities and curiosities. You can take a challenge to see if you can guess what they may have been.

A fee-based research center is available. Contact the museum for more information. The Geary County Historical Society members also have other museums available in the area. These include Spring Valley Schoolhouse, Wetzel Cabin, Little Cabin, Starcke House and St. Joseph's Historic Church. The museum in Junction City is open from Tuesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., except holidays. Entry is free, but donations are appreciated. Staff and volunteers at the museum host special events throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.gchswb.org/](http://www.gchswb.org/).



**LEFT:** The Geary County Museum in Junction City, Kansas, features a one-room schoolhouse complete with the desks, wood stove and chalkboards. When possible, the museum provides areas that allow hands-on experiences. One of the more popular ones with kids is the opportunity to write on the schoolroom chalkboards. **RIGHT:** The museum also has the original printing press used by the high school to teach students the printing trade.