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ONE GOOD SHOVE

Missouri Air National Guardsmen execute high-altitude air drops above Fort Riley

By Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Members of the 139th Airlift Wing, Missouri Air National Guard, St. Joseph, Missouri, conducted drops at Fort Riley March 22 and 23 using the Joint Precision Airdrop System for the first time on post. “This is a multi-piece airdrop system that gives an advantage to the aircraft as far as avoiding threats,” said Capt. Matthew Zahler, 1st Infantry Division air mobility liaison officer. “It has an operator using a PADS computer, which is used to update flight systems in the aircraft. The PADS computer and operator get updates and provide updates of real time weather data from Dropsondes, through the aircraft radios and wireless communications systems on the airdrop bundles.” For the airdrops, 139th AW dropped Improved Container Delivery Systems, which used all of the JPADS systems

and tools and could be dropped from a higher altitude. “The updates provide guidance instructions to the units on the airdrop bundles which, in turn, ‘steer’ the chutes to their targeted point of impact,” Zahler said. “The chutes are steerable chutes that can get themselves to the point of impact regardless of where they are dropped from.” The airdrop training is part of a qualification aircrews must maintain. The drop was completed at Fort Riley because many Air Force bases don’t have the land or airspace required to conduct the training properly. “We are the only place in the region that is doing this training at these altitudes now,” Zahler said. “We are able to provide a place for this training to occur. This means that we have the opportunity

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Fort Riley staff wins 5 awards

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation wins 2015 Excellence in Army Recreation awards

By Margaret Ziffer
FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

When the winners of the 2015 Excellence in Army Recreation Awards were announced in March, the Fort Riley Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation team had a right to be proud. In the Army-wide recognition program, Fort Riley’s DFMWR won all categories in which they submitted, taking five of 12 total awards, securing \$10,000 in prize money to put toward programs that benefit Soldiers and their families. The team won the Best Recreation Division, Best Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program and Best Physical Fitness Program awards. Additionally, Fort Riley employees won the only two individual award categories — Employee of the Year and Career Employee. Matt Enoch, DFMWR Community Program coordinator, was selected as employee of the year and Scott Scherberger, DFMWR Community Recreation Division chief, won the career employee award.

“I’ve been doing Army awards for a very long time and I’ve never seen a garrison sweep so many awards in the same year,” said David Roudybush, Fort Riley DFMWR director. “Knowing that the Army is recognizing not just one, but three of our programs and two of our key leaders really speaks volumes.” The Excellence in Army Recreation Awards weren’t DFMWR’s only big win for 2015. Fort Riley’s Recreation Division recently earned national recognition through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies, making it one of only six installations in the Department of Defense with this certification. Earning CAPRA accreditation is no walk in the park, Roudybush said. “It’s a

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Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command senior noncommissioned officer talks to 1st Infantry Division Soldiers at the Barlow Theater, March 23 at Fort Riley. Davenport spoke with Soldiers about the Noncommissioned Officer 2020 Strategy, the Army’s commitment to NCO leader development and the new NCO Professional Development System.

Davenport visits Fort Riley, discusses NCO education

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Mark Albright
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command’s senior noncommissioned officer, visited the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley March 23 to discuss the future of noncommissioned officer professional development. Davenport spoke with Soldiers at the post’s Barlow Theater about the NCO 2020 Strategy, the Army’s commitment to NCO

“We are looking at everything, including education, talent management and how we can strengthen our roles as noncommissioned officers to be stewards of our profession.

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. DAVID DAVENPORT | U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND’S SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER

leader development and the new changes to the NCO Professional Development system. “What TRADOC does is think about the future; we drive change,” Davenport said. “We design the Army, but while designing the Army we are thinking forward.”

The Select, Train, Educate and Promote program was developed by TRADOC to solve school backlogs, enhance academic rigor, develop core competencies and ensure the Army promotes the best of the best. The S.T.E.P program’s implementation

adds to the future leader development explained in NCO 2020. “NCO 2020 is how we are going to develop noncommissioned officers to operate in a complex environment,” Davenport

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Kansas National Guard, Fort Riley Fire Department fight south central Kansas wildfire

By Ben Bauman
PUBLIC AFFAIRS, KANSAS
ADJUTANT GENERAL

Civilian firefighters and Kansas National Guard air crews battled high winds and smoke as they worked to suppress and contain wildfires that scorched portions of Kansas and Oklahoma.

March 26, four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters piloted and crewed by Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Regiment of the Kansas National Guard arrived to assist in fighting the fires.

The Black Hawks, each equipped with a 660-gallon Bambi Bucket™, ferried water from local water sources to dump on the flames, as directed by incident management officials. Crews made 68 drops on Saturday and another 56 on Sunday, totaling approximately 68,000 gallons of water. The crews returned to their home stations in Topeka and Salina Sunday evening.

As of Tuesday, officials reported the fire was 90 percent contained, an improvement from 31 percent containment Sunday, and 15 percent Saturday. The organization managing control of the fire was a unified command comprised of professionals from the

Kansas Forest Service and Barber County.

According to the latest figures, the fire burned nearly 400,000 acres in Kansas and Oklahoma, making it the largest in the recorded history in Kansas.

No injuries or fatalities were reported as a result of the fires, but 12 homes were reported destroyed: nine in Barber County, two in Reno County and one in Harvey County. Also reported were the loss of multiple outbuildings and an unknown number of livestock. Three bridges and one railroad trestle were also damaged or destroyed. Damage assessments are just beginning, so totals are expected to change.

Barber, Comanche, Harvey and Reno Counties issued state of local disaster emergency declarations and Gov. Sam Brownback authorized a State of Disaster Emergency declaration March 23 for all four counties. The state requested and was granted a federal Fire Management Assistance Grant for Barber and Comanche Counties.

Fort Riley Fire Department sent people to the location to assist other first responders in Kansas.

For more coverage of Fort Riley's role in the fire, read the April 8 edition of the Post.



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Four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters piloted and crewed by Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Regiment (two from Army Aviation Support Facility #2, Salina, Kansas and two from Army Aviation Support Facility #1, Topeka), Kansas Army National Guard, joined the Anderson Creek wildfire fight March 26. The helicopters arrived in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, the morning of March 26, and dropped water from Bambi Buckets™ on active flames and hot spots as directed by incident officials. The fire in south central Kansas burned more than 400,000 acres.



COURTESY PHOTO



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ABOVE: Fort Riley firefighters watch as a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter assists in the Anderson Creek wildfire fight March 26 in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. The fire in south central Kansas burned more than 400,000 acres. LEFT: Fire and smoke make for hazardous conditions.

Corvias Military Living achieves top honors in 2015 survey

CORVIAS MILITARY LIVING

Corvias Military Living, the military housing division of Corvias Group, announced March 28 that it earned the highest resident satisfaction score for 2015 among companies with portfolios larger than 10,000 units from SatisFacts. This award marks the eighth year in a row that Corvias ranked first nationally in the SatisFacts Annual Resident Survey and the ninth consecutive year it achieved the Superior Company Score award.

Out of a possible 5.00 score, Corvias Military Living residents gave the company a 4.27 in the 2015 survey. Corvias earned the Superior Service distinction at 39 of the military communities the company manages throughout the country with a score of 4.0 to 4.7. Three communities earned the highest honors, Exceptional Service achievement, with a

score of 4.5 or above. Fort Riley, Kansas, earned a superior score with its 4.2 satisfaction rating.

“These results are very important to us and our mission to deliver the best on-base living experience to service members and their families because it provides frank, honest evaluation of our work,” said Chuck Parker, Division President for Corvias Military Living. “We are extremely honored that our residents think so highly of the work that we do and thank them for their feedback.”

The SatisFacts survey is a resident relationship management service for a variety of multifamily property management companies in different sectors, including military. Over 300 different firms were evaluated by their residents in the 2015 survey interviews, which are voluntary and conducted at random over the phone and online.

“Achieving the highest resident rating nation-wide again this year speaks volumes about how passionate Corvias employees are about their jobs and those they serve,” said James Watters, Director of Business Operations, ApartmentRatings.com and SatisFacts Research. “Corvias’ award-winning scores are consistent with those they have received every year and validate their superior service and commitment to resident satisfaction.”

Corvias’ military housing portfolio is comprised of almost 25,000 homes on more than 10,000 acres of land across 13 Army and Air Force installations from Alaska to Florida. As part of their efforts to continuously improve quality of life for service members and their families, the company has renovated 11,474 and built 7,442 homes and 30 community centers over the last 13 years.

Fort Riley exchange gives back

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service for Fort Riley and McConnell Air Force Base improved their inventory results for 2015. Every year, AAFES does an inventory of their product, and the results for this region were released during March.

Robin Ayling, general manager of Fort Riley/McConnell Exchange, said many things effect a good inventory results, such as concealed shortages in shipments, theft, book keeping but it boils down to accountability and controlling all controllables.

“We had the best inventory results in 11 plus years, and that’s as far back as I can go,” Ayling said. “What that means to Soldiers and families of Fort Riley is more dividends going back to the base.”

Dividends are the amount AAFES gives back to the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

“It builds your gyms, bowling alleys, child care, golf courses and the equipment that is needed for them,” Ayling said.

AAFES reports earnings to a board, who then reports to Congress. Congress gives the money to Army Central Funding. From there,

it is divided among the installations. The Air Force process is different.

In 2014, the inventory results revealed .33 percent shortage. In 2015, the results revealed .17 percent shortage of product. AAFES earned 34 percent more profits in 2015 than in 2014.

“Whenever anybody purchases anything here, people are contributing to the military,” Ayling said. “A lot of people don’t realize that ... we are supporting the military. The money goes right back to them. For every dollar they spend, more than two-thirds of that dollar goes back to their base, in terms of dividends to DFMWR.”

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Troy Watson: a 'Big Red One' Soldier

By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

In 1989, Troy Watson from Fort Valley, Georgia, joined the Army. He went to basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was trained as a mechanic, military operations specialty 63M.

After leaving basic and AIT, Watson was stationed at different locations including Germany, Fort Polk, Louisiana, Fort Knox, Kentucky and Fort Hood, Texas. Some highlights of his career were a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm in 1990 and 1991, then an assignment to Cuba in support of the Cuban and Haitian Refugee crisis in 1994. He deployed in 1997 to Bosnia and Herzegovina to aid in peace keeping with Russian forces. He served as a recruiter with the Oklahoma City Recruiting Battalion where he was named as the top new recruiter in 2003 and top recruiter in 2004. While at Fort Knox in 2005 with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, he served as the subject matter expert for the Ground

Mobility Division. In this assignment he was chosen to be the lead in a television show called "Build it Bigger" on the Discovery Channel. They did a segment on the M1 Abrams tank.

Watson started his association with the Big Red One in 2007 as part of the original group of Soldiers with the 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division where he served as the first sergeant. During this assignment he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2008 to 2009 where he was in charge of a gun truck platoon. This platoon provided security for all logistical convoys for the unit.

In 2012, Watson decided it was time to retire as a sergeant first class. He was in the Army for 23 years, and he spent nine of those years at Fort Riley.

"We decided to stay in the Junction City area because we enjoyed the area," he said. "My wife had a good job on post. Our son and daughter were in high school and we wanted them to finish school here and finish raising them here."

Watson said one of his best memories while

serving in the Army was training 72 service support Soldiers to conduct daily combat operations in Baghdad, completing 680 combat logistics patrols with no injury or loss of life.

He is now a police officer in Junction City, Kansas. He also is the field training officer for new police officers for the department. He is the current Vice President of Americas Guardians Motorcycle Club, Kansas Chapter as well as the Central Region Representative for the Americas Guardians Motorcycle Club; which focuses on the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, Shop with a Cop program; Kill 22 Program, where he works with other veterans for suicide prevention. He is also a life member of Society of the "Big Red One;" Veterans of Foreign Wars; Combat Veterans Motor Cycle Association and one of the founding members of the Kansas CVMA and a past Commander and State Representative.

Editor's Note: To submit your "Big Red One" story, email fitzmiss@yahoo.com



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BEST PLACE TO LIVE BEST PLACE TO TRAIN BEST PLACE TO DEPLOY FROM BEST PLACE TO COME HOME TO

Water conservation depends on user discipline

By Andy Massanet
THE 1ST INF. DIV. POST

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles on how Fort Riley is working to meet standards put forth by the Army Net Zero water program. Other articles will focus on the participation of schools and Kansas State in helping Fort Riley meet these goals.

In 2011, the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory of the Army Corps of Engineers performed a study titled "Water Sustainability Assessment for Ten Army Installations."

The administrators of the study collected information on where Fort Riley gets its water, regional climate and climate change factors, land features, withdrawal sources and rates, water demand models, and so forth.

It is not exciting reading and may induce sleep on restless nights, but the study says "Fort Riley and the surrounding region currently overdraw water from the alluvial aquifers (the underground sources of Fort Riley's water) along the Republican River and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Eventually, these deficits will result in regional water scarcity. When regional water scarcity will occur is unknown."

The study's forecast followed Fort Riley's selection as one of eight pilot sites for demonstrating the Army's Net Zero initiative for water conservation and sustainability introduced in 2010 by Katherine Hammack, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment.

The emphasis on conservation and sustainability was affirmed in 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley campaign plans, including the 2020 plan issued last December.

The Army Net Zero program, seeks to provide best practices for managing water, energy and waste, and guide military installations to approach a "net zero" state for



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This hierarchy was developed by the office Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment for the Environmental Protection Agency Net Zero Communities Workshop Feb. 25, 2014. It shows the priorities for reaching Net Zero water goals by 2020.

the consumption of resources; that is, consumption at a rate not more than what can be recycled or replaced at one location.

How Fort Riley professionals manage water, reduce consumption, and work to recharge groundwater sources, helps make certain the 'Big Red One' is always ready to defend the nation, and that Fort Riley, the BRO home, remains the best place to live, train, deploy from and come home to.

However, according to Chris Otto of DPW's Environmental Division, water conservation will still rely on how people who live and work in the region manage their own water use.

THE NEED FOR ACCURATE WATER-USE MEASUREMENTS

The Army's Net Zero water campaign, Otto said, calls for a reduction in water use intensity at Fort Riley of 50 percent by the year 2020 from where it was in 2007. The other requirement of this pilot program is for Fort

Riley to return clean water to natural sources at the same rate it was used.

"That amount (water use) is defined by how much water is used per square foot of building space," Otto said. "That's in terms of gallons per square foot."

Whether Fort Riley gets to that number — "a really steep goal for us," Otto said — might be hard to determine. The metrics of water-use intensity are complicated and involve factors such as new and on-going construction, changes in irrigation practices and preciseness in measuring.

"Fort Riley doesn't have very many water meters for family housing, for example," Otto said. "So right now those numbers are estimated."

Accurate measurement of water use in Fort Riley's housing areas is critical because that is where the largest use of water takes place. According to a U.S. Department of Energy study commissioned in 2012, "the top five water-using categories

at Fort Riley are plumbing fixtures in family housing, plumbing fixtures in barracks, hospital use, distribution system losses and irrigation in family housing. These five uses comprise 48 percent of the total water consumption at Fort Riley."

To put it in perspective, those five areas use about 48 percent of the installation's water, and 24 percent is from family housing consumption alone.

CONTROLLING RUNOFF

Along with metering, controlling run-off is essential to reaching a Net Zero total, Otto said.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Science School website, a natural process called "surface water runoff" is where rivers are replenished and land changes by erosion.

However, problems arise when water moves across farmlands and developed areas. As water flows, it picks up sediment, chemicals, bacteria, petroleum by-products and anything else it contacts.

There are developments to improve run-off control at Fort Riley.

A partnership between DPW, USACE, K-State and USD 475 led to the construction of a permeable parking lot at Seitz Elementary School. The project drains rainwater to underground collection tanks. The runoff is measured with sensors through a section of permeable, interlocking pavers. The water then flows through a mix of sand and gravel.

Most of the parking lot is like any other, but slopes to the pavers. Data from the embedded sensors is collected at 10-minute intervals and those measurements are sent to a station inside the school. The Environmental Protection Agency will use the data to define storage demands for other locations.

The EPA finances the training of teachers for operation and maintenance of the data collection methods and the training will be provided by K-State staff.

Permeable lots are planned for Fort Riley Middle School and Fort Riley Elementary School.

HOW CORVIAS STAFF HAS ADDRESSED WATER CONSERVATION NEEDS

Leadership at Corvias Military Housing implemented the following measures in Fort Riley homes and community centers:

- Installation of 0.5 gallons-per-minute aerators on faucets limiting the normal flow of water without sacrificing pressure.
- Installation of low-flow shower heads.
- Installation of 1.2 GPF (gallons-per-flush) high-efficiency toilets and flushers on toilets in homes and community centers.
- Installation of high-efficiency dishwashers. This saves an average of 1,600 gallons of water over their lifetime according to energystar.gov.
- Installed dual recovery water heaters, which heat and recover water temperature faster, saving residents from

wasting water waiting for showers to heat up.

- Installation of rain sensor exterior irrigation systems to detect rain and prevent excess watering.
- Construction of retention basins to refill aquifers.

WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO

People can help conserve water by taking a few simple steps, according to guidance put forth by DPW. They include:

- Report leaks: According to DPW, about 39 million gallons of water is lost each year from leaks alone. Corvias residents are asked to call their appropriate neighborhood office to report leaks. Those who find leaks in places of work should report them to DPW at 239-0900.
- Use timers for watering and irrigation.
- Water lawns, not sidewalks and roads.
- Don't over water lawns.
- Turn off water when shaving or brushing teeth.

Use of technological innovations and changes in habits, Otto said, will help the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley meet the Net Zero water standards the Army has established.

Creating a circle of support for moms to be

Story and photo by Jorge Gomez
IACH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Editor's Note: This story is the first in a series that chronicles the experience of an Irwin Army Community Hospital patient as she prepares for delivery.

Amanda Shumaker, spouse of a Fort Riley Soldier, is 700 miles away from the nearest family member. Yet the mom-to-be said, I she didn't feel like she was doing this alone.

As part of Group Prenatal Care at IACH, Shumaker meets monthly with other women who are at the same stage of pregnancy. Instead of an individual prenatal appointment, she sits in a circle with others who share the same mix of happiness and worry.

At the start of the two-hour meeting, moms-to-be take turns going behind a curtain for "tummy time." After bellies get measured and fetal heart rates checked, a discussion begins.

It's not a class. It's a group of pregnant women together on a journey with providers investing in their well-being and the health of their babies.

"The concept of Group Prenatal Care is to provide education primarily to first time parents," said Mandy DeDonder, an IACH registered nurse and group facilitator. "Group allows them the opportunity to meet other

couples who will be delivering during the same time frame."

Shumaker said she likes the freedom of asking anything no matter how weird it might sound.

"Your body just goes through weird stuff and you get to talk about it with others. Someone always says, 'I've had that happen,'" said Shumaker.

They learn from the questions that others ask such as whether it's safe to travel, go swimming or see a chiropractor. The women spend so much time hearing each other they build enough trust to tackle subjects providers can't easily address in an office visit, said DeDonder.

Nor can they abbreviate an interactive education of 1,440 group minutes into 200 minutes of individual appointments. The cumulative time spent in Group towers over individual appointments.

"Regardless of the format all patients have their questions answered, but group has the advantage of learning things you wouldn't think to ask," said DeDonder. "They form friendships, a meaningful circle of support, and many times these relationships carry on beyond group."

Shumaker said moving around in the Army has taken her far from home but in group, she has met many in the same situation.

"I love the camaraderie, it's a really neat community and being with people who know your story makes you feel at home," Shumaker said.

During February's meeting, the group learned exercises to strengthen their core muscles as alternatives to sit-ups.

"I just have to lift my knee and hold it for 10 seconds a few times. It's so easy that you can do it anywhere like when you're watching TV," said Shumaker.

Unlike an exam room, group uses a large space where facilitators and patients can perform stretches and exercises. A physical therapist is also invited so they are thoroughly engaged on topics specific to pregnant women.

Group Prenatal Care is encouraged for all first time moms but it may not work for everyone. Some women prefer privacy or just can't carve out two hours for an office visit. For those open to the format, group offers an intimate and in-depth education, said DeDonder.

That education is having positive results. DeDonder tracks outcomes with all patients who go through group.

"The statistics show less preterm labor, less inductions and higher rates of successful breastfeeding," said DeDonder.

For Shumaker making a home away from home also counts as group success.



Nurse-Midwife Mary Ellen Raymond guides Amanda Shumaker on the pelvic rock, or the cat cow in yoga. The core-strengthening exercise reduces back pain for pregnant women. It is also designed to better position babies when it's time for moms to go into labor. Teaching exercises for mothers-to-be is one of several engaging activities conducted during Group Prenatal Care at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

TRICARE releasing new rates for behavior analysis services under autism care

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

The TRICARE Health Plan announced new reimbursement rates effective April 1 for applied behavior analysis services, which are provided under the Autism Care Demonstration. TRICARE's ABA coverage and benefits are not changing. The new provider rates align ABA with all other TRICARE rates, ensuring the rates are reviewed and appropriately adjusted each year.

"We do not expect these changes to have a negative impact on our beneficiaries' continued access to ABA services," said Doug McBroom with the TRICARE Policy and Benefits Office.

McBroom said he anticipates TRICARE will continue to have a large

national network and in those areas without a network provider available, the regional contractors will arrange for care with non-network providers.

Rates were determined using two studies and included input from providers and advocates in the autism community. McBroom explained the rates are based on extensive research and evaluation, and will be annually reviewed, using three factors: The national Medicaid reimbursement rates; The Medicare locality factors that account for the cost of living in 89 current and 14 newly designated geographic areas; And, the calculated National Rate. Approximately 23,500 approved providers are available nationwide for TRICARE's approximately 10,500 beneficiaries currently receiving ABA services under the ACD. The new calculation process

ensures the rates are reviewed each year and not frozen for another seven years.

TRICARE officials recognize that unrelated to payment rates, a handful of geographic locations have fewer providers than desired and this presents a challenge. The ABA provider network is closely monitored and more than 700 new providers were recruited into the ACD in recent months.

"We are moving forward and will make sure all beneficiaries receiving ABA services continue having access to high quality ABA services," said McBroom.

For more information on TRICARE's ACD benefit and ABA coverage, visit www.tricare.mil/acd or view a TRICARE TV video explaining the benefit. The new rates have been published and can be viewed at www.health.mil/autism.



TRAFFIC REPORT

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 Street 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.

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN AT TROOPER DRIVE-MCCORMICK ROAD INTERSECTION

Changes in traffic management and flow began March 14 as a redesign of the intersection of Trooper Drive and McCormick Road commences.

The existing right-turn lane that channels traffic from westbound McCormick Road to northbound Trooper Drive will close to accommodate plans to redesign the intersection. Drivers will still be able to make a right turn, but will be redirected. Patience and extreme caution is requested.

The redesign will include a pedestrian crosswalk that will allow for safer conditions for pedestrians, according to Mark Schlotzhauer of the Directorate of Public Works.

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.

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 MARCH 7

Use of the Estes Access Control Point by commercial vehicles is prohibited. 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.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of April 1 was "Where do I find hours of the Environmental Waste Management Center or Recycle Center?"

Answer: go to www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort-Riley-Services/Environmental/Recycle/

This week's winner is Berisha Johnson Etheridge, a dedicated Fort Riley spouse.

CONGRATULATIONS, BERISHA!

RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What is the best thing you can do to be prepared for a disaster?



“Have a basic set of emergency supplies like nonperishable food items, blankets, water and something for warmth.”

PFC. ALEXANDER VIELE
FAIR HAVEN, NEW YORK

1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade



“Be familiar with Red Cross and the emergency management website.”

CPL. ADAM PALERMO
WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT

1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade



“Sign up for AtHoc messaging and always have a full tank of gas if you have to leave.”

BOBBIE HANLON
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Division G-1 staff



“React to the situation as it arises.”

RANDY HANLON
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Retired Army sergeant first class



“Make a plan and practice it. The plan says what you’re going to do and when you do it, it gets easier.”

JIM SMALLBACK
TOPEKA, KANSAS

Volunteer instructor with the Topeka chapter of the American Red Cross

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As of Wednesday, March 30, Thirty-one days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. Eighty more and the post will celebrate with a safety holiday to take place at each unit's discretion.



April 2016

Month of the Military Child

Proclamation

Whereas, since 1986, Army installations around the world have celebrated the Month of the Military Child throughout the month of April, recognizing the sacrifices and applauding the courage of military children;

Whereas, each day, military children experience unique challenges, which they face with resilience and dignity beyond their years;

Whereas, it is essential to recognize that military children do make a significant contribution to our Nation through understanding and supporting their military parents who often work long hours and make numerous deployments when called upon;

Whereas, military children contribute to their Families by providing a source of strength and providing a sense of responsibility for those who protect our Nation;

Whereas, military children are the source of pride and honor that Americans have regarding their Soldiers' support to the Nation, it is fitting to recognize our military children's contributions and celebrate their spirit;

Whereas, our men and women in uniform can focus on the missions and challenges ahead when they know that their children are safe and secure;

Whereas, the Army strives to provide a safe and nurturing environment for military children enabling our Soldiers to have peace of mind and thus be a stronger and more ready and resilient fighting force;

Whereas, the Month of the Military Child reinforces this concept and allows us to take stock in, and recognize that our Soldiers' children also play an important role in support of their parents, and thus, the Nation; and

Now, therefore, 2016 marks the 30th year that we celebrate the Month of the Military Child; we hereby join the Nation in recognizing the important contributions and sacrifices our military children make as we honor them throughout the month of April.

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National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month — April 2016

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. The 1st Infantry Division's theme is "Sexual Assault. Sexual Harassment. Not in Our Army." Although we recognize preventive efforts during this month, make no mistake this theme must remain a year-round commitment for every member of the 1st Infantry Division's Team.

The American people send us their sons and daughters with the expectation we will protect, develop, and employ them to fight and win our Nation's wars. We accomplish this through a ready, capable, and professional force that takes care of its own.

Therefore, we remain personally committed to eliminating sexual assault and harassment from our Division. Such behavior has no place in a disciplined military force. The American public looks to the Army for leadership—and we will not fail in that mission.

Command engagement is crucial to preventing sexual violence and retaliation against those who report or witness an offense. We rely on leaders to set and enforce standards that ensure a healthy command climate for all Soldiers. If offenses occur, we expect leaders to ensure compassionate care for the victims and to hold offenders appropriately accountable.

We also believe that committed, engaged leadership down to the squad level along with prevention campaigns are crucial to our success. We encourage everyone to reenergize these efforts.

Every Soldier, Army Civilian, and Family member deserves to be and will be treated with dignity and respect. Sexual assault, sexual harassment, and retaliation have no place in our Division and detrimental to combat readiness. As Army leaders, all of us have a duty to uphold our values by ensuring a Division free of sexual violence.

Brave. Responsible. On Point.

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Date	Day	Location
April 21, 2016	Friday	Fort Riley Post Exchange, 2210 Trooper Drive "EARTH DAY"
May 16, 2016	Monday	Corvias Leasing / Relocation Center- 2460 A G street
June 4, 2016	Saturday	Warner Peterson Community Center, 5570 A.P. Hill Drive
June 11, 2016	Saturday	McClellan Place Community Center, 6728 McClellan Loop
June 18, 2016	Saturday	Colyer Forsyth Community Center, 22900 Hitching Post Road
June 25, 2016	Saturday	Ellis Heights Community Center, 44647 Lee Street
July 9, 2016	Saturday	Morris Hill Elementary School, 4400 1 st Division Road
August 13, 2016	Saturday	Fort Riley Junior High School, 4022 1 st Division Road
September 17, 2016	Saturday	Child Development Center, 6620Apennines Drive
October 15, 2016	Saturday	Sacco Softball Complex, 3220 McCormick Road
November 19, 2016	Saturday	Fort Riley Fire Station #1, 5000 Normandy Drive
December 3, 2016	Saturday	Rally Point (BINGO Hall), 2600 Trooper Drive

All Events 0800-1500

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Fort Riley Boy, Cub Scouts lead community projects

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

“Every day when my mom wakes me up, I say ‘breakfast’ and she tells me what is for breakfast,” the young Boy Scout said.

Not every child receives a positive answer to that request.

“There could be no breakfast, though,” said Capt. Jason Nichols, assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 60 and from 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.



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Boy scouts from Troop 60 at Fort Riley volunteered to clean up the yard of the Custer House March 26 after collecting food donations for the Geary County Food Bank in Junction City, Kansas.

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 60, Cub Scout Packs 260 and 660 collected food donations from Fort Riley housing neighborhoods March 26. They donated 1,780 pounds of food to the Geary County Food Bank during the Scouting for Food event.

Nichols said the collection of food helped make an impact on the community the Boy Scouts needed to see.

“It’s one of the best ways to impact the local community,” he said. “We take a lot of things for granted. Coming home and

having something to eat every day is something we take for granted. It’s something that’s good to see at a young age — their efforts can directly affect another family.”

Stephanie McCoy coordinated the event by communicating with the manager of the food bank regarding the drop off of donations. She also helped plan the collection of food from the houses.

“One of my favorite parts was seeing the excitement on the faces of the scouts of Fort Riley as they were collecting all of the food from each house,” McCoy said. “As they brought their food to the drop off location, they got to witness how each bag of food added up to fill two truck beds and the back and inside of another vehicle.”

McCoy said this event shows all participants that every little bit helps.

“Some scouts and parents came to our drop off location with only one small bag of food from the street that they were responsible for,” McCoy said. “They were a bit dismayed that they didn’t collect more, but when we showed them the beds of the trucks and told them that most people said the same thing, they realized how much

their small bag helps when added together with everyone else’s collections.”

Jackson Cyrulik, 13, son of Col. John Cyrulik, commander of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, was one of the scouts who participated in the volunteer efforts of his troop. Troop 60 finished their food donations and headed to the Custer House for yard clean-up.

“Earlier today we picked up food for people in need, and now we’re helping clean up the Custer House for people to enjoy,” Cyrulik said.

Cyrulik said he visited the Custer House after his father’s change of command ceremony. He enjoys giving back to the community during service projects like these.

“It helps me get ready for my Eagle Scout project, and I just like being outside,” Cyrulik said.

McCoy said it is important for scouts to learn how to do hard work while benefitting someone else.

“They learn that helping others may not start out as fun, but as you work, you usually start to be truly joyful,” McCoy said. “We all should strive to find the joy that comes from helping others.”



Alix Kunkle | POST

John Groefsema, 10, son of Sarah and Maj. John Groefsema, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, loads bags of canned goods into the back of a truck outside the Scout Hut March 26.

Soldiers participate in waffle-eating contest at Warrior Zone

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

Fifteen people went in, but only one could be named the waffle eating champion.

In honor of National Waffle Day March 25, Warrior Zone staff hosted a waffle eating challenge. Participants had three minutes to eat as many waffles as they could.

“It was a unique opportunity and something different to do,” said Christina Boyles, recreation assistant of Warrior Zone. “And free food always gets the Soldiers out.”

Each participant had 10 homemade waffles on their plate and could use syrup if they thought it would help. They also had a glass

of milk or water, depending on their choice.

“I just wanted to see if I can win, and waffles are delicious,” said Pfc. Randy Javelosa, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. “I think I’ll win.”

Although Javelosa didn’t have a strategy, he managed to finish the 10 waffles on his plate first in under three minutes. As most participants tried chewing as fast as they could, looks of exhaustion covered their faces.

All contestants still had at least two waffles left on their plate by the end. But all left the table with smiles on their faces.

“This is something new at Warrior Zone and I wanted to try

it out,” said Spc. Terrance Elliot, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade. “I was hungry, so I enjoyed myself.”

This is not the first eating challenge the Warrior Zone staff have hosted. Their first competition was a jalapeno-eating contest, and Boyles said they plan to do more in the future.

For those who weren’t up for participating in the contest, there was also a waffle building table where people could build anything they wanted out of waffles.

Look for more upcoming the Fort Riley Facebook page www.facebook.com/rileymwr/.



Soldiers eat waffles as fast as they can during the Warrior Zone waffle eating challenge March 25. They had three minutes to eat up to the 10 waffles on their plates.

K-State students visit Fort Riley as part of educational program

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

“That was so cool and scary,” said Brooke Bennett, a Kansas State University freshman.

Students of K-State’s Blue Key Honor Society’s Quest program had just left the Virtual Clearance Training Suite, where they took roles of gunner, driver and commander in groups of three. They toured parts of the Seitz Regional Training Campus March 23.

“Kansas State University and Fort Riley have established several great partnerships over the years, so we are always happy to demonstrate the advanced technology we use to train 1st Infantry Division and regional Soldiers to groups like the Blue Key Honor Society’s Quest program,” said Bill Raymann, chief of training division, Directorate of Planning, Training, Mobilization and Security. “Our network and computer technology continues to advance, and we hope that events like this may inspire talented students to consider joining our team in the future.”

Senior Stephanie Hughes helped coordinate the visit to Fort Riley so they could try the virtual training equipment and help the students understand how their neighboring Soldiers work.

“We really wanted them to learn not only about K-State’s



Hannah Savage points out something on the screen that she doesn’t recognize in the virtual clearance training suite at the Seitz Regional Training Campus. K-State’s Quest and Blue Key groups visited the Mission Training Complex March 23.

campus but also about the surrounding Manhattan communities,” Hughes said. “I think it’s really important for them to have the opportunity to learn about Fort Riley since it’s huge and it’s here, and it’s a huge part of the greater Manhattan area.”

Many of the freshmen in the group had heard from previous Quest members about the Fort Riley visit.

“We’ve heard that this is one of the best events of the year,” freshman Brooke Bennett said.

After going through the first half of their visit and trying the VCTS, students came out of the trailers talking about how similar it was to video games they had played. They were also taught by staff of DPTMS how these were

meant to simulate real-life events Soldiers might experience.

“This is really intense,” senior Elizabeth Harner said. “It gets you thinking about the logistics that go into training and how timing and being able to focus on the job is really hard. Between us in our groups of three, we had to have a lot of cooperation and coordination.”

During the second half of the tour, students were able to play the roles of gunner, driver and commander again but this time in realistic-sized vehicles in the training facilities. The staff finished their visit by thanking them for coming.

“They have been great hosts and were so nice to let us come,” Harner said.

The group concluded its tour at the USO Fort Riley.

Army Information Technology management regionalized on post

By Margaret Ziffer
FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

To keep up with major information technology advancements over the past decade, the U.S. Army’s Information Technology management program has evolved to stay ahead of the changes. The latest strategy — regionalization — is evolving at Fort Riley with the expansion of the Network Enterprise Center.

The regionalization process started in late 2014 and divided Army installations into eight sections across the United States. It was then when Fort Riley became home to the Midwest regional NEC. Eventually, every Department of Defense installation with a NEC located within the Midwest region will fall under Fort Riley’s regional management.

It didn’t take long after the stand-up of the NECs that the Army started thinking one step further — about “regionalization and what the command and control structure should look like,” said Robert Windham, Fort Riley’s NEC Midwest regional director. “Our name changed, but it was more than a name change, it was a cultural change. There was a complete change in mind-set on the part of both employees and leaders. I wouldn’t even say it was an evolution — it was more like a revolution.”

The goal of regionalization is to streamline IT processes and services, to help save taxpayer dollars and minimize the effects of tight budgets and personnel shortages. The Midwest regional campus at Fort Riley will take over many of the functions currently being performed at individual installations, increasing efficiency.

Windham said every post, camp and station has their own campus area network with network people. Each location has somebody who is responsible to scan the network looking for vulnerabilities and another person who takes those results and applies patches. There is also staff who image computers.

“So instead of every post, camp and station trying to do everything, they can concentrate on core things,” he said. “We know we can’t always hit every computer, so (even with personnel cuts) there will still be some people (at individual locations). But that’s how we go toward

compensating for losing people — by leveraging technology and the network.”

But leveraging technology does not necessarily mean personnel cuts for everyone. Even though some positions at other installations are going away due to downsizing, Fort Riley’s NEC workforce is growing, specifically, with higher-level positions in the GS-11 to GS-13 pay grades. It is critical that these positions be filled so Fort Riley’s NEC can fully assume its role as a regional headquarters.

“A typical organization has a pyramid structure — there’s a few high-graded jobs at the top and a lot of lower-graded jobs at the bottom. What’s happening at Fort Riley is that the pyramid is getting a little more like this,” Windham said, shaping his hands like a V.

Fort Riley’s new authorizations will be filled by identifying people at other NECs who are impacted by reductions and interested in relocating to the Flint Hills. Those employees will have priority for hiring at Fort Riley and remaining jobs will be advertised to the public.

“There have been a lot of jobs advertised and we have a number of people that are coming here from other installations,” Windham said. “That’s good for us and for the local communities because it brings in families that otherwise may have never been here in Kansas or in the Flint Hills Region.”

He added the process of regionalization is good news for Army civilians looking for a future in the IT field because it provides increased opportunities for upward mobility.

“There are three kinds of people — people who have a job, people who have a job and recognize it’s a career, and people working for the Army who consider it a profession. So for those last two, this is a great thing,” he said.

NECs are capable of providing a wide variety of services to their installations, ranging from the obvious — computers, desktops, the network — to other systems people might not expect, such as programming and running radios for law enforcement, firefighters and military police, a variety of security, IT-related services and traditional security.

Anyone interested in applying for a position at the Midwest regional NEC should visit www.usajobs.com to see vacancies and submit a resume.



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huge, painstaking, extremely hard process; it takes a lot of time to put that package together. To have that validation — with these awards in the same year — really shows how strong this program is and what it is that the community has here.”

The key to DFMWR’s success, Roudybush added, is passion. “Passion for what they do and what their jobs mean to the community. You can see it, especially in Scott and Matt. Talking to them and seeing them interact — you can tell that they live this; it’s what they love to do. That’s where it all starts.”

The Career Employee Award requires the recipient to have a minimum of 15 years working in DFMWR. Scherberger’s supervisors and subordinates believed he was the perfect nominee with his 16 years with DFMWR.

“The Career Employee Award looks at all recreation leaders across the Army — not just this year, but across a person’s whole career and what impact they’ve had to the Army and the nation,” Roudybush said. “This award is big; it put Scott up against the ‘best of the best’ in the Army.”

Enoch said Scherberger was a “no-brainer” for selection. “He’s had a very distinguished career of moving Army recreation forward. He’s found himself in a circle of professionals that are on the leading edge of what we’re trying to do to make Army recreation better. I think the real impact though is the benefit of quality programs that soldiers and their families enjoy here at Fort Riley.”

Enoch has been a DFMWR employee for 10 years and has his own list of accomplishments, including leading Fort Riley’s CAPRA accreditation process.

“That, in itself, is a huge accomplishment, not just for the Army, but for any parks and rec municipality out there,” Scherberger said. “It’s difficult to achieve on its own and we achieved it without missing a beat. That’s because of Matt’s attention to detail, his working with other agencies — not only within MWR, but across the garrison.”

Scherberger and Enoch don’t take all the credit for DFMWR’s success. They point to a combination of factors like Fort Riley’s investment in infrastructure, improved facilities, better equipment, a heavy emphasis on professionalism, and better hiring practices.

“We’ve delivered a lot of great programs over the past year because we’ve been able to think outside the box,” Scherberger said. “We’ve also got some really great young professionals that have gone to school to get degrees in recreation ... so they understand it, they get it. And that’s just a small piece of it. Changing focus, our strategies, what the public wants, doing a lot of family programs. We put a lot of time, effort and energy into it and it has paid off, again, especially for our service members and their families.”



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Matt Enoch, left, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Program coordinator, and Scott Scherberger, right, DFMWR Community Recreation Division chief, receive their award for accreditation from Sara Hensley, the director of Austin, Texas, Parks and Recreation, at the 2015 National Recreation and Park Association Conference. The accreditation makes Fort Riley’s Recreation Division one of only six installations in the Department of Defense with this certification.

Enoch added that the DFMWR support system is another key to success.

“Everybody is just a product of their environment,” he said. “I’m from this region, I went to school at Riley County and Kansas State University. I got my first job here at Fort Riley and have had some of the best mentors in Army MWR. When you learn things and have people support you as much as I have, you can’t be anything but successful. That’s the thing that I’m most proud of, that this award is a reflection of where I’m from, this region, the people that I grew up around and have worked with, my team members who support me, and this organization.”

Even taking those things into account, it’s clear that passion was indeed a driving factor for this year’s individual award winners.

“My father was in the military for 23 years, so I grew up on Army posts; the lifestyle is ingrained in me,” Scherberger said. “I love being able to take care of soldiers and families. Soldiers who deploy for a year at a time have tough jobs... but the families they leave behind have tougher jobs. So it’s up to us to give them a break and support—whether it’s through a carnival or a concert, whatever — so they’re not thinking about what could be going on in theater. Lifting family spirits is what makes this a very rewarding career field because you get to see the results of what you’re doing.”

“It’s the only job I’ve ever had—some kind of recreation management. I’ve never wanted to do anything else. I have a deep admiration for the profession and what it entails, and mostly for what it does for people. You can’t put a price tag on a recreation experience. And the harder you work, the more impact you can have on people and the benefits they get out of recreation experiences. And to be able to do it for this community makes it that much more special. I can’t see myself doing anything else,” Enoch said.

“I’ve been saying that we have the best team in the Army for a long time,” Scherberger said. “Recognition at this level just validates that.”

Roudybush said the Fort Riley DFMWR has already set their sights on new goals for 2016 and beyond.

“It’s about pushing to that next step,” he said. “What we provide to the community has to continue to change, because the needs of the community change. So while this is saying that we did well last year, this year is a completely different year.”

With the 100th anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division right around the corner, Roudybush anticipates Fort Riley will continue its trend of competitiveness in future years.

“We won it this year just doing what we do day-in and day-out,” he said. “Now what can we do for a very special year?”

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to become a Regional Joint Training area, that provides for, not only 1st Infantry Division, but also for Missouri Air National Guard, Colorado Air Force Reserve Units, Little Rock active duty Air Force units and more to come as the word gets out. Fort Riley has the potential to become a place that other sister service units will depend on for their training, which provides argument for future funding. It begins Fort Riley’s transition to becoming a Regional Joint Training Center, with the emphasis on the Joint part with the U.S. Air Force.”

Qualifications on JPADS are required semi-annually for the Air Force aircrews. This system allows an aircraft to fly above or outside of ground threats, which keeps the aircraft safer.

“Things went really well,” said Lt. Col. Ryan Stepp, chief of tactics, 139th Airlift Wing. “The drop zone and range at Fort Riley allowed us to do the drop at a more realistic altitude. JPADS and ICDS are operational drops being done in combat, and we rarely get to practice stateside at a realistic altitude. The importance of the higher altitude is that it can allow the aircraft to fly above certain surface to air threats.”

More training with the JPADS will be done here in April.

“The goal is to get the Air Force training tied into the Army training that is similar, because it meets both service training objectives and provides the most realistic training available,” Zahler said.

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said. “We are looking at everything, including education, talent management and how we can strengthen our roles as noncommissioned officers to be stewards of our profession.”

The NCO 2020 Strategy, available at tradocnews.org, further discusses future changes, including the establishment of the master leader course, instituting the executive leader course and the continued development of the NCO Professional Development core curriculum, Davenport said.

He also explained the future changes to the Army’s Structured Self Development education system to be more tied in with the NCOPD system. Some of the changes to the SSDs include a review of previously learned information and to introduce future material that is in the next course.

“When you take SSD 2 (Structured Self Development), we want

a reference back to what you learned in BLC (Basic Leader Course), while we are also getting you ready for ALC (Advance Leader Course),” Davenport said. “We want to tie it all together.”

During his visit, Davenport met with instructors and students of the BLC course at the 1st Inf. Div. Noncommissioned Officer Academy to discuss current training and conduct morning physical fitness. The course is a satellite training course based out of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

He discussed the need for NCOA instructors and commandants to come up with ways to be innovative.

“We have to be proactive rather than reactive,” Davenport said. “I think that is what you all are doing here. You aren’t waiting for us to tell you what we want and that’s what we need — innovation.”

IN BRIEF

TRAFFIC UPDATES

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SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS

April 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., LinkedIn Day at building 212, room 201. Transitioning Soldiers can receive personalized profile review and photo. Event held on a walk-in basis.

April 7 from 9 to 11 a.m., Central Intelligence Agency Employer Day at building 210, room 118D.

April 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Employer Networking Event at the Transition Center, building 212, room 201.

April 8 at 8:30 a.m., Agricultural Orientation Day featuring Hildebrand Dairy and Geary Grain. Both companies are located in Junction City, Kansas. Event will be held at the Soldier Family Assistance Center, 674 Warrior Road, Fort Riley.

From April 11 to 22, an 80-hour hazardous waste worker training program will be offered through Barton Community College. School days will last from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 100 Continental Ave, Grandview Plaza, Kansas. Contact Brandon Green, 785-238-8550 or greenb@bartonccc.edu.

April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., LinkedIn Day at building 212, room 201. Transitioning Soldiers are encouraged to attend for personalized profile review and photo. Event held on a walk-in basis.

April 15 at 8:30 a.m., Agricultural Orientation Day featuring Prairie Fire Winery of Paxico, Kansas, and Grandma Hoerner's Foods of Alma, Kansas. Event will be held at the Soldier Family Assistance Center, 674 Warrior Road, Fort Riley.

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

REFLECTIONS OF GENEROSITY WORKSHOP

AAFES will host Reflections of Generosity workshops both Saturday and Sunday, April 2 to 3 from 1 to 3 p.m., in a vacant store, Main Exchange, 2210 Trooper Dr.

Participants can respond to presented artwork and writing, all will be given opportunities to create their own through multiple creative sessions. Many participants will be selected to have their artwork or writing shared with other military communities.

THREAT AWARENESS AND REPORTING PROGRAM TRAINING

Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training will be offered for Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors at Barlow Theater May 11 and June 1, 10 to 11 a.m. The class scheduled for April 13 has been cancelled.

For information or to schedule training call 785-240-3097.

RECYCLING CENTER CHANGES

Fort Riley's Recycling Center in building 1980, Camp Funston, will undergo a construction project designed to enhance recycling capability. A state-of-the-art materials sorting system will be installed.

The new system will allow the facility to recycle larger quantities of materials resulting in more waste being diverted from local landfills and more revenue being produced for unit funds and other Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities across the installation. Construction will begin April 4 and is projected to take up to 12 months to complete.

During that time recycling activities will be temporarily moved to building 1630, at the corner of I and 7th Streets in Camp Funston. Hours of operation will remain unchanged. They are 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays and Garrison Resiliency Days Off when the Recycle Center is closed.

For more information, call the Recycle Center, 785-239-2094 or 785-239-8686.



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MacKenzie McIntosh, 1, daughter of Barbara and Spc. Brandon McIntosh, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, looks around at the eggs during the Corvias "Spring Into Fun" Easter egg hunt March 25 at Rally Point Field.

Celebration of life

Easter egg hunt brings Fort Riley families together

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Jocelynn Gonzalez, 8, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Ivan Martinez, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, had her bunny ears on and was ready to take on the egg hunt. She waited impatiently at the starting line of the Easter egg hunt March 26 at Riley's Conference Center. At the sound of the horn, the hunt was on.

This was her second egg hunt this year, and she successfully collected many eggs. She said her favorite prize from all the eggs was a small bright pink plastic horse.

"I enjoy spending time with my family," Gonzalez said. "It was fun, and no one was being rough."

Staff of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation made the egg hunt possible. Volunteers from Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers helped with the event. About 15,000 eggs were distributed among five egg hunts. During each hunt, there were eggs that contained

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Maria Childs | POST

Bradley Gartner, son of Tech Sgt. Ben Gartner, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, runs after Easter eggs during the egg hunt March 26 at Riley's Conference Center.

INSIDE: More holiday events photos including an egg hunt at The Exchange and Easter brunch at Riley's Conference Center.

Corvias Military Living throws annual Spring into Fun get-together

By Hannah Kleopfer
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"Ready, set, go," shouted a booming voice over the speakers. Children then raced through Rally Point Field to grab eggs as fast as they could to fill up their baskets during the Corvias Military Living's Spring into Fun party March 25.

Staff had sectioned off areas of the field so kids could hunt eggs by age. Younger children cautiously picked up the eggs, looking at them while parents tried to encourage them to put it in their basket. Lillian Shoemaker, 1, would hold an egg in her small hands while her dad, Staff Sgt. Wayne Shoemaker, 97th Military Police Battalion, tried to get her attention to eggs scattered across the ground.

"It's our first year living on post, and we've heard lots of really good things about [the spring party]," said Alexis Shoemaker, Lillian's mother. "So far we're really impressed. We're excited, they've got some cool booths. We enjoyed the bag races. That was so fun. It's really cool that you can kind of come and go for her age group during the first hour that this is going on."

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Victory Chapel hosts Easter Sunrise Service

Chaplain's sermon stresses importance of loyalty to Christ

Story and photo by Season Osterfeld
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Light flurries of snow fell early on the cool Easter morning March 27 as Chaplain (Col.) Keith Croom, garrison chaplain, led the Easter Sunrise Service at Victory Chapel.

Soldiers and their families congregated within the chapel as dawn broke and volunteers

from the 1st Infantry Division Band provided music for the service.

Croom's sermon emphasized the importance of loyalty to and a connection with Jesus Christ.

"As I read that gospel message in John 20," Croom said, "the one thing that stood out to me was how Jesus spoke Mary's name. Just one word, one name, and she responded immediately. And so, the inspiration from that is that's what he did for all of us. He

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The Fort Riley chaplain staff held an Easter Sunrise Service at Victory Chapel for members of the community March 27.

Middle school recognizes science fair qualifiers

Fort Riley faculty thank students for efforts in extended science projects

By Hannah Kleopfer
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The students of Fort Riley Middle School have been working science fair projects over the past few months.

DID YOU KNOW?

• The science fair was accomplished at no cost to students and their families. All supplies and entry fees were paid for by teachers writing STEM grants.

Staff at the school recognized these students in a ceremony March 23 in the FRMS Auditorium.

"It's really important to honor all the work that our students did for

the science fair," said Shannon Molt, FRMS instructional coach. "Students, thank you for working so hard on this extended project. I know that it takes a lot of work."

Students first presented their projects to the public after a schoolwide science fair at the FRMS Open House in February.

After the schoolwide science fair, projects were chosen to go to the regional contest in Wamego, Kansas. Projects could be completed either solo or with a partner and were based on grade level.

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gold and silver tickets, which offered a bigger prize than candy and toys. Event sponsors donated prizes including the Exchange, Commissary, Allied Marketing Group and the Armed Forces Benefit Network.

“It’s a fun family-friendly event to celebrate the holiday and get families involved in activity together,” said event coordinator Kim Wargo, special events coordinator for DFMWR.

The weather started out cold and rainy, but Wargo said she was thankful the it cooperated it with them.

“It made me a little nervous, but we’re really happy the weather held out for us and people were willing to brave the misty cold weather and still have a lot of holiday fun,” Wargo said.

Due to the rainy weather, several normal booths were not present at the annual event. This included live bunnies, inflatables, bubbles, sidewalk



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Children ran in all directions collecting prize-filled eggs during the Easter egg hunt March 26 at Riley’s Conference Center. Staff of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation distributed about 15,000 eggs during multiple hunts.

chalk and several games. The staff was still able to provide the egg hunts for each age group, horse carriage rides from the Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard, photos with the Easter Bunny and

Child Youth and School Services provided arts and crafts.

New to the event this year was an adult egg hunt for people 16 years and older.

“We wanted to give the adults the opportunity to

join in the fun because watching the kids do it is only so exciting,” Wargo said. “Actually getting to participate and re-live childhood memories makes it that much more memorable.”

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While kids weren’t hunting eggs, they could play games, jump in the bounce houses or check out the animals at the petting zoo. One of the more popular animals was a small kangaroo that sat close to the fence while small hands brushed his fur.

“He’s really soft and cute,” said Alayah Glover, 8, daughter of Christie Oxendine and Spc. Darrell Oxendine, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. “I like this. I want one as a pet.”

Corvias staff helped with booths throughout the event. To put on the spring party took an effort by a committee put together by Corvias staff.

Cat Roberts, maintenance residence services specialist, was part of the team who helped things run smooth by doing tasks such as running water to the staff and asking if they needed anything. She said seeing the whole thing made it worth it.

“Nothing gets better than seeing everybody excited,” Roberts said. “It’s just nice to be able to have fun with them. Most of the time when they’re calling us, it’s not always about good stuff. And this is nice to provide something good.”

For more information about events with Corvias, follow their Facebook page or go to www.corviasmilitaryliving.com.



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Alayah Glover, 8, daughter of Christie and Spc. Darrell Oxendine, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, pets a kangaroo at the petting zoo during the Corvias “Spring Into Fun” party March 25 at Rally Point Field.

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spoke our name and we need to listen.”

Those in attendance said they enjoyed the service even with its early hour and appreciated the time spent with other members of the Fort Riley community.

“I thought they did a great job bringing the message that Christ was risen,” Yvette

Lalmquisc, a nurse at Irwin Army Community Hospital, said. “We usually come to the service here at Victory Chapel. It’s nice to be able to get up and come to a church service early in the morning and see everybody.”

Patrons who frequent Victory Chapel were not the

only ones in attendance. The early service attracted others because of the community presence despite the chapel not being their regular church.

“I loved the music and community coming together,” Col. Amanda Forristal, Medical Department Activity, said. “Over the past few ...

years, Easter has become more of a celebration for our family.”

Croom has been performing the Easter Sunrise Service for 29 years. He said this year’s attendance was about equal to previous years’ and hopes to see the congregation grow for future services.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Early diagnosis plays key role for families dealing with autism

By Col. Andrew Cole Jr.
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

April is Autism Awareness Month and the Center for Disease Control identifies around 1 in 68 American children as being on the autism spectrum. This is a ten-fold increase in the past 40 years. The increase may be partly due to improved diagnosis and awareness, but this only partly explains the increase.

Autism Speaks is a website that provides autism information. It defines the disorder as being associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. It appears to have its roots in very early brain development, but the most obvious signs and symptoms become noticeable between 2 to 3 years of age. However, each individual with autism is unique.

According to Autism Speaks, there is not one cause, but, research indicates that it is likely caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early brain development.

Fort Riley supports families that have children with autism through

the Exceptional Family Member Program. For more information on the program contact Army Community Services at 785-239-9435.

Early diagnosis is important and according to Autism Speaks, some signs that families can look for are:

- No big smiles or other warm, joyful expressions by six month or after.

- No back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles, or other facial expressions by nine months.

- No babbling by 12 months

- No back-and-forth gestures such as pointing, showing, reaching or waving by 12 months

- No words by 16 months

- No meaningful, two-word phrases (not including imitating or repeating) by 24 months

- Any loss of speech, babbling or social skills at any age

At this time, autism cannot be diagnosed with a medical test. Diagnoses involve interviews, observation and evaluations. Parents who believe they need assistance for their child should contact their physician or the staff at the ACS EFMP program.

To recognize Autism month, place a blue light on your porch, free bulbs are available from ACS.

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Colonel Cole

BRUNCH IS SERVED



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TOP and ABOVE: Members of the Fort Riley Community were invited to an Easter Brunch March 27 at Riley’s Conference Center.

EASTER BUNNY VISITS



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TOP and ABOVE: Staff at the Fort Riley Post Exchange held an Easter Egg hunt for the community March 27.

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One student, Amber Halligan, daughter of Nora Wilson and Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Wilson, Reserve Component Transition Office, 1st Infantry Division, became a state qualifier after receiving first place in the sixth grade at regionals.

Halligan designed a briefcase to prevent computers from getting broken.

“It took me four trials to complete it,” she said.

The science fair was accomplished at no cost to students and their families. All supplies and entry fees were paid for by teachers writing grants to the Geary County School Grant and the

Achieving Excellence Through STEM Grant.

“These are two really important grants to us, because we couldn’t do what we’ve done without them,” Molt said. “We try to make this very user-friendly for parents. We can do that because of our awesome teachers who write the grants.”

Local groups, such as the Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Kansas Association for Youth, also put in efforts to make the science fair available to all students.

The afternoon ceremony concluded with refreshments for students, teachers and parents.



Hannah Kleopfer | PDST

Kelly Johnson, sixth-grade science teacher of Fort Riley Middle School, stands with her students who were recognized for their projects that went to the Region Science Fair during the celebration and awards ceremony March 25 at FRMS.

Sports & Recreation

IN BRIEF

CUSTER HILL BOWLING SPECIALS

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

OFFERINGS FOR FITNESS-MINDED INDIVIDUALS

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

EYSTER POOL WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

YOUTH SPORTS OFFICIALS

The Child, Youth and School Services staff is looking for officials for youth outdoor and indoor soccer, flag football, basketball, baseball and softball.
Volunteer and paid positions are available. Training is provided and experience is not necessary. A background check is required.
For more information, call CYSS Sports at 785-239-9223 or 785-240-5207.

ISPORTSMAN SYSTEM

Fort Riley has an automated check-in and check-out system called iSportsman. Individuals can register at www.fortriley.sportsman.net.
To access Fort Riley training area, use the iSportsman website. Check-in and check-out may be done with any personal device with Internet access, visit the iSportsman kiosk at 1st Division and Vinton School roads or the Environmental Division Office, building 407, during normal business hours.
For more information, contact the Environmental Division at 785-239-6211.

INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL



Spc. Dante Bunche, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, looks to pass the ball downfield during a March 23 flag football game at Long Fitness Center. Bunche's team, Blackjack 100, won the game 12-6.

Blackjack 100 takes 12-6 win



ABOVE: Pvt. Donielle McKinley, Company F, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, runs the ball during a March 23 flag football game at Long Fitness Center. RIGHT: Spc. Tony Dicks, Company F, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Infantry Division, hits the ball away from Spc. Dante Bunche.



Sur-pies, Sur-pies, Sur-pies: Departing Sergeant pies senior enlisted leaders

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

Stakes were higher than usual during the “celebrity” matchup at the monthly Garrison Bowling Day March 24, which featured 1st Infantry Division Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins.

The event also featured Sgt. Amber Minear, the departing president of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. Minear was given the chance to pie the senior leaders as a going-away gift for her outstanding work managing the BOSS program.

The match started with different challenges, such as bowling through a partner's legs or bowling laying on their stomach. This helped to even out the score, but the second half of their game is when true bowling talent started to show.

Collins sealed his win — and Cornelison's fate of receiving a pie in the face — when he scored four strikes in a row, winning 135–95.

“I'm really sorry, sergeant major,” Minear said just before shoving a vanilla pie into his face.

After Minear delivered the losing pie award to Cornelison, she grabbed another pie and surprised Collins by giving him a pie in the face as well. He stood in shock for a

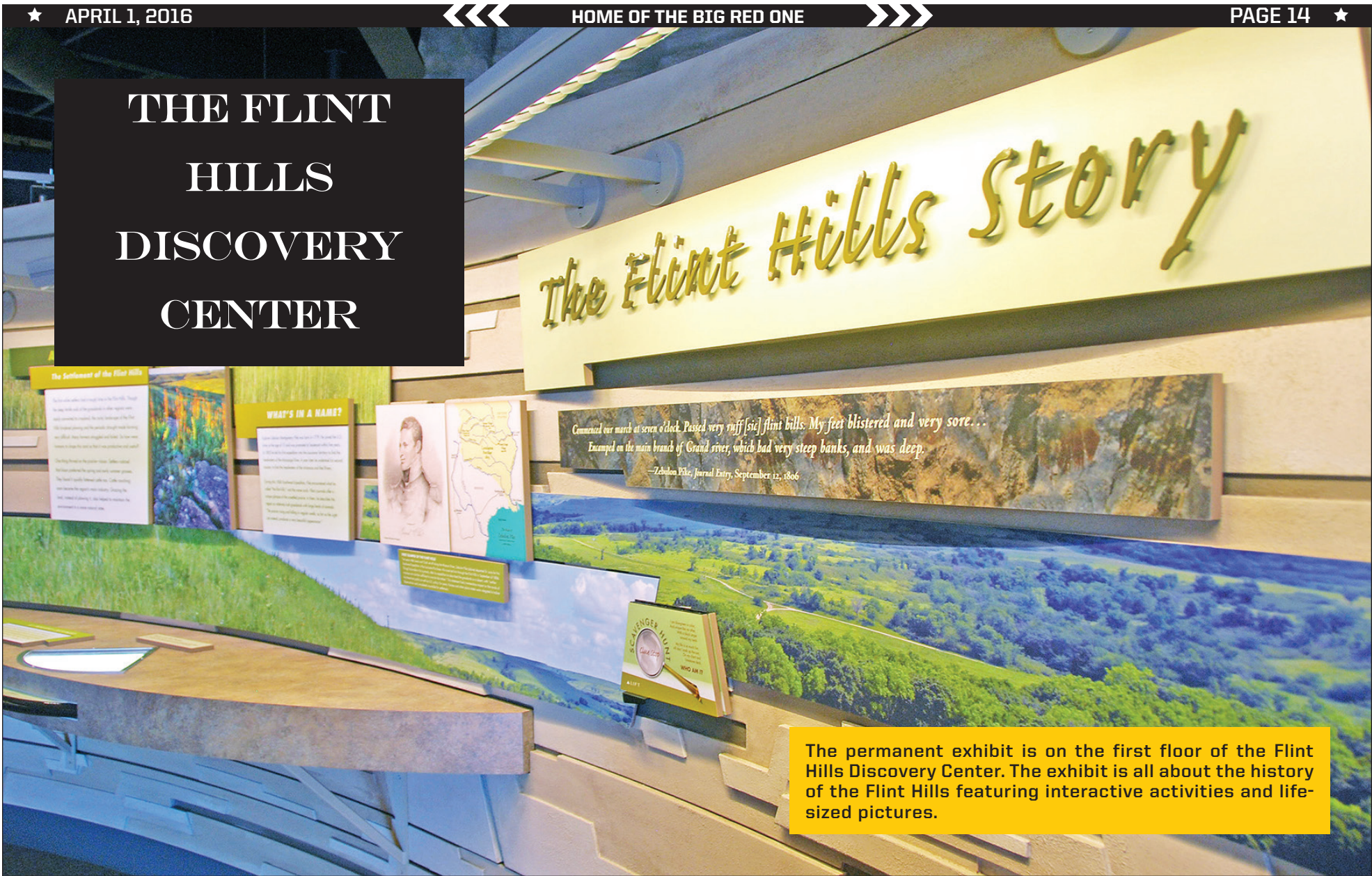


Sgt. Amber Minear pies Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, 1st Infantry Division, in the face after he lost his bowling match with Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, Garrison senior noncommissioned officer, during the Garrison Bowling Day at Custer Hill Bowling Center March 24.

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Travel & Fun in Kansas



ABOVE: Colorful decoration such as this prairie diorama cover the walls of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. BELOW: The second floor of the Flint Hills Discovery Center is an interactive area for kids to learn and play.

Center teaches about region ‘Big Red One’ calls home

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

Since opening its doors in 2012, the Flint Hills Discovery Center has served visitors and residents of Manhattan, Kansas. The building that houses the center is among the first things people see as they drive into the Little Apple off K-177. The 65-foot cylindrical glass wall surrounding the front of the three-story building shines brightly from the sun’s reflection during the day. “We have the modern look of the building, but we also have the limestone that the region is known for,” said Megan Berry, marketing coordinator of the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

Looking out from the inside, visitors have a full view of the downtown area. Inside the doors of FHDC, sunflowers and a bright decoration greet visitors. The walls are painted with landscape of the Flint Hills, and a friendly and knowledgeable front desk staff assists all visitors. The main floor features a map of the Flint Hills region, while the walls have information, pictures and interactive displays explaining how the Flint Hills came to be what it is today. The second floor includes traveling exhibits. “We change them out three to four times a year,” Berry said. Current exhibitions include “A View From Space,” a science exhibit that gives a view of our world from a satellite’s perspective, and “How People Make Things,” an exhibit that was inspired by the Mr. Rogers’ Factory Tours on the educational series “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood.”

A new exhibit coming in May will be “Amazing Dinosaurs!” which will have real dinosaur teeth and bones, and people can dress up as a dinosaur. The staff of the Discovery Center put together children’s programs throughout the year. They have regularly scheduled events such as Tallgrass Tales and Adventure Camp, as well as one-time programs for kids and adults. Staff will be putting on a program April 22 called “Making a Sustainable Landscape: The Flint Hills Discovery Center Green Roof.” The event features the lead designer of the FHDC Green Roof, Scott Bingham, along with members of the Prairie Gateway Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Berry said along with their educational programs, they also help host birthday parties and special occasions. A Military Appreciation Day is also being planned. For more information and schedules, visit the website flinthillsdiscovery.org.





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