



Sgt. Mathew Witte, bottom, casualty evacuation noncommissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, evaluates the extrication of a simulated casualty during Expert Field Medical Badge testing Feb. 3 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. EFMB holder Witte was in charge of the third situational training exercise during EFMB testing Feb. 1 to 6.

## Among the elite

### Deployed 'Big Red One' medics earn Expert Field Medical Badges in Kuwait

Story and photos by Sgt. Dana Moen  
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – Thirty-three medics who successfully completed six days of rigorous Expert Field Medical Badge testing were recognized during a Feb. 6 ceremony. Soldiers with the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, hosted 135 candidates from 13 units for the 12 days of EFMB standardization and testing that began Jan. 26.

“There are not very many Soldiers in the (Army Medical Department) that work in the hospital that have it,” said Maj. Carla Carrillo, brigade physical therapist with Company C, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, who received her EFMB Feb. 6, “so it’s just a true honor to be one of those few 10 percent.”

The EFMB was created in June 1965 by the AMEDD to recognize exceptional competence and outstanding performance by field medical personnel.

The EFMB candidates must be working medics or assigned to a medical unit and have their commanders’ recommendation to be eligible to test. Candidates must also have a current Army Physical Fitness Test, weapons qualification and CPR certification.

The EFMB testing includes a comprehensive 60-question written exam, day and night land navigation, three situational training exercises and a 12-mile foot march. The situational exercises consist of tactical combat casualty care, communication, medical evacuation and warrior skills.

Graders evaluate candidates on 50 tasks with more than 1,500 criteria steps and award a “Go” or “No Go” for each task. Only one retry of the written test is allowed and all tasks must be successfully completed to earn an EFMB.

Countless hours of planning and preparation are required to put together an

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Staff Sgt. Clint Black, standing at center, is a senior battery ammunition chief with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Here he evaluates candidates negotiating a wire obstacle during Expert Field Medical Badge training Jan. 30 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.



Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, maneuver the Bradley Fighting Vehicle down a range during infantry gunnery training Feb. 19 at the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex.

## ‘Iron Rangers’ fire up the range

Story and photo by Spc. Derrik Tribbey  
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The “Iron Rangers” of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conducted gunnery training Feb. 19 at the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The event was held to strengthen the unit’s lethality in multiple combat scenarios. The training consisted of Soldiers manning Bradley Fighting Vehicles and engaging targets, casualty evacuation, Soldiers dismounting the armored vehicles and patrolling on foot and maneuvering through protective wire, all with live ammunition, said 1st Lt. Louis Hunsberger, the task force engineer with the Iron Rangers.

“It’s great seeing it all come together,” Hunsberger said.

The Bradley is a lightly armored, three-man crew, tracked vehicle. The vehicle can seat up to seven Soldiers. It is armed with a 25-mm cannon, 7.62-mm machine gun and can support anti-tank guided missiles.

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## ‘Iron Rangers’ honor veterans with Gulf War Memorial unveiling



Retired Col. Ralph Kauzlarich, left, honorary commander of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, shakes hands with former congressman Allen West, an honorary member of the 16th Inf. Regt, after they unveiled the unit’s First Gulf War plaque during a ceremony Feb. 25.

Story and photo by Spc. Derrik Tribbey  
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The “Iron Rangers” of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, hosted a First Gulf War Memorial ceremony Feb. 25 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

In remembrance of the 25th anniversary of the Desert Storm ground offensive, the Iron Rangers honored veterans with a plaque displayed outside the 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., headquarters’ doors.

“This is about continuing tradition. When these young men and women of this current 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, come here they will be able to see part of their history that goes back to Desert Storm.”

ALLEN WEST | HONORARY MEMBER OF THE 16TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Soldiers of the “Big Red One” were an integral part of Operation Desert Storm. During the 100-hour war, the Big Red One disrupted the Iraqi armored attack by creating a breach in their defenses. After smashing through the enemy’s defensive

line, the division destroyed the Iraqi 26th Infantry Division and took more than 2,500 prisoners, according to information from the First Inf. Div. Museum at Cantigny near Chicago

During this conflict, the Iron Rangers were known

as both the 2nd and 5th Battalions, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Inf. Div.

“Knowing the history really lets you cement your foundations,” said Staff Sgt.

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The next USAG  
Resilience Day Off is

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### SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Wednesday, March 2,

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

### HIGHLIGHTS



DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION STAFF HOSTED STAYCATIONS AND DESTINATIONS TRAVEL EVENT FEB. 27, SEE PAGE 9.

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INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL COMPETITION HEATS UP AS SEASON COMES TO AN END, SEE PAGE 13.



## Signal Soldiers train on new platform

Story and photo by Sgt. Jarrett E. Allen  
1ST CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Signal Soldiers from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade conducted Secure Internet Protocol Router Network and Non-secure Internet Protocol Router Network Access Point training Feb. 5 at the Danger's Voice Signal University on Fort Riley, Kansas.

The SIPR and NIPR access points combine to create a combined access system called SNAP, which is a smaller platform than the signal Soldiers of the brigade typically operate, and is capable of giving them network access to operate from anywhere in the world.

Maj. Sanquanetta L. Ellis, the brigade's chief information officer, said the Soldiers receiving the training were from across the 25-series, or signal, military occupational specialty, and that variety brought a significant amount of training value to the classroom.

"It allows all signal Soldiers to come together in one room and leverage experience," Ellis said.

Ellis said the training prepared signal Soldiers across the brigade for possible missions by giving them a low-stress environment to learn, ask questions and share troubleshooting experiences instead of having to go through the trial and error process during a deployment.

Sgt. Donovan K. Hill, signal team chief, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB, said this was his second time going through SNAP training and, so far, it was the best one.

"This training helps build relationships among Soldiers because we all have different knowledge and backgrounds on different equipment," Hill said. "We all have different tips and different ways of doing things, so in that aspect, it brings us closer together and we can form better strategies on how to do things."

Retired Sgt. Maj. J.B. Thomas III, commandant and training director of Danger's Voice Signal University, said 1st CAB leaders requested the course to prepare the Soldiers for potential missions.



Brian Abel, tactical instructor, Communications Electronics Command, Field Support Branch, teaches Sgt. 1st Class Alexander Lopez and Cpl. Mitz Acasio, both with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, how to operate SIPR and NIPR communications equipment Feb. 4 at Fort Riley.

## Volunteer ceremony recognizes more than 9,000 hours of service

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

More than 70 volunteers of Fort Riley were recognized at Riley's Conference Center for putting in over 9,000 hours of service to the community at the Volunteer of the Quarter event Feb. 16.

The people recognized volunteered for a number of activities and organizations including Boys Scout, Operation Santa Claus, Child, Youth and School Services, USO Fort Riley and Army Community Services, to name a few.

Volunteers included Ashley Noce, wife of Capt. Jerry Andes, and Tara Lemay, wife of Lt. Col. John Lemay. Both men are attached to Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division.

Stacy Uhorchak, wife of Capt. Nicholas Uhorchak, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., was also recognized.

Noce, Lemay and Uhorchak volunteered with the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley, and assisted with events like the Tour of Homes and HASFR Ghost Tours.

The three agreed that they originally got started with it for their love of history and to learn more about the community they live in.

"It's important to give back to the community, and for HASFR specifically, to preserve the history of Fort Riley," said Uhorchak.

In addition, Faythe DeMaroney-Scaletta was recognized with the Helping Hand award for her efforts since July 2011 with USO Fort Riley. Over the

past four years, Scaletta logged 10,000 hours at the USO center, greeting Soldiers and family members and running day to day operations of the facility. She also helped recruit, train and retain new volunteers with USO Fort Riley.

"I'm doing what I was raised to do growing up in the military," Scaletta said. "I like helping Soldiers and their families and I have heard countless stories of the good and how it impacts them."

As Scaletta was handed her award from Maj. Gen. Wayne Grigsby Jr., commanding general, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, the crowd at the ceremony gave her a standing ovation.

"We could not do what we do here in the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley without our volunteers," Grigsby said. "I'm very grateful and very thankful."



Ashley Noce, wife of Capt. Jerry Andes, USAMC, was recognized for her volunteer work with the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley at Volunteer of the Quarter Feb. 16 at Riley's Conference Center. Noce volunteered with HASFR during several events including the Tour of Homes in December and the Ghost Tours in October.

## Financial aid workshop teaches about federal aid, scholarships

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

It can be confusing to navigate the Free Assisted Federal Student Aid system without help.

To provide that help, Ray Kruse, coordinator and academic advisor for the Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center, hosted a financial aid training workshop at Fort Riley. The workshop was located in the Educational Services Building on post for easier access to Soldiers during their workday.

"I'll sit right next to you and walk you through it if you want me to," Kruse offered workshop attendees.

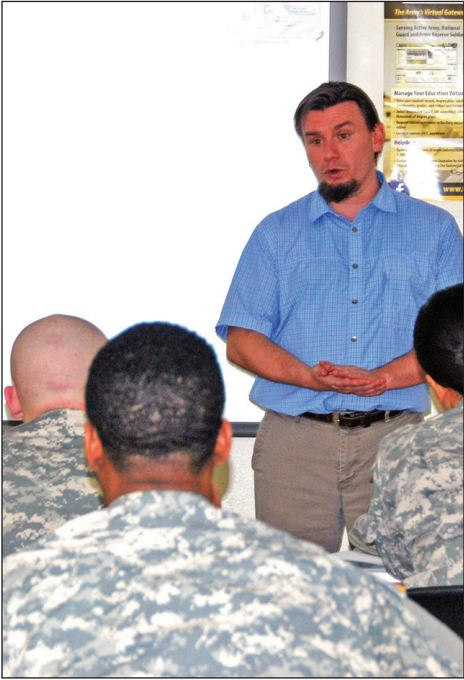
Soldiers and spouses took the 90-minute workshop to learn about federal aid, scholarships, grants, how GI bills fit into applying for college and finding the financial resources needed to attend.

Kruse offered advice to those looking to get an associate, bachelor's or master's degree.

"It is basically to let people know or understand financial aid and what they need in order to qualify for financial aid and to understand where they can find help if they need it," Kruse said. "There's a lot of need amongst military affiliated members, especially when you're looking at dependents who don't have access to TA (tuition assistance) ... So this allows them a way to afford that by knowing how to do a FAFSA, how to get Pell grant and most of those people are going to be qualified for a Pell grant."

Some of the workshop attendees had been to college before and were looking into finishing their degree.

"I am going back to school and it has been about 15 years since I've done FAFSA paperwork," said Amanda Komantez, wife



Ray Kruse, coordinator and academic advisor of Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center, leads the workshop on financial aid Feb. 23. The workshop was for Soldiers, veterans and family members.

of Maj. Joseph Komanetz, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. "It's really just the how-to of how to use the websites, how to go about any changes that have taken place in the last 15 years."

The staff at Education Services of Fort Riley help members of the Fort Riley community continue their education. They can assist with FAFSA prep, scholarship searches, application assistance and campus tours. Call the Education Services office for more information at 785-717-2126.

### ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS VISIT FORT RILEY



Photos by Andy Massanet | POST

The staff of the Directorate of Public Works' Environmental Division was host to between 50 and 55 Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers Feb. 24. The group was introduced to the mission of the Environmental Division with a briefing by Fish and Wildlife Biology technician Steve Wahle, then boarded buses for a tour of Fort Riley. The tour consisted mainly of areas in which the Environmental Division are working to manage habitats of a wide number of species on post. The group also received on-site briefings concerning prairie management, efforts than include prairie restoration, control of a variety of foliage and long-term fire protection. "These (the group) are all natural resource professionals with the Army Corps of Engineers," said R.J. Harms, project manager of Milford Lake. "This tour is part of a week's worth of natural resources and ranger conferences."



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## Army Emergency Relief to begin 2016 campaign: Never Leave a Soldier in Need

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Army Emergency Relief leaders announced the 2016 campaign theme, "Never Leave a Soldier in Need." The campaign runs from March 1 through May 15 with the goal of creating greater awareness of the benefits available through AER, as well as providing Soldiers the opportunity to help fellow Soldiers.

Over the last several years, AER made significant changes to meet the needs of today's Army, adding new categories of assistance, expediting the assistance process and increasing grants by 30 percent.

Last September, AER made a policy change which allows all Soldiers, regardless of rank, direct access to AER assistance.

"Never Leaving a Soldier in Need" is in keeping with the Army's



core values," said AER's director, retired Army Lt. Gen. Robert Foley. "Whether the need is money for a Soldier's emergency leave, new brakes for the family car or to cover the initial rent deposit on a new apartment, AER is there. To maintain this level of assistance today, donations from Soldiers, active and retired,

are essential to ensure the legacy of Soldiers helping Soldiers."

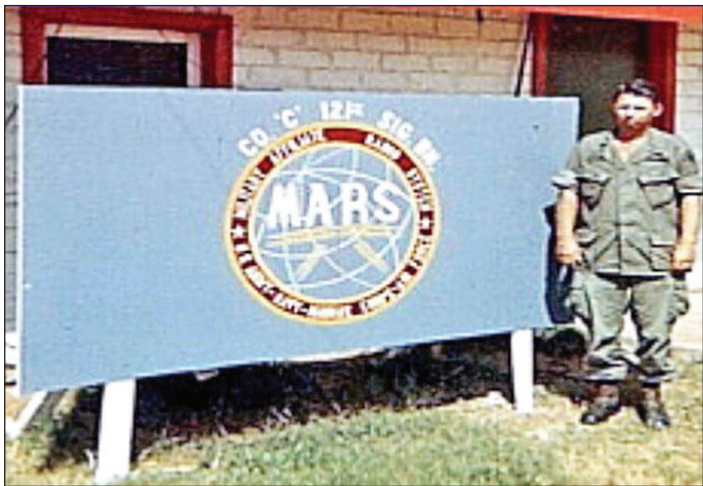
Army Emergency Relief is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their families. Since it was founded in 1942, AER provided more than \$1.7 billion to more than 3.6 million Soldiers and families. Last year AER provided more than \$71 million dollars in assistance to nearly 47,000 Soldiers and families which includes \$9 million for 4,102 scholarships to spouses and children of Soldiers.

Soldiers needing AER assistance can either contact their unit chain of command or go directly to one of the 78 AER sections at their nearest Army installation. Additional information is available at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

For more information contact Army Community Services at Fort Riley at 785-239-9435.



# Dallas Richards: a ‘Big Red One’ Soldier



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& NOW

**By Phyllis Fitzgerald  
SPECIAL TO THE POST**

Dallas Richards is originally from Tecumseh, Kansas. He joined the Army in 1953 as a 1717 morse code and Chinese voice interceptor with the Army Security Agency.

Richards went to basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and attended advanced individual training at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and Arlington Hall Station Virginia. After training, he went to Korea, then was assigned to Herzogenauach, Germany, as a Morse code interceptor. His Big Red One story begins upon his return from Germany in 1960.

Richards was assigned to the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, as the chief radio teletype operator. His unit was at Camp Forsyth in the wooden World War II buildings that used to be across the street from the new commissary and Post Exchange.

While stationed at Fort Riley, he attended the Division Noncommissioned Officer Academy and the Chemical Biological Radiologic School. Richards spent 18 months at Fort Riley, then departed for a tour in Korea. He then returned to Germany at Kornwestheim, VII Army. After his tour in Germany, Richards was assigned to Fort Dix New Jersey as a communications instructor.

Richards’ next assignment was in Vietnam in 1969, serving as a communications chief for the 20th Engineer Brigade, a unit supporting the 1st Inf. Div. While there he had the opportunity to use the 1st Inf. Div.’s 121st Signal Battalion Military Auxiliary Radio Station facility to make radio telephone calls back home to his family.

His tour in Vietnam lasted for approximately 15 months. He returned to the United States and was assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey again as the senior communications security instructor. It was his final duty station before his retirement in 1973 as a Sergeant First Class. He left Fort Dix and returned to Kansas.

“My wife and I both decided that we wanted to return to the Junction City area,” Richards said. “We moved back to Junction City because we decided to ‘finally go home’ since I am from Kansas and Fort Riley was near my home and we had access to the military facilities.”

Richards went to work for TCI Cable TV Company and retired after 24 years.

Richards was the proud owner of one of the first editions of the 1862 Cavalry Tactics and Training Manual. He donated it to the Fort Riley Cavalry Museum where it is on display today.

“Today I still reside in Junction City,” Richards said. “Daily, I exploit the meaning of retirement to its fullest.”

Another special memory for him while with the Big Red One are the parades that were held in Junction City.

“My wife enjoyed taking pictures and feeling quite proud of us,” Richards recalls, “as they — our spouses — also served.”

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



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## Korean War veteran donates original sheet music to Museum Division

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

When retired Airman 2nd Class Lee Bettencourt, a Korean War veteran, bought the original copies of World War I era sheet music, his first thought was the 1st Infantry Division Band.

“I bought them all for three dollars and fifty cents – all of them,” he said. “I could not believe I got them that cheap.”

Bettencourt’s sons help plan and execute the Wamego, Kansas, fireworks show, where the 1st Infantry Division Band plays each year. He couldn’t help but recall his memories listening to the band when he bought the music.

“I always enjoy listening to the band from Fort Riley,” Bettencourt said. “When I saw them, I thought they might like to have them. I was just thinking of the band.”

Bettencourt then met Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel York of the 97th Military Police Battalion at Fort Riley who was willing to help him accomplish his goal of getting the sheet music to its new and rightful owner. After careful consideration, he decided the museum would be the best place for them.

“I thought that would be a great place for them,” Bettencourt said. “They belong where they will be appreciated.”

Bob Smith, museum curator, met with York and Bettencourt to admire the 12 sets of sheet music with covers dated from 1917 Feb. 19. They discussed the re-design plans for the museum and how there are plans to do story lines of history. Smith said the sheet music was perfect for the World War I exhibit.

“From an historical point, that is an incredible collection,” Smith said. “It’s in remarkably good shape. It may show up in the museum within the next six months with a special exhibit.”

Smith said the 1st Inf. Div. was created about two months after the declaration of World War I. With that knowledge and the dates on the sheet music, Smith would make a strong case that this music actually belongs in the 1st Infantry Division Museum.

“We can actually tie it to the 1st Infantry Division,” Smith said. “The first division was created specifically in the first world war. It was known as the 1st Expeditionary Division. It was actually created in early June of 1917 ... I would make a strong case for this being the popular settlement, this is the settlement for the country and the Army, and the first division to go over was the First Division.”

Smith said more importantly, the music is now in a place where current Soldiers can see how the home front viewed Soldiers in the time period as well as the war – 100 years later.

“Rarely do things like that walk through the door,” Smith said. “Things like that have a special provenance to the First Division and to the garrison here. Those are important things to have in the museum. You can go to a World War I museum in Kansas City or a military museum and see military equipment, but that doesn’t have special provenance to a particular place like Fort Riley or the 1st Infantry Division.”

For more information about Fort Riley museums including hours of operations and special exhibits, call 785-239-2737.



Retired Airman 2nd Class Lee Bettencourt discusses the cover art of the sheet music he donated to the Fort Riley Museum Division Feb. 19 with Bob Smith, museum curator. “I thought that would be a great place for them,” Bettencourt said. “They belong where they will be appreciated.”

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# Spouse of the Year focuses on health, wellness of spouses

By Season Osterfeld  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

“I’m just a really nice person with a big heart,” Michele Bradfield, wife of Capt. Jakob Bradfield, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said. “I’m really ambitious and I have lots of goals.”

Bradfield was selected as the Armed Forces Insurance Spouse of the Year for Fort Riley. This is her second year in a row winning the title after being at Fort Riley for a little more than two years. She said she was very humbled and honored to have won, but feels everyone nominated was just as deserving.

“(I’m) really excited to be selected as the winner, not only once, but twice,” Bradfield said. “There are really so many deserving candidates. I truly wish everyone nominated could win.”

Army life presented Bradfield with opportunities she would not have expected, she said. She found a number of aspects of military life she enjoys, but her favorites focus on the people she meets and the places she lives.

“It’s the opportunity to live in all the unique places we wouldn’t necessarily choose for ourselves,” Bradfield said. “And the ability to make friends wherever we go all over the world ... It seems like everywhere we go, we know someone or someone who knows someone.”



Michele Bradfield, left, stands beside her spouse, Capt. Jakob Bradfield, of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Michele was selected as the Armed Forces Insurance Spouse of the Year for Fort Riley.

Schweinfurt, Germany, was Bradfield’s first duty station as a military spouse. She said it was her favorite because of the small installation and living off-post allowed her to immerse herself in the local culture.

However, she was also new to military life and didn’t know anyone in the area, she said. It was her time with the Family Readiness Group that taught her and helped her to settle in.

“I had a lot of event planning experience and when I got there (Schweinfurt), our FRG steering committee was looking for an events coordinator and I volunteered to do that,” Bradfield said. “It was probably the best decision I made because it really exposed me to the military life that I didn’t know.”

Bradfield helped plan an Army ball her first year with the FRG. She said she was also actively involved in her company’s FRG, as well.

At Fort Riley, Bradfield was FRG leader for Company C in 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. She was also FRG leader for Headquarters and Headquarters Company for the same battalion.

She encourages every spouse to participate in the FRG. She said it is an excellent way to put out information and a resource for spouses to use in creating friendships and connections.

“It’s really important that they (spouses) get involved, so they stay in the know and they’re able to connect because you don’t know who you’re going to meet and if you don’t show up, then you might be missing out on a good friendship,” Bradfield said.

Bradfield also said everyone should get involved in the different events and opportunities offered at their installation, such as the races. She has participated in several races at Fort Riley.

“It takes me a lot of courage to get out of the house and try something new, but usually by the time I’m there, I enjoy it a lot and I’m really thankful I went — it’s just getting up the nerve to go,” Bradfield said.

In addition to her roles with the FRG, Bradfield co-founded and manages a non-profit called InDependent, a health and wellness organization for military spouses.

InDependent connects spouses to local health and wellness experts, offers virtual and in-person programs, as well as coordinating 13 local groups, including one on Fort Riley, and other services and information.

While working at the public affairs office for Schweinfurt, Bradfield said she and several other spouses working there were reading statistics about the health of military spouses and decided something needed to be done.

“We realized, maybe we do have the ability to inspire change,” Bradfield said. “We knew that we weren’t necessarily health and wellness experts, but we had backgrounds in marketing, communications and web design ... We could at

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## Program volunteers focus on ridding streets of drivers under the influence

By Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

People driving while under the influence of alcohol are a threat to themselves and to others. According to the United States Department of Transportation, three people are killed every two hours in alcohol-related highway crashes. This has resulted in an high arrest rates for driving under the influence.

Moreover, Soldiers who are sentenced with a DUI can lose their career. The volunteers of the Drunk Driving Prevention Program are here to prevent Soldiers and their family members from making this sometimes life-altering decision to get behind the wheel when intoxicated.

The DDPP is a non-profit organization with programs around installations across the country.

“It’s just a phone call away,” said DDPP volunteer Rado Brown. “Should any Soldier have been drinking, if they just give us a call we’ll come pick up them and their car free of charge.”

When a Soldier gets a DUI, it can have a rippling effect on their career and their unit.

“That’s somebody else who now has to cover them because of a battle buddy’s loss,” Brown said. “Someone else has to pick up that workload as well because they’d be getting processed for chapter out of the Army.”

According to Brown, the little things on the job can make large implications such as getting someone to cover that Soldier’s job as well do their own can cause a trickle effect. He also mentioned that Soldiers with families who receive a DUI are causing a lot of

strain on their personal lives as well, especially if they are the sole income.

To use the service, people must first sign up at ddpp.us where they can fill out information about their vehicle for insurance purposes.

The volunteers are regularly on-call Friday and Saturday nights, but for long weekends, they are available on either Thursday or Sunday nights as well.

“I think it’s ridiculous that Soldiers go out and drink and drive knowing that every Friday they always put it out and say ‘Hey we have such and such programs for you,’” Brown said.

According to Brown, DDPP has a goal where DUIs would be completely eliminated in the next year.

For more information, visit ddpp.us or call 785-693-0303.

### SUPPORTING OTHERS



COURTESY PHOTO

The 116th Military Police Company Personal Security Detachment Team led by Sgt. 1st Class Mylls Cheffey provides security for senior officers of Central Command while traveling around countries within their area of responsibility. Recently, the team supported travel to Afghanistan for Gen. John F. Campbell's Change of Command, the Commander for NATO International Security Assistance Force. Cheffey and his team received coins from Campbell in recognition of their support.

### TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of March 4 was “Where do I learn about the Fort Riley Risk Reduction Program (RRP)?”

Answer: [www.riley.army.mil/Services/SoldierServices/ArmySubstanceAbuseProgram.aspx](http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/SoldierServices/ArmySubstanceAbuseProgram.aspx)

This week’s winner is Denise Guerra. Her spouse is Sgt 1st Class Robert Guerra, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

CONGRATULATIONS DENISE!

### TRAFFIC REPORT

#### HENRY DRIVE-RAY ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION TO SLOW TRAFFIC

Traffic changes will be in effect until approximately May 15, vehicles will be required to slow to 20-miles per hour on both Ray Road and Henry Drive to accommodate the continuing work.

#### ESTES ACCESS CONTROL POINT CLOSED TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES BEGINNING MARCH 7.

Use of the Estes Access Control Point by commercial vehicles will be prohibited starting March 7. The closure is due to an upgrade project and will be in effect until the project is complete, a period of time that could be several months. During this time all commercial vehicles will need to enter the installation through 12th Street during duty hours and through Henry during non-duty hours.

#### 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 follow all guidance posted on signs.

#### CONSTRUCTION ON CAMERON ROAD WALL

Work will be done on Cameron Road Wall starting

approximately Feb. 25. The buildings and parking area that will be affected are 210, 211, 212 and 213. Personnel will need to make arrangements to park away from the wall.

#### ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS OF OPERATION

Until further notice, the Estes Access Control Point is closed every Saturday and Sunday, but will remain open Monday through Friday for privately owned vehicles only.

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:  
**Henry /Four Corners/Trooper/Ogden:** Open 24/7  
**12th Street:** 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.

HOUSE AD



RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What is your dream vacation and why?



"I've always wanted to go to Maldives. They have amazing cabins that are over the crystal clear water."

CYNTHIA GILBERT LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

Wife of Maj. Joseph Gilbert, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division



"Beaches because that's where the sun and sand is."

CYNTHIA JOHNSON GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

Mother of Sgt. Sarah Manning, Company C, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team.



"I would like to go to Hawaii because it's warm all the time there."

VALERIE ROLAND BLAKELY, GEORGIA

Wife of Sgt. Joshua Roland, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



"Ireland because I've heard it's beautiful."

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Daughter of Staff Sgt. Paul Bennett, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

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SAFETY CORNER

Strive to make workplace violence free

By Ronald Clasberry  
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Workplace violence has emerged as an important safety and health issue. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, it's the third leading cause of fatal occupational injury in the United States.

On average, nearly 2 million violent assaults per year were committed in the U.S. against persons who were at work. Approximately 18 percent of violent crimes were committed while the victim was at work. The rate of violent crime experienced by people at work or on duty is approximately 13 incidents per 1,000 workers. The leading motive for workplace homicide is usually robbery.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration employers have both a legal duty and a moral obligation to provide a safe workplace. To prevent loss of life and injuries and to limit financial losses and liability, employers should institute policies and procedures to prevent violence in their

workplaces. These policies should include the means to identify the potential for violence; procedures to prevent violence; and plans to respond and minimize further damage.

Environmental conditions associated with workplace assaults can also be identified. Organizations can implement various control strategies. Although OSHA is not initiating specific workplace violence rulemaking at this time, has agency personnel have identified three specific categories of exposure: nonfatal assaults, homicide and risk factors.

Occupations that were identified by OSHA as highest risk include the police, security guards and managers or employees in settings where cash is readily available. Below are several factors that may increase a worker's risk for workplace assault:

- Having contact with the public
- Exchanging money
- Delivering passengers, goods or services
- Having a mobile workplace such as a police cruiser
- Working with unstable or volatile persons in healthcare, social services or criminal justice

- Working alone or in small numbers
- Working late at night or early in the morning
- Working in high-crime areas
- Guarding valuable property or possessions

The extent of an employer's obligation to address workplace violence is governed under OSHA's General Duty Clause. This clause provides that "each employer shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees" 29 U.S.C. 654(a)(1). The following maybe useful to prevent workplace violence:

Assess Physical Protective Measures. When employment ends, are keys, name badges and access passes collected and checked in? Are doors designed to protect workers from external threats? When an employee discloses concerns for safety at work from a potential perpetrator, it is the employer's duty to provide protective measures.

Obtain or provide training on avoiding negligent hiring and retention. How does one recognize a potentially violent

employee? The signs may be clear-cut: someone kicks in a door, pulls a knife on a coworker or makes verbal threats.

Authoring a plan is not enough. Employees must know and understand the plan.

Practice: Schedule a mock active shooter drill. Coordinate with the Directorate of Emergency Services for a mock active shooter training designed to educate employees on how to alleviate or minimize risk during a potentially devastating scenario.

Train employees in CPR, automated external defibrillator and first aid. Employees must receive training to develop proper response skills should the worst occur.

In most cases, workplace violence is a planned act. People are targeted for several reasons – many of them place blame on the victim or the organization for a perceived injustice. No matter what the cause, prevention and mitigation are always the right things to do before the need arises.

If you have any questions about how to build your plan, please contact the the Garrison Safety Office by calling 785-240-0647.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Momentum increases in fight against Islamic State

By Lisa Ferdinando  
DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — Momentum is on the side of the coalition fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said today, noting significant gains in Iraq and Syria.

The secretary spoke in a joint news conference at the Pentagon with Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Forces on the ground in Iraq have retaken Ramadi and are making progress in Anbar, while the coalition is making "operationally significant strides" in Syria, he said.

"Because of our strategy and our determination to accelerate our campaign, momentum is now on our side and not on ISIL's," Carter said.

The secretary highlighted how coalition forces recently reclaimed Shadadi, a town in northeastern Syria, that he described as a "critical node" for ISIL training, logistics and its oil enterprise. "As our partners take control of Shadadi, I believe we will learn a great deal more about ISIL's criminal networks, its criminal enterprise and what it does to sustain them," Carter said.

Shadadi is important in efforts to sever the "last major artery" between the Syrian city of Raqqa — ISIL's putative headquarters — and the Iraqi city of Mosul, an "operation critical to dissecting ISIL's parent tumor into two parts," he said.

The campaign to defeat ISIL is being accelerated across Syria and Iraq, the defense secretary said.



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dominique A. Pineiro | DOD  
Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, discuss progress made against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and lessons learned in Afghanistan during a briefing at the Pentagon, Feb. 29, 2016.

Coalition members are bombing ISIL's banks and oil wells, he said, and cyber tools are being used to disrupt ISIL's ability to operate and communicate over the virtual battlefield.

The cyber efforts are being used, particularly in Syria, Carter said, to disrupt ISIL's command and control operations, cause the terrorists to lose confidence in their networks and to interrupt their ability to control the population and the economy.

Cyber is an "important new capability," he said. "This is something that's new in

this war, not something you would've seen back in the Gulf War. It is an important use of our Cyber Command — and the reason that Cyber Command was established in the first place."

ISIL is one of five challenges that must be addressed as part of DoD's mission to defend the nation, Carter told reporters.

The other challenges are Russian aggression in Europe, a rising China that is "behaving aggressively," and the threats of North Korea and Iran in their respective regions, he said.

CORRECTION

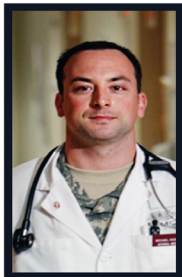


In the Feb. 26 edition of the 1st Infantry Division Post, the caption for this photo was incorrect. The corrected version is as follows:

SGT. JARRETT E. ALLEN | 1ST CAB  
Spec. Zachary Rohde, maintainer, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, prepares a MQ-1C Gray Eagle for its first flight Feb. 11 at Marshall Army Airfield on Fort Riley, Kansas. The Gray Eagle is capable of delivering a Hellfire missile with a precision and effectiveness that is demonstrably superior to previous platforms.

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# ‘Diehards’ host ‘Iron Rangers’ for demolition training at Fort Riley

By Spc. Derrik Tribbey  
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“Diehard” Soldiers with the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conducted demolitions training with “Iron Ranger” Soldiers with the brigade’s 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, Feb. 3 at Range 52 on Fort Riley.

This training helped the Iron Rangers better understand the capabilities engineers could provide, promoted a joint battalion atmosphere and taught Soldiers how to properly execute demolition techniques safely and effectively.

First Lt. Nathan Gustafson, platoon leader with Company A, 1st Eng. Bn., said Soldiers trained on engineer qualification table four, which consisted of a confidence blast, shape charge, cratering charges, ribbon-cutting charges, a Bangalore drill and urban demolition.

“We started the day with a confidence blast,” Sgt. Tucker Powers, combat engineer with 1st Eng. Bn., said. “We let them get hands-on with a block of C-4. We taught them how to prime it and how to initiate it. So, everybody tied in their own explosives and got to watch them go off.”

Gustafson said the foundation of Diehard’s tasks was demolition. The Soldiers are responsible for mobility, counter-mobility, sustainability and support for the Iron Rangers.

“What we are trying to do is prevent the enemy from maneuvering on the battlefield,” Gustafson said, adding that urban demolitions is part of the mobility so Soldiers can get in and out of restricted areas.

“This training is pretty important,” said Staff Sgt. Lee Ashmore, a squad leader with Company B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt. “Instead of being out there with a pair of bolt cutters trying to cut through obstacles, we can actually set charges and get through the obstacle quicker and assault our objective.”

Soldiers also learned to destroy alternate enemy routes, including bridges. Ribbon-cutting charges, steel I-beam cutting charges, destroy enemy bridges as a counter-mobility asset, Powers said.



1st Lt. Tyrell Foster | 1ST ENG. BN.  
**Soldiers with 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, perform a demolition blast using Bangalores to practice breaching a wire obstacle Feb. 3 at Range 52 on Fort Riley. Instead of using a pair of bolt cutters to breach obstacles, Soldiers can set charges and get through the obstacle quicker using this method.**

“The tech is pretty simple,” said Pfc. Kyle McAnallen, a combat engineer with 1st Eng. Bn.

Shape charges will initially blow a hole into the ground, McAnallen said. They sit in a little stand 6-8 inches off the ground to get some clearance and they will make a small hole for a 40-pound cratering charge. These allow the Soldiers to set up a tank ditch. With the tank ditch, Soldiers can block off an entire road for counter-mobility against an enemy force. It stops them from being able to follow a unit. Route clearance is essential for moving a unit.

“I think it helps working with the 1st Engineers, especially getting the cohesion between the different battalions and different units help,” Ashmore said. “It just builds a camaraderie across the whole brigade.”

Safety considerations were emphasized throughout the planning process, Gustafson said. Engineers are taught to calculate minimum safe distance using the type of explosive and the explosive’s weight.

“I love it,” McAnallen said. “As long as you do it right, it’s safe and it’s a blast, literally.”

## MILITARY STUDENTS VISIT FORT RILEY



Amanda Kim Stairrett | 1ST INF. DIV.  
**Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, talks to majors and promotable captains who are students at the Command and General Staff College's Intermediate Level Education and the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The officers are set to graduate soon and take positions on the division and its brigades' staffs. During the visit, Grigsby outlined his expectations and led a question-and-answer session.**

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EFMB test. Gathering the equipment, setting up the lanes, training the non-EFMB graders and support Soldiers all starts long before the first candidate arrives at the testing site, said Sgt. Mathew Witte, casualty evacuation noncommissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment.

“We put in a good five weeks, every day, focusing on EFMB,” Witte, a St. Louis native, said. Witte, an EFMB holder, was the noncommissioned officer in charge of combat testing on the third situational training exercise.

A week before the testing, graders walked candidates through every single step of every task. The standardization period allowed the candidates to ask questions and clarify any gray areas with the graders so they knew exactly what was required to get a “Go” during testing.

Sgt. 1st Class William Short from the AMEDD Center and School’s EFMB test control office in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, visited the testing site to ensure compliance with the department’s standards. The validation or standardization review ensures a consistent EFMB test process throughout the Army and is required for all EFMB testing.

“We’ve taken a lot of pride in getting everybody on the same standard,” Witte said, “so that we can hold every candidate that comes thorough to that standard.”



Sgt. Dana Moen | 2ND ABCT  
**Sgt. George Hagerty, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, prepares a simulated casualty's arm to receive intravenous saline during Expert Field Medical Badge standardization training Jan. 30 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.**

# SUICIDE PREVENTION

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## GIVING BACK



Season Osterfeld | 1ST INF. DIV.  
Spc. Michael Mahoney, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, donates blood during the quarterly Danger Blood Drive Feb. 23 at the “Big Red One” headquarters building. “It’s a good way to give back,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Robinson, brigade chaplain’s assistant for the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., who donated during the drive.

## MEMORIAL

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Vincent Hauser, sniper section noncommissioned officer with the Iron Rangers. The Feb. 25 ceremony helped him and his fellow Soldiers understand how esteemed the unit was so the Soldiers today could carry on that legacy. Former congressman Allen West, an honorary member of the 16th Inf. Regt., who served in the 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., from 1989 to 1991, was the honorary guest speaker. “This is about continuing a tradition,” West said. “When these young men and women of this current 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, come here they will be able to see part of their history that goes back to Desert Storm. One day 25 years

from now, I hope that some of them come back here and there’s a plaque that goes up for their service.” Soldiers and veterans watched as West and retired Col. Ralph Kauzlarich, honorary commander of the Iron Rangers, unveiled the plaque. Kauzlarich led the 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., from June 2005 to June 2008. “This gives us a sense of pride,” said Sgt. Benito Carrion, a senior sniper with the unit. “This makes us feel proud about what we are doing and what unit we are serving with. It allows me to stand up tall and say, ‘Hey I am with 1-16.’ That’s my battalion, that’s my unit.” Amongst the veterans that attended the event were members

of the 16th Infantry Regiment Association and the Society of the First Infantry Division. During the reception, veterans spoke with current Soldiers and shared stories from their time in service. “When you look at the history of the 1st Division there is an incredible pride,” West said. “When you put that Big Red One patch on, you recognize the men and women that have gone before you. That is what the Army is about, the lineage and the legacy that generations pass on. My nephew is continuing on and serving as an airborne artilleryman and I am hoping that one day he gets the chance to be here and put on that patch of the Big Red One.”

## RANGE

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The Bradleys fired down range, delivering booming results, before maneuvering down the range on interactive lanes. “This training was important,” said Pvt. Logan Toneys, a dismounted Soldier for the unit. “Like our leadership says, this is real world.” The crews guided the Bradleys down the range in a triangular wedge formation and engaged targets as they rolled through the dust. The final stage of training consisted of the Iron Rangers Soldiers dismounting and patrolling on foot to secure a small residential area. Once the Soldiers approached the final stage of the training, they hurried out of their vehicles and hid behind a wall to ensure the next move was secure. After the Soldiers eyed a route, they moved out but ran into an obstacle, a seven-foot deep ditch with barbed wire protecting it. One Soldier laid over a wooden board on top of the barbed wire as the rest of his team walked

over it. After they walked through the ditch and secured it, they proceeded toward the small houses. The empty shacks served as practice as the Soldiers secured rooms, fired M4 carbines and defended the newly claimed area. “This built confidence in the dismount Soldiers and the gun crews,” said Spc. James Penatello, an Iron Ranger Bradley gunner. “They learned how to move together to be able to accomplish their mission. This built unit cohesion and showed how well we can work together.” Once the training ended, the team regrouped and reviewed in order to improve for future trainings. “The reward in the end was knowing dismounted and mounted can get their job done to the standards that are required,” Toneys said. “And knowing that we can go into combat and we can do our job to the level that is expected of us.”



Spc. Derrik Tribbey | 1ST ABCT  
Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conduct room-clearing training during infantry gunnery training Feb. 19 at the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex, Fort Riley, Kansas. Dismounted, on-foot operations were the final part of day-training on the course. Prior to conducting the room-clearing training, the Soldiers practiced utilizing their Bradley Fighting Vehicles in order to strengthen the unit’s lethality in multiple combat scenarios.



# Soldiers saving Soldiers is the goal for suicide training

By Kelli Reese  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

“Soldiers saving Soldiers” is what David Easterling, Suicide Prevention Program manager emphasized when talking about Fort Riley’s Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

ASIST is intervention training which helps Soldiers become educated on dealing with someone who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide. Easterling said, “Our focus is truly on how we can get buddy care to work. People are more likely to open up to every day people in their life. The goal is to help Soldiers know how to reach out and listen to one another.”

“There really has been a cultural shift,” Easterling said. “I’m not going to say the stigma is gone; however, the stigma and the way we look at suicide and mental health has changed — it’s gotten better.”

Easterling said treatment isn’t always through a doctor. Sometimes it is just opening up

to your battle buddy or talking to your friend and allowing them to share what is going on in their life.

Easterling said there is victory if someone is already opening up to you. “If they are willing to talk to us, then just listen to their story. Be patient, allow them to vent, allow them to talk.”

During a training break, Staff Sgt. Mario Martin, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said when dealing with someone battling suicidal feelings it is important to talk with them and find out what their goals are in life.

“Now we want them to get help, but if they do open up, don’t worry about what to say,” Easterling said, “don’t get flustered, just sit there and allow them to vent — allow them to tell their story.”

ASIST has two-day training courses about once a year. For more information, visit the website, [www.livingworks.net/programs/asist/](http://www.livingworks.net/programs/asist/).

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least build a platform that was relatable to this new generation military spouse ... Over time, (we wanted to) build a network of experts and build a platform.”

Despite how confident she seems, Bradfield said being a military spouse does pose a number of challenges and struggles.

“For me personally, it’s been employment,” Bradfield said. “Moving every two to four years, it requires me to start over at every duty station, which is a challenge. It makes it hard for me to progress professionally and find work that is compatible with my skills.”

Even at her worst moments, Bradfield said she is able to use her own goals

and ambition to push herself through, something she believes everyone can do.

“I try my best to make the most out of each situation and each duty station,” Bradfield said. “You only have one life to live, might as well be happy, and sometimes that takes you searching for those things, but I’d rather search than sit around being miserable.”

For those finding themselves struggling, Bradfield said she understands because she’s been there. However, only they can make it better.

“You have to take control of your own destiny and make it what it is,” Bradfield said. “No one else is going to do that for you. Be optimistic and look for opportunities to get involved.”

# Cutting-edge mask technology available at Fort Riley

By Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

“Readiness is a 24/7 business in the ‘Big Red One’ and we like to make sure that our units have the best equipment in the world when our nation calls,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Lovell, 1st Infantry Division Protection, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div.

The Soldiers of the 1st Inf. Div. will be switching to the new M50 Protective Mask series. The new mask features a dual-filter system, which leads to better weight distribution, lower breathing resistance and improved comfort.

The masks can be used by Soldiers should they need protection from chemical agents.

The current M40 series protective mask has been used by Soldiers of the 1st

Inf. Div. since the mid 1990s. This mask replaced the M17 series which dated back to the 1960s.

With the M50 series, there are many improvements such as more than a 50 percent reduction in breathing resistance and a 23 percent improvement in the field of view.

“This joint fielding initiative enables our sustainers to streamline logistical requirements,” said Sgt. Maj. Roger Matthews, 1st Inf. Div. Protection, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. “In addition, several of our allied and coalition members have transitioned to this style of mask.”

The M50 series is being used by all branches of the military to ensure parts can be ordered across all branches of the Department of Defense and allied partners in other countries.

Matthews said they are working with the Joint Program Executive Office of Chemical and Biological Defense and the joint program manager of protection to issue every Soldier the most up to date Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Protection equipment.

“The ... M50 series protective mask provides superior fields of view, breathing resistance, communication capabilities, drinking system and sighting interface than the traditional M40 series ... resulting in a more effective and lethal 1st ID Soldier,” Lovell said.

Matthews said the main purpose in improving and upgrading to the new series is that it will provide Fort Riley Soldiers with the most modern chemical and biological force protection equipment available in the world.

# Office staff encourages public to stay informed about severe weather threats in Fort Riley area

By Maria Childs  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Be Informed – it’s the first tenant of the Ready Army program for preparedness.

Chris Hallenbeck from the Fort Riley Emergency Management Office said he encourages the Fort Riley community to begin thinking about severe weather because the season is right around the corner. The first step in this is knowing what the hazards are in your area and then knowing how to respond to them.

Hallenbeck said his office focuses on severe weather season starting in early spring and into late summer, with mid-April to early June as the highest risk timeframe.

“Historically in our region we have had severe weather events ranging from microbursts, large hail, localized flash flooding and tornadoes,” Hallenbeck said.

In 2015, Kansas ranked No. 2 in the United States for tornadoes with a total of 126 total tornadoes throughout the year, according to the National Weather Service report from 2015. Despite tornadoes being the largest threat to the area, large hail, flash flooding and microbursts have all affected the Fort Riley community in the last five years.

The report also states that Dickinson, Clay, Pottawatomie, Geary and Riley Counties did not experience a tornado last year, and Wabaunsee and Morris Counties each experienced one.

“As we go into this year’s severe weather season we cannot forget the devastating effect a tornado can have on a community such as the EF-3 and EF-4 tornadoes that struck the communities of Chapman and Manhattan in 2008.

Understanding and applying all of the Ready Army tenants will help make not only the individual more prepared, but also our community.” Hallenbeck said.

Fort Riley participates in Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week each March. This year it is March 14 through 18. Each day there will be a new focus for the community.

Hallenbeck said the installation will also participate in the annual Kansas Statewide Tornado Drill March 15 at 6:30 p.m. This mass notification event is a joint effort with our outside community and state emergency management partners to test the Tornado Siren Systems. We want to also let our community know that we test our installation mass notification



systems every Friday at noon. This includes our tornado sirens and our giant voice systems.

Preparedness starts with being informed, but then one must have a plan to execute when a crisis or emergency happens.

“Overall preparedness is thinking about individual-level preparedness, and then looking at your family,” Hallenbeck said. “Understanding that being prepared and having a plan is not only going to help you and your family, but it will also help our first responders as they conduct their response efforts.”

The Ready Army slogan is “Be Informed, Make A Plan, Build A Kit and Get Involved.”

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## 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."

### SPRING BREAK SPECIAL AT CUSTER HILL GOLF COURSE

Tune up your golf game March 11 to 20 at the Custer Hill Golf Course during the Spring Break Special.

Youth ages 18 and under can golf, college students and active duty Military E-4 and below can each golf for \$10. All others can play for \$15.

The rates include greens fees and cart rental.

For more information, call the Custer Hill Golf Course, 785-784-6000.

### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Persons looking for volunteer opportunities in the community should consider helping with home and area improvements for Ronald McDonald House. For more information call, 785-239-2677.

### EASTER EGG HUNT AT FORT RILEY POST LIBRARY

Youngsters 1 to 11 years of age are invited to follow the Easter Bunny to the Fort Riley Post Library for the annual Easter Egg Hunt 1 to 3 p.m. March 19.

For more information call, 785-239-5305.

### SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS

March 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Soldier For Life Transition Forum, 1st Infantry Division headquarters, building 580, room 110, 1st Division Road, Fort Riley. Military and spouses invited.

March 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Youth Hiring and Education Fair, 1st Infantry Division headquarters, building 580, room 110, 1st Division Road, Fort Riley. Military and spouses invited.

March 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Employer Workshop, Transition Center, building 212, room 201, Fort Riley.

March 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. local time. A video teleconference session is scheduled at that time for 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. The VTC is scheduled to take place in the Division Conference Room, building 580, Fort Riley.

March 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Salina Police Employer Day, Testing and Interviews, building 210, room 118D, Fort Riley. Information session to follow 1 to 4 p.m.

March 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Annual KC Industry Day sponsored by Society for American Military Engineers, University of Missouri at Kansas City Student Union, Kansas City. Transportation and lunch provided. Interested persons should RSVP by March 18th to [hans.j.Lokodi.mil@mail.mil](mailto:hans.j.Lokodi.mil@mail.mil).

March 31 from 10 a.m. to noon, Industry Workshop Trade and Vocational with Westar Energy personnel, at Education Center in building 217, room 202, Fort Riley.

April 4 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Employer Workshop, Transition Center, building 212, room 201, Fort Riley.

April 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hiring Heroes Career Fair, Riley's Conference Center, Fort Riley.

### THREAT AWARENESS AND REPORTING PROGRAM TRAINING

At Barlow Theater April 13, May 11 and June 1, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., training will be offered for Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors.

For information or to schedule training, contact 785-240-3097.

### RALLY POINT BINGO

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## HOME SWEET HOME



Erika Harrington, wife of Sgt. Djuan Harrington, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, talks to Kitty Frank from the Kansas Alliance for Professional Historical Performers at Staycations and Destinations Feb. 27 at Riley's Conference Center. Frank is portraying Kittie Hayes of the Hayes Trading Post in Council Grove.

# Fun at Home

## Kansas destination ideas front, center during travel expo at Fort Riley

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

More than 600 people filled Riley's Conference Center as they went from booth to booth to see what attractions Kansas has to offer at Staycations and Destinations Feb. 27.

Erin Ritter, a recreation specialist for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, was the event lead. She said the event was designed for people to be able to see what there is for Soldiers and families to do in the Fort Riley area.

"I think it's important for the Soldiers

"I think it's important for the Soldiers who come to Kansas to see that there's more to Kansas than nothing to do."

ERIN RITTER  
DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY  
AND MORALE, WELFARE  
AND RECREATION

that come to Kansas to see that there's more to Kansas than nothing to do," Ritter said. "There's really a lot of stuff to do in Kansas."

More than 40 vendors attended the event including visitors bureaus from many Kansas towns. There were also

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## Former 'Big Red One' band commander: Army musicians impactful, inspirational

### Speaker tells community band members provide a selfless type of service

Story and photo by Season Osterfeld  
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jeff Price, former commander of 1st Infantry Division Band, entered the room at Riley's Conference Center playing bagpipes Feb. 25 for the Junction City Military Affairs Council breakfast.

Price wasn't the entertainment, he was the guest speaker and spoke on the importance of the band and music within the Army and emphasized the 1st Inf. Div. community and a brief history from 1775 onward. His presentation focused on answering the question, "Why does the Army have the band around?"

"Army music has always been a part of the Army," Price said. "It's not just because it moves troops on the battlefield, it's because it's part of who we are."



Chief Warrant Officer-3 Jeff Price, former commander of 1st Infantry Division Band, speaks to attendees on the importance and history of the Army band as the guest speaker for the Feb. 25 Junction City Military Affairs breakfast at Riley's Conference Center. "Army music has always been a part of the Army," Price said. "It's not just because it moves troops on the battlefield, it's because it's part of who we are."

Price said music takes people back in time. It's a catalyst for their memories, reminding them of moments in their lives like a first dance, time with friends or graduation from basic training.

"In the Army, after basic training, you hear an Army band," Price said.

"When you're deployed and need encouragement, you hear an Army band. If by any chance, you should pass away, there will be an Army band because it's part of who we are. Music is that important."

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## Military children learn value of money

### Military Saves Week gives teachers chance to craft projects on budgeting

By Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

In honor of Military Saves Week, educators of Fort Riley taught students about money, saving and budgeting.

At Fort Riley Middle School, the seventh- and eighth-grade students were given a special budgeting project.

"I give everyone in the class and job and then they get paid in fake money ... which they use to pay for things like rent and food like they would in real life," said Ashley Hurley, Everyday Teen-Skills teacher.

For Hurley's classroom project, students were told to pick out a wish list of things they want that they would have to save up for.

Hurley then picked three winners. In third place was Jessica Stuber, daughter of Karen, human resources specialist of the Civilian Human Resources Agency, and Christopher Stuber, second place was Dajanique Bonner, daughter of Fawn and 1st Sgt. Eric Bonner, 1st Inf. Div., and first place was Amber Halligan, daughter of Nora and Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Wilson, Reserve Component Transition Office, 1st Inf. Div.

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Hollyn Habhab, daughter of Tara and Lt. Col. Travis Habhab, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, reads the letter she wrote to nominate her third-grade teacher Tiffany Stephens for Teacher of the Month, while Stephens stands at the front of the class with her.

## Letter leads to teacher receiving recognition

### Student describes Teacher of Month Stephens as 'best teacher of 10 years'

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

As Hollyn Habhab, daughter of Tara Habhab and Lt. Col. Travis Habhab, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, read aloud a letter she wrote to the radio station, Teacher of the Month Tiffany Stephens was wiping away tears.

"She is the best teacher of the month, or year, or 10 years," Hollyn said. "I love her so much. I'm just very glad she's my teacher."

Hollyn wrote in to radio station KJCK FM of Junction City, Kansas, to nominate Stephens for the Teacher of the Month award. The two have created a special bond as Stephens started

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MEET THE PRINCIPAL | DEB GUSTAFSON

# Principal works her way up ranks of education

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

Deb Gustafson has been an integral part of the Unified School District 475 since 1977, where she started out as a secretary and summertime custodian. She was a full-time rancher when she decided she needed another job. She thought schools would be a great start so she would have time in the summer to help with ranch work.

“As I began working in the schools, I received a lot of compliments on my work and a lot of encouragement to consider a career in education,” Gustafson said. “So that kind of propelled me.”

She started going to night school so she would have time during the day to work on the ranch and be with her daughter Shelbi.

Gustafson says the people are the main reason she has continued moving through the ranks of education.

“They are such nurturing and kind and visionary ... people,” Gustafson said. “When you work in the educational



**Deb Gustafson says the people are the main reason she has continued moving through the ranks of education. A career with Unified School District 475 began in 1977 as a secretary and custodian. Today, Gustafson has been principal at Ware Elementary School for the past 15 years.**

setting it’s all about preparing the world for tomorrow, and I have found that very stimulating, very exciting.”

But Gustafson didn’t always realize that this would be the job she would find herself in. Originally, she wanted to become a detective.

“I was born and raised in Junction City, and I was raised in the county jail,” Gustafson said. “We actually lived in the county jail because my dad

was sheriff. I ... always fancied or dreamed of a career in law enforcement.”

Soon after high school, she married Gus Gustafson and became immersed in ranch life, raising Herford cattle and quarter horses.

After Gustafson started earning her doctoral degree in education, she also took on a position as assistant professor at Kansas State University. She currently works with 19 master

and doctoral level students in a two-year program for educational leadership. She sees the students in the classroom 12 hours a month and does a lot of online interaction in-between, which works with her schedule at Ware Elementary.

Working as the principal at Ware Elementary for the last 15 years, is not the only connection Gustafson has with Fort Riley.

She said her husband Gus’ family moved from Sweden to the area in the 1860s to work as stonemasons to build the horse stables and other buildings on main post.

Today, the Gustafson family works mainly in ranching. Gustafson’s daughter, Shelbi, and granddaughter, Tava, are having a house built on the other end of the family ranch where she ranches.

In Gustafson’s off time, she is back in the ranching world and helps with cattle and horse shows.

“I live a very full life,” Gustafson said. “A very, very busy life. And I am extremely blessed to be surrounded with hardworking, supportive people in all of my worlds.”

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hourly vendor demonstrations. Ritter said she learned some new things about her home state during the preparation of this event.

“Some of the stuff I thought ‘I didn’t know that was a thing,’” Ritter said. “I learned more about the byways. You see the signs when you are driving by on the highway, but you never think it’s an actual thing.”

For example, she didn’t know there was a Kansas Al-

liance for Professional Historical Performers. And that was the purpose of the event – to bring attention to the things people don’t know about Ritter said.

Erika Harrington, wife of Sgt. Djuan Harrington, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, attended the event with her family to learn more about area attractions.

“We’re new here so we wanted to come out and see what we could get the kids involved in,” Harrington said.

Harrington and her family arrived at Fort Riley in December. Since then, she said they have been trying to get more involved in the community through DFMWR.

“It’s a laid-back area,” Harrington said. “There’s always something to do. I’m always look-

ing at MWR’s website, and there’s always a family event to go to.”

Although she said they have not been traveling in Kansas yet, she said the event was giving her all the right information about where to go and how to get there.

“We’re just getting in the groove of things,” Harrington said. “After seeing what events are going on here, we’re more likely to travel because we know what things are in the area.”

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“She chose a college degree for her wish list,” Hurley said. “What an amazing student! She is so responsible, motivated and focused. I just love the fact that she could have picked anything in the world to put on her wish list, and she chose college, a dorm room and a meal plan.”

The three winners said they learned a lot about saving from the project.

“What I learned basically from this project – that if you want something you have to work for it,” Bonner said. “It has to be realistic goals. You have to save up for it and you can’t go off spending on other stuff.”

Principals of elementary schools on post also participated by signing a proclamation. Students across Fort Riley were given activities such as coloring sheets

“... if you want something, you have to work for it.”

**DASHANIQUE BONNER**  
FORT RILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

that highlighted the themes of money, saving and budgeting..

“I think a lot of times our kids are kind of removed from that money aspect at this age especially because their parents provide for them,” FRMS principal Heather Oentrich said. “I think that when they start thinking about it at this age they’re able to envision the future and understand what it means to make a large purchase and what it takes for their parents to purchase things for them.”



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**From left, Ashley Hurley, Everyday Teen-Skills teacher of Fort Riley Middle School, Dajanique Bonner, daughter of Fawn and 1st Sgt. Eric Bonner, 1st Inf. Div., FRMS Principal Heather Oentrich, FRMS Assistant Principal Trina Dibbini, Jessica Stuber, daughter of Christopher and Karen Stuber, human resources specialist of the Civilian Human Resources Agency, Tonya DePasquale, Armed Forces Bank, and Amber Halligan, daughter of Nora and Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Wilson, Reserve Component Transition Office, 1st Inf. Div, stand with their Military Saves Week certificates and proclamation. Stuber, Bonner and Halligan received certificates for winning their Military Saves Week activity contest.**

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out as Hollyn’s second-grade teacher when her family moved to Fort Riley the year before. Then Stephens and husband Sgt. William Stephens, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., were going to have a permanent change of station at the end of the school year. But in a turn of events,

they stayed and Stephens took a third-grade teaching position at Fort Riley Elementary School.

“We were ecstatic,” Tara said. “I wish she could go up with her to fourth grade, too.”

Eagle Communications, KJCK FM and local sponsors presented gifts to Stephens

and Habhab, and the whole class was awarded a pizza party with ice cream. The students cheered as sponsors passed out slices of cheese and pepperoni pizza and scooped out the ice cream for them.

“I was very surprised and excited,” Stephens said. “This was amazing. I didn’t know that so many people were com-

ing and for the class too they’re doing things.”

Sponsors also were able to speak congratulate Stephens as the kids ate.

“Hollyn wrote a really nice letter in to the station,” said Jerry Brecheisen, program director of KJCK FM. “Mrs. Stephens certainly was worthy of this award.”

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Music is a universal language that links us altogether, Price said. It creates and strengthens bonds between people and cultures, and the presence of the Army band shows how important something is to the Army and the U.S. because music is an important part of American culture.

“When you think about those basic training graduations, the sons and daughters that you’ve entrusted with the Army are so special – we sent your Army band,” Price said. “When we’re trying to build relationships with our coalition partners – you’re so important to us that we sent our band. Your traditions ... your queen and her birthday, it’s so important, here’s our Army band because we know it’s important to you – it’s important to us.”

The musicians who are a part of the band serve by motivating and supporting other Soldiers and connecting communities, Price said. Their job is a unique and selfless type of service.

“Our job is to motivate and encourage and inspire and sell that message,” Price said. “It takes a special personality to be able to maintain that level of service. Every day we’re asked to do something else. Every day we’re asked to create something else. Every day we’re asked to reach into our bag of tricks and figure out a way to connect to a certain group, a certain population.”

The Army band does more than serve Soldiers and U.S. Allies. Price said the Soldier musicians also serve their local communities.

“Army Soldiers, we live and work in the community,”

Price said. “What better way to be linked to the community, but through music and the arts? You are building a better world, a better Army, a better community.”

As former commander of the band and an advocate of music, Price has strong beliefs about the Army band’s importance and many in attendance supported his position with their experiences.

“In previous deployments, it’s always nice having those guys (the band), especially around the holidays,” said Lt. Col. Clint Tracy, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade commander.

Others took away a greater understanding of the long history and ways the band had impacted and participated.

“He sort of peeled the onion back on the history of what the band does, it’s not just a prelude

and a postlude,” said Lt. Col. Peter Johnson, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. “It’s a whole culture and part of our history, which is really cool. I think what it did was help flesh out what the band really does. Instead of having a narrow viewpoint, it has broadened my horizons on Army music. It’s more than just music, it’s a culture of who we are.”

Price said he will always carry with him the service to others through music.

“The great thing about being an Army musician is the service aspect,” Price said. “Selfless service is one of our values. I have the opportunity on a daily basis to serve others, to encourage others, to motivate others, to inspire others to be their best, to communicate the message of our Army, of our nation.”

### COMMUNITY CORNER

# Great era for women to serve their country

By Col. Andrew Cole Jr.  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

From Clara Barton to the Soldier or Army civilian next to you, women continue to serve in crucial roles. There is no longer any barrier to how the women of this country can serve while in the Army.



Colonel Cole

The Army has removed the last regulatory barrier to career choices for our female Soldiers and we are lucky enough to be witnesses and participants in this era of women’s history. Going forward, we have one distinction – Soldiers are Soldiers; service is service.

This year as we mark the observance of Women’s History Month, we will do the customary thing and glance back in time to remember women who achieved great things. We’ll review stories of those who exhibited valor in bringing new capabilities to the forefront – individuals like Frenchwoman Jeanne Genevieve.

In 1799, Genevieve was the first female parachutist to make the leap from a hot air balloon. Later, Tiny Broadwick would demonstrate the capability of the parachute to the U.S. Army for its fledgling Army Air Corps. Those first aircraft were prone to mishaps and pilots had no safety net. At the time, Broadwick was jumping with a static line but on one of her demonstration jumps it became tangled in the aircraft tail assembly. Broadwick cut the static line and deployed her chute manually. With that jump, Broadwick was the first person to free-fall

safely and proved that there was a way to save Army pilots.

People like Genevieve and Broadwick were pioneers. They are not as well-known as Clara Barton or Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, the first female four-star Army general. But they still made history for women and advanced Army capabilities.

Other historic moments include major resolutions such as women gaining the right to vote in 1919, via the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Another would be the first woman to join the Army – legally – in 1901 as part of the Army Nurse Corps. Before that – as far back as the Revolutionary War and every conflict until then – women entered the Army in disguise. But things are very different today – and the final barrier has been broken.

In the decades to come, our equal opportunity observances will look back at our time, our era, and consider it just as groundbreaking of a time in history as we view the age of women’s suffrage.

Last month, acting Army Secretary Patrick Murphy and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley told lawmakers the door is open to every job a Soldier can hold regardless of gender.

So this month, revel in being in this era and never forget the contributions already made to the Army by women in service. Those contributions can only increase and someday our grandchildren will ask us what it was like to be here now.

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# Sports & Recreation

## IN BRIEF

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### OFFERINGS FOR FITNESS-MINDED INDIVIDUALS

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Contact one of the following MWR fitness department professionals to get started:  
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• 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

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

## Fast start equals hardwood success



**ABOVE:** Cpl. Marcus Allen, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, goes up for a shot as Sgt. Brian Chap, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, attempts to block it. The intramural basketball game ended with a 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt. win Feb. 23 at Whitside Fitness Center. **RIGHT:** Spc. Labarron Simmons, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. attempts to block a shot.



## First Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment takes 59-43 basketball victory

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

The basketball team from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, defeated the squad from the 172nd Chemical Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 59-43, in action Feb. 23.

A quick start helped 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt. to a 28-18 halftime advantage.  
“The game is going very well,” said Spc. Anthony Dicks, 1st Bn, 5th FA Regt, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., during the halftime break. “The season is going marvelous. Right now our record is 16 and 2, I believe. We hope to make it to the playoffs and all the way to the championship game. We love this sport, we’ve been doing it for

a couple of months. We enjoy it and we thank Whitside to allow us the opportunity to play in their gym.”  
The team from 172nd Chemical Co., 541st CSSB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., made a second half run eventually narrowing the deficit but it wasn’t enough.  
Sgt. Brian Chap of 172nd Chemical Co., 541st CSSB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., said he felt the team played well, and time

and practice would make the difference as the season progresses.  
“We played good on both sides of the ball,” Chap said. “Our defense was good, their offense was just a little better. We just have to play a little harder, that’s all. Our season has been going up and down, but it’ll get better. We just need more practice.”  
More information about intramural leagues can be found at [rileymwr.com](http://rileymwr.com).

## Soldiers dominate Armed Forces Cross Country Championships

By Tim Hippias  
U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION  
MANAGEMENT COMMAND

BEND, Ore. — Three Soldiers finished among the top 10 runners in America while leading all-Army to the men’s and women’s team titles in the 2016 Armed Forces Cross Country Championships on Feb. 6 at Rivers Edge Golf Course.  
The Armed Forces championship is run in conjunction with the USA Track and Field Winter National Cross Country Championships.  
Spc. Hillary Bor, 26, of Fort Carson, Colorado, and Spc. Emmanuel Bor, 28, of Fort Bliss, Texas, led the men in the Armed Forces race, while placing eighth and ninth in the national championships. Sgt. Caroline Jepleting of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, finished second among the women in the Armed Forces division of the 10-kilometer races and 10th in the national championships.  
The event turned into a family affair for the All-Army teams, which featured three brothers and two sisters.  
Spc. Julius Bor, 29, of Fort Carson, finished fifth in the Armed Forces run in 34:18.  
“Who does that? Is it not history?” Emmanuel Bor said “I am so happy to win the title, especially winning with my brothers.”  
“(We have) run against each other before,” Hillary Bor said. “But to run for the U.S. Army as teammates at a national level was a dream come true.”  
Spc. Caroline Karunde and her sister, Spc. Winrose Garunde, placed ninth and 12th.



Thomas Higgins | IMCOM  
**Spc. Hillary Bor (bib No. 180) and his brother, Spc. Emmanuel Bor (No. 179), lead All-Army runners at the 2016 Armed Forces Cross Country Championships run Feb. 6 in conjunction with the USA Track and Field Winter National Cross Country Championships in Bend, Oregon. Hillary won the 10-kilometer race in 32 minutes, 37 seconds, and Emmanuel was second in 32:39, to help All-Army win the team crown for the third consecutive year.**

Col. Liam Collins has been involved for more than two decades with All-Army Sports endurance events, such as the Army Ten-Miler, Marine Corps Marathon, Armed Forces Cross Country Championships, CISM Orienteering and obstacle-course racing. For the past five years, he has been coaching All-Army teams at those events.  
He showed no surprise when the Army dominated both races, but was amused at how it became a family affair.

“This is definitely the first time we’ve ever had three family members all on the same team,” said Collins, 45, who finished 13th in the masters division (over 40) of the national championships. “I’ve seen some husbands and wives before and seen two brothers or two sisters. But to see three on such a small team is pretty amazing. And for all three of them to score for the Army is impressive.”

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# Wildcats score 20 runs in rout of the University of Utah

K-STATE NEWS AND  
COMMUNICATION SERVICES

SURPRISE, Ariz. – The Kansas State University Wildcats baseball team used 17 hits and five Utah errors to upend the University of Utah Utes, 20-4, on Sunday at Surprise Stadium to end its 11-day, eight-game road trip to start the season.

A day after setting season-highs in hits and runs, K-State (4-4) reestablished those team bests against the Utes (2-5) by scoring a dozen runs and tallying 12 hits by the sixth inning.

The 20 total runs by the Wildcats were their most in a game since March 15, 2014 vs. Northern Colorado (24). The 17 hits were their most since they had 18 against then-No. 3 TCU on April 10, 2015.

“We had a great approach today,” said K-State head coach Brad Hill. “We hit a lot of balls flat and in the middle of the yard. We also had some two-out (runs batted in), which carried over from yesterday.

We just played a solid game.”

The Wildcats had multiple runners in scoring position in all but two inning and went 8-for-15 in such situations. K-State was also 6-for-15 with two outs, helping it produce seven two-out RBI.

In the two games against Utah, K-State had 11 two-out RBI.

Five different Wildcats had multi-hit efforts, led by a season-high three hits from Jake Wodtke. The second baseman finished 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Clayton Dalrymple, Tyler Moore, Jake Scudder and Tyler Wolfe each had two hits. Steve Serratore and Moore had their first homers of the season among their two safeties. Serratore hit a lead-off home run in the fourth while Moore swatted his fifth career hom-



er, a two-run shot, in the sixth that capped a four-run frame.

The two roundtrippers marked the first time K-State had multiple home runs in a game since April 4, 2014 vs. Kansas University.

In addition to the multi-hit games, Dalrymple, Scudder and Moore also had more than one RBI. Dalrymple finished with a season-high three, all of which were produced with singles over the second and third inning. The senior contributed his first in the second, a four-run frame, and then added two more with two outs in the third inning that made it 8-1 K-State.

Quintin Crandall, Josh Ethier and Serratore also had two RBI apiece. Crandall drove in his two runs with his first career hit, a single to center, in a seven-run eighth. Ethier added his two RBI when he laid down a squeeze bunt in the second and then an RBI double to spark the big third.

K-State starting pitcher Colton Kalmus made the most of the run support by turning in his own strong

outing. The redshirt junior struck out five and walked one while surrendering four hits and one run over 5 1/3 innings. The four hits allowed were his fewest in a start of five or more innings since February 21, 2015 vs. Washington (4).

“It all started with Colton Kalmus,” said Hill. “He pitched well. It’s always nice to get that good start. We then got on the board early, which put us in a good state offensively.”

Senior Lucas Benenati threw the most innings among K-State relievers as he retired all four batters he faced over the eighth and ninth innings. In his three appearances this year, the right-hander has yet to allow a run.

Utah starting pitcher Riley Ottesen gave up eight runs, five earned, on seven hits in three innings of a losing decision.

The Wildcats ended up taking advantage of six Utah wild pitches and four hit batsmen in addition to the five errors. All five Ute errors eventually led to runs.

# West Point lacrosse team drops heartbreaker at No. 3 Syracuse

ARMY WEST POINT  
SPORTS INFORMATION

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – With Army down one and with three seconds left against the third-ranked Syracuse Orange, Cole Johnson got his hands free, but his shot rang off the post as the Black Knights fell, 9-8, at the Carrier Dome Feb. 28.

Army (2-2) fought back from a four-goal deficit in the second half to tie the game at 8-8 with 4:38 remaining, but Tim Barber’s goal for the Orange with 3:27 on the clock in the fourth quarter proved to be the difference.

Connor Cook finished with a team-high three points on two goals and an assist. Both scores by the senior were during man-up situations. Johnson ended up with two points on a goal and an assist. The Black Knights had eight different goal scorers in the game.

“We played hard right to the very end,” head coach Joe Alberici said. “Give credit to Syracuse, they just made a couple more plays than we did.”

The defense held the Orange to just 30 shots, after they put up 60 against Albany last week. A.J. Barretto was solid and poised in the cage with 11 saves in his first action at the Carrier Dome. Austin Schultz turned in one of his best games of his career with two caused turnovers and two ground balls, but the stats don’t tell the story.

Schultz faced a great player in Dylan Donahue and held him to two points on a goal and an assist. Donahue had totaled 14 points in the Orange’s first two games of the year.

“Dylan Donahue is one of the best attackmen in the country and Austin was up to the task today,” Alberici stated. “We didn’t give him much support in that matchup and Austin played a fundamentally sound game ... I thought he was terrific.”

Sergio Salcido and Derek DeJoe helped Syracuse (3-0) with two goals each. Ben Williams was impressive in faceoffs, winning 13-of-19. Warren Hill stopped 10 shots with five in each half.

With less than a minute to go, Army turned the ball over on the offensive end. Johnny Surdick and Sam Finney forced the ball free on a double team and the Black Knights went the other way. A.J. Canara and Johnson streaked down the field, Johnson saw space against Brandon Mullins and bounced a shot that got by Hill, but clanged off the iron and time expired for the 9-8 win for the Orange.

The Black Knights started strong and staked themselves to a 3-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. After DeJoe tied the game, Army answered with two straight from Cook and Tim Coll. Cook’s was a shot from the outside, while Coll’s tally came during a man-up situation. Donahue got on the board for the only time with 25 seconds left in the quarter to make it a 3-2 Army lead at the end of the one.

Syracuse gained its first lead with back-to-back goals from Nick Mariano and DeJoe with DeJoe’s coming with 9:15 on the clock. The run continued in the quarter with Salcido scoring the first of his two on

the day and the Orange had a 5-3 lead at the break.

The Orange increased their lead to a game-best four goals at 7-3 in the first minute of the half with goals from Salcido and Nate Solomon. The Black Knights then reeled off three straight to get to within one with 8:25 left in the third quarter. Jimbo Moore scored his fourth of the year with a man-up tally, while Conor Glancy and Ted Glesener earned a spot on the scoresheet as well.

Jordan Evans stopped the bleeding for Syracuse with his fifth of the year with 55 seconds left in the third and Army

went into the final 15 minutes down 8-6.

The Black Knights sliced the lead to one with 8:47 left as Cook hit the net with a man-up score with a great set up by Nick Santorelli. Nate Jones then tied the game at the 4:38 mark as he beat Hill from the alley. Shea Mullins made a feed to Jones to set up the game-tying goal at 8-8. Barber put the Orange back on top with 3:27 left, setting up the dramatic final minutes, but Syracuse held on for the 9-8 win.

Army held a 34-30 shot advantage in the game and the man-up unit scored three goals on four chances.

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All-Army Sports, a program managed by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation division of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, fields men’s and women’s teams in the annual Army Ten-Miler road race in Washington, D.C., basketball, bowling, boxing, cross country, golf, marathon, rugby, soccer, softball, taekwondo, triathlon, volleyball and wrestling. The teams primarily compete against squads from the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

“As a Soldier, I have learned to plan and manage my time well, in my job and athletic-wise,” Jepleting said. “As a Soldier-athlete, integrity and self-discipline are the keys to success. I don’t take any given opportunity or time to train for granted. I do the best I can to get better each day.”

Collins believes giving the Soldiers the chance to compete at a national level has a trickle-down effect that enhances the entire Army.

The Soldiers return to their units and inspire everyone to push a little harder during physical training, and to give a little more in daily duties, he said. “It’s hard to slack off when there’s a world-ranked athlete pushing you to excel.”

The reverse is also true, according to Collins. Participating in the Armed Forces and national events makes the runners better Soldiers.

“What I’ve found over the years of coaching is that I’ve almost never seen an athlete at that level that isn’t also a good Soldier,” Collins said. “The discipline and the competitive spirit that makes them a good athlete also makes them a good Soldier because they are committed to what they do and

they understand sacrifices and what it takes and that it’s all about the team.

“I think the sports really carry over well to what they have to do in the military,” he concluded.

Emmanuel Bor said the program also allows him to act as an ambassador to other athletes around world.

“It’s a great opportunity to represent the Army and the U.S. Armed Forces in sports,” he said. “People are often surprised, and maybe a little intimidated, when they see the Army logo on my uniform at the starting line.

“I think it fosters friendship and togetherness,” he continued. I remember when I represented the U.S. at the 2015 CISM Military World Games in Korea. The theme was “Friendship Together, Peace Forever.” It was a powerful message, it was incredible.”







# Travel & Fun in Kansas



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A yellow brick road lines the downtown district of Sedan, Kansas, near the Kansas-Oklahoma border. It is about a 3.5 hour drive from the Fort Riley area. The road attracts about 45,000 visitors annually. A “celebrity section” features bricks from several original Munchkins from the 1939 film classic “The Wizard of Oz.”



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Inside the Oz Museum in Wamego, Kansas, are handprints and footprints of people who played munchkins in the 1939 classic film “The Wizard of Oz.” This was produced by Jerry Maren.



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Visitors to Wamego, Kansas can follow the yellow brick road from City Park to the Oz Museum, Toto's Taco and the Oz Winery. “You could make a whole day of Oz in Wamego,” said Kimberly Shepherd, operations manager at the Oz Museum gift shop. The museum has about 40,000 visitors annually.

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Follow the Road to Oz – or highway 99 and Lincoln Avenue east of Manhattan, Kansas. Follow it all the way to Wamego, Kansas, to the yellow brick road, which begins in City Park and ends across the street from the Oz Museum, Toto's Taco and the Oz Winery. Kimberly Shepherd, operations manager at the Oz Museum gift shop, said last year about 40,000 visitors from the United States and about 40 countries saw the Oz Museum. She said most of the time the visitors only knowledge of Kansas is from what they have seen in the classic film “The Wizard of Oz.” Tornadoes and dusty farms are two myths perpetuated by those who have never visited Kansas except via Hollywood. Even so, Wamego

residents boast about their Oz-related activities and consider them a source of pride to be in the state Dorothy called home. Shepherd said Kansas has more to offer than tornadoes and farms. “You could make a whole day of Oz in Wamego,” Shepherd said. “There's the Oz Museum. A block south you have the Oz Winery. Across the street is the yellow brick road. There is Toto's Taco, which is fabulous for lunch.” Another myth is about the topography. People who have not been to Kansas tend to think the state is flat. “They have not visited the Flint Hills which are absolutely breathtaking,” Shepherd said. “There are parts of Kansas that are flat and dusty, but there are also areas of Kansas that are covered with rolling hills and the tallgrass

prairie,” added Chris Glasgow, guest services at the Oz Museum. Visitors who get out and explore will quickly discover those rolling hills and the events and attractions in the towns nestled among them. Annually in September, the people of Wamego celebrate Oztoberfest. The three-day event includes kids' activities, the Ruby Slipper Run, the Yellow Brick Road Bike Ride and a wine-tasting event in downtown Wamego. The Oz Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children age 4 through 12. Children age 3 and under are free. Military Discounts are also available. For more information about group rates and exhibits, call 785-458-8686. Visitors Kansas can find more Oz inspiration in Sedan, near the Oklahoma-Kansas border. It's about a 3.5 hour drive from Fort Riley. Visitors can find a yellow brick road with more than 11,000 golden bricks with names printed on them from every state and about 18 foreign countries. That road leads to boutiques and gift shops.

Since 1988, the road has been quite the attraction with about 45,000 visitors annually. A “celebrity section” of the road features bricks from several of the original Munchkins. Nita Jones, tourism volunteer for Sedan, is known as the “yellow brick road lady” in the town of Sedan. “We invite you to come and visit the World's Longest Yellow Brick Road on the sidewalks of downtown historic Sedan,” she said. “We do guided tours or you are invited to tour on your own at your own pace.”

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An 8-foot tall autographed bust of the Tin Man from the 1939 classic film “The Wizard of Oz” sits in the gift shop at the Oz Museum in Wamego, Kansas. The museum includes memorabilia and artifacts from the movie as well as subsequent films based on the original story. Some of the items on display are original flying monkeys, the first edition of the 1900 book “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” and Broadway musical “Wicked” stage props.

