

Fort Riley prairie protected with wildland fire management

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Maintaining the areas on which 1st Infantry Division Soldiers can train while protecting the environment is a delicate balance, and part of the management plan includes the prescribed, controlled burning of selected areas of grassland on the installation.

The highest priority for leaders of the division and Fort Riley is providing trained, well-equipped Soldiers to the nation. But they also accept the responsibility for protecting the prairie on post.

The Command Team Statement of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Campaign Plan 2020 says, “Kansas and the Central Flint Hills region have embraced our Soldiers and their families making Fort Riley the best place in the Army to live, train, deploy from and call home.”

One of the campaign plan’s four main lines of operations is Sustainment Readiness and that portion of the plan reaffirms the commitment to “Environmental Stewardship.”

To accomplish this, in the late winter and early spring, as well as during selected periods in the fall, personnel from Fort Riley’s Directorate of Public Works’ Environmental Division and the Directorate of Emergency Services’ Fire Department perform prescribed burns.

In fact, the partnership between those two agencies is rare in the Army, said Capt. Glen Whitaker of the Fort Riley Fire Department, Directorate of Emergency Services, who led the burns March 10.

“It’s a partnership that is unique in my experience,” said Whitaker, a seasoned veteran of the Fire Department and a Kansas native.

Wildland management professionals and a team of firefighters trained in managing wildland fires who work these burns together.

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Capt. Glen Whitaker of the Directorate of Emergency Services Fort Riley Fire Department monitors a portion of the prescribed burn conducted at Fort Riley training Area 39 March 10.

BEST RANGERS



Capt. Mark Gaudet, left, incoming commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, 1st Lt. Tim Nelson, an operations and training officer with 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., 1st Lt. Todd Sullivan, a scout platoon leader with 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., and 2nd Lt. Deaven Miller, an operations and training officer with 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., run on treadmills during Best Ranger Competition training March 16 at Fort Riley.

1st Infantry Division Soldiers prepare for Army-wide competition

Photos and story by Spc. Derrik Tribbey  
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers with the 1st Infantry Division trained for the U.S. Army Best Ranger Competition from Jan. 26 to March 31 at Fort Riley and Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

The five “Big Red One” Soldiers who participated in the Fort Riley Best Ranger completion on Jan. 25 trained twice a day, six days a week in order to be physically and mentally fit for the competition that takes place April 15 to 17 at Fort Benning, Georgia. The Soldiers trained and prepared as a group.

Capt. Mark Gaudet, the incoming commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., and 1st Lt. Tim Nelson, an operations



Capt. Mark Gaudet, right, incoming commander of Co. B, 1st Bn, 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., and 1st Lt. Tim Nelson, an operations and training officer with 2nd Bn, 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., run inside K-State’s donated hydrotherapy pool during Best Ranger Competition training March 21 at Kansas State University.

and training officer with 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., earned the top two spots during the Fort Riley competition and will compete together in a two-man team.

“It would be very hard to do a competition like this by yourself,” Nelson said. “You need a strong partner. Not a strong partner in the

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A corpsman of Detachment 1, Supply Company, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, makes his jump from the high platform at Long Fitness Center April 3 as part of his swimming qualification.

Marine Corps reservists train at Fort Riley

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

Reserve members of Detachment 1, Supply Company, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve came to Fort Riley April 2 to 3 to use the training facilities.

“It’s very nice,” said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jamie Tuttle. “It’s well set up and has a lot of facilities for us to use. We don’t have any other training facility close to us. So this is the closest facility that has everything that we need to accomplish our mission.”

The unit comes to post once a year to train and qualify for different aspects of their mission. The group went through gas chamber training at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility and swim qualifications at Long Fitness Center. The reservists could qualify for multiple swimming levels depending on their job requirements.

“What we’re doing here, you have three levels,” said Cpl. Connor McDermott. “You have beginner, intermediate and what we’re qualifying for is Marine Corps Water Survival Training. So depending on what you want to do, you qualify for.”

The swimming qualification started at 8 a.m. and

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Battling the Blaze: Fort Riley firefighters move to real-world response

By Margaret Ziffer  
FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A combination of coincidence and preparedness allowed firefighters from the Fort Riley Fire Department to transition from classroom training to real-life support of the Barber County, Kansas, fire suppression efforts March 23 to 27.

In the middle of the week, the training team received a call that a wildfire in Oklahoma had spread to Kansas.

“I’m pretty sure we were all overwhelmed with what was happening,” said Shawna Hartman, Kansas Forest Service fire information officer. “We had a (social media) hashtag that was ‘FireMitiga-

tion2016,’ but we changed it to ‘#TrainingJustGotReal.’”

With the exception of somewhat uncooperative weather and high winds that prevented scheduled prescribed burns, training went largely as planned early in the week; however, by Wednesday “it was an unprecedented, historic event where we had a fire in Kansas that could potentially burn thousands of acres during a multi-day incident,” Hartman said. “It was just coincidence that we were in Hutchinson, an hour and a half away, and already set up in an incident management structure and could go down there and assist Barber County.”

The training participants were ready to respond.

“With humidity being at dangerously low levels and the wind being at 50 knots per hour, we knew that if anybody had an issue, they were going to need help fast,” said Mark Neely, Fort Riley wildland fire manager. “So we were prepared. When you have conditions as dry as it was, with those wind speeds, it was very difficult to get a handle on that fire. We were able to transition our whole team — all our crews and resources — to Medicine Lodge, (Kansas).”

Neely has participated in the annual training since 2008

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Fort Riley firefighters assisted with the recent wildfire in South Central, Kansas after attending fire mitigation training in Hutchinson, Kansas. The fire burned approximately 400,000 acres across Kansas and Oklahoma.

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HIGHLIGHTS



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# ‘Daggers’ relive history with staff ride in Kuwait

Story and photo by Capt. Ed Alvarado  
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CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Battalion leaders and brigade staff members of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, relived the history of Operation Desert Storm by conducting a staff ride in Kuwait March 23.

The staff ride provided professional development for the participants by conducting a field study of three significant military actions that occurred in northern and central Kuwait. The Soldiers studied both the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait as well as the actions of the 1991 American-led coalition to dispel the occupying forces of Iraq.

Staff rides “develop our leaders through the study of historical actions; though the dates and equipment change, the enduring lessons of a battle remain,” said Maj. Doug Baker, executive officer of the 2nd ABCT and planner of the staff ride. “Leaders can learn from these events through study, discussions with peers and physically walking the terrain, which increases their depth of knowledge in solving tactical problems.”

The first stop focused on actions conducted on Highway

80, commonly referred to as the “Highway of Death,” which saw American and Canadian aircraft attacking retreating Iraqi forces resulting in the destruction of more than 1,400 enemy vehicles.

For most, research was needed for the staff ride, but for one Soldier, all that was needed was to remember where he was in these defining moments of the war as a young private first class.

“I found it very interesting taking part in a staff ride focusing on a military campaign that I had first-hand experience in,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Vaughn, senior enlisted advisor for the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “It had been just over 25 years and I buried a lot of those memories. “As we began discussing the campaign and how it unfolded, the vivid memories resurfaced just as it were yesterday.”

For the second stop, the “Daggers” traversed the Al-Mutla Ridge overlooking a police station seized by the 2nd Armored Division. The location afforded the brigade staff the opportunity to reference Army doctrine to provide intelligence preparation of the battlefield.

“By applying modern doctrine to previous battles, we’re able to gain insight into what problem sets staff

members, commanders and Soldiers of the time period were faced with,” said 1st. Lt. Larry Divine, brigade chemical officer, who briefed an overview of Kuwait’s key terrain during Desert Storm. “These tasks are important. They allow us to still connect with not only what each Soldier may have experienced, but at the planning level, allows us to consider what would have been expected from our Soldiers to be able to do during this operation.”

The final stop overlooked the terrain where the Battle of the Bridges occurred. The Kuwaiti 35th Brigade engaged in a “defense in depth” there against various elements of the invading Iraqi forces.

“I had not placed that type of in-depth thought into how everything happened and I had never been afforded the opportunity to walk some of the very terrain that we’d fought on during that time,” Vaughn said. “I have often wondered how other combat veterans felt when they’d visit places like Vietnam, Korea, Germany and Panama some years later.”

The Dagger brigade is deployed to Kuwait to increase partner capabilities and provide theater support cooperation in the region.

“The location of our deployment is going to drive the effectiveness of



First Lt. Larry Divine (center), 2nd ABCT brigade chemical officer, points to the key terrains of Kuwait during the intelligence preparation of the battlefield brief on top of Al-Mutla Ridge during the “Dagger” Staff ride March 23 in Kuwait. This portion of the staff ride allowed the staff of the Dagger brigade to use modern doctrine to analyze the operations of Desert Storm.

the staff ride,” Divine said. “It’s great to be able to take advantage of being in a country where our military has a significant history.

“To be able to stand in the same location and take in the full view of what our troops were experiencing adds a lot of context to the history.”

The staff ride is one of many leader development events the 2nd ABCT conducts, which includes

the Dagger Leader Development Program and Captain and Major Peer Groups.

“I think it’s great the amount of emphasis the Dagger brigade and 1st Inf. Div. place on facilitating top-notch staff rides and leader development opportunities,” Vaughn said. “These opportunities are what truly make the 1st Inf. Div. the leadership factory that it is.”

# Congressional staffers receive tour of facilities at Fort Riley

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

Congressional staffers from the offices of lawmakers who represent the state of Kansas in Washington, D.C., visited Fort Riley March 30 and 31 during the 26th annual congressional staffers day. While on post, the staffers received a brief on the 1st Infantry Division’s activities worldwide, took an aerial tour of Fort Riley, experienced the high-tech simulators available on the installation and visited a couple of the schools on post.

Traci Scott, regional liaison officer for the 1st Inf. Div., said the visit educates and informs staffers about the capabilities Fort Riley and the 1st Inf. Div. have and how they are using those to keep Soldiers mission-ready.

“The reason we do this is because staffers are on the front lines when it comes to dealing with the constituents of the members of Congress,” Scott said. “Some of the staffers write letters, they are the ones answering the questions, so they are the ones



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who need to be empowered with information.”

This year was the 12th visit to Fort Riley by Cheyne Worley, constituent services director from the office of Kansas Representative Kevin

Yoder. Worley is a retired “Big Red One” Soldier, so this visit reminds him how much things have changed since he was in the Army. He said he enjoys seeing the progression of training capabilities.

“The warfighting capabilities have changed so much since I left the Big Red One, but the mission is still the same,” Worley said. “It’s much more mission-focused. It’s a different Army for sure, but it’s a better Army.”

Worley said it is important for staffers to see how Fort Riley uses tax dollars to enhance the mission and keep Soldiers ready to defend their country.

“Divisions in other areas don’t have those capabilities,” he said. “It’s important to know that when we go back and brief our bosses about what’s good about Fort Riley.”

Michael Brooks, a legislative assistant from the office of Kansas Representative Kevin Yoder, said he was looking forward to this trip since he found out he was coming.

“(Fort Riley) is connected to all of us because we are Kansans,” Brooks said. “We’re proud of this installation. It’s one of the premiere installations in the country.”

Worley added the visit is different each year in some way. Sometimes the visit includes different places and sometimes there are new capabilities shown during the tour. Either way, Worley said Fort Riley is fulfilling its role in the Flint Hills and in the state of Kansas.

“You gotta have the space to properly train the Soldiers, and Fort Riley makes that possible,” Worley said.

# Military Police Battalion Soldiers compete in physical, mental challenges

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

Soldiers were up before dawn and began their litter carry, which trekked for almost five miles. The first team made it to the finish line just after the sun began to rise.

The companies of the 97th Military Police Battalion competed in various physical and mental activities March 29 and 30 during the Military Operational Specialty Competition.

The morning of March 30, companies competed in the ruck march starting at 5:45 a.m. Afterward, they had a quick break and moved on to a stress fire competition.

“I would have to say the most difficult part would be the ruck march this morning, carrying the litter,” said Spc. Cydney McHenry, 300th MP Company, 97th MP Bn. “There were so many hills, rough incline, but it wasn’t too bad. We got through it.”

Other Soldiers in the competition also thought the ruck march and litter carry was the hardest part they experienced during the competition.

“So far the five-mile ruck march with the litter carry was probably the hardest thing,” said Sgt. Demetrius James, 287th MP Co., 97th MP Bn. “Everything else has been pretty smooth. We do that (the ruck march) every Thursday with our company.”

Before the stress fire began, he had confidence for his company’s positive outcome in the competition.

“Right now we’re in first place,” James said. “This next event will decide if we keep first or move into second. I feel really confident. I think we’ll do really good.”

However, the Soldiers of 287th MP Co. weren’t able to win the competition. Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th MP Bn. were the victors.

The competitors were in good spirits even though they didn’t win the competition.

“It just shows you how much you can do,” McHenry said. “We don’t get the opportunity to really get out and compete with the other companies a lot, so it gets the morale going and everyone gets excited and really competitive.”



Soldiers of the 97th Military Police Battalion begin the ruck march and litter carry as part of the Military Operational Specialty competition March 30.



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# Steve Blane Hall: a ‘Big Red One’ Soldier

By Phyllis Fitzgerald  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Hall started his career as a midshipman in the Navy, but in 1975 he changed over to the Army and became a UH-1 Huey helicopter mechanic with the military occupational specialty 67N

He had a tour at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and then went to Alabama for UH-1 pilot training.

His story with the “Big Red One” began after he completed pilot training and was awarded the rank of Warrant Officer 1. He was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, from 1979 to 1982 with the 335th Assault Helicopter Company Provisional, 1st Aviation Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. He left for more training at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and then an assignment to Korea.

From 1983 to 1988, he was back at Fort Riley with the 135th Aviation Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. and helped stand up the 4th Aviation Brigade. When he departed, Hall went to Augsburg, West Germany.

In 1991 he returned to Fort Riley and was assigned to the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. as a test pilot and the installation maintenance test flight evaluator.

He said he has fond memories of a tight group of Soldiers here at Fort Riley. Hall said they trained hard together as a team and worked well together in the field. When they departed the field to come back to garrison they would fly out of the field in a 75-ship, coordinated formation and fly past Division Headquarters.

“A really neat thing that the schools would do is when the formation was flying they would let the children go outside and watch the helicopters flying overhead,” Hall said.

In 1993, after 20 years of active-duty military service, he retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. Hall decided to remain in Junction City, Kansas. He said, his kids loved the schools here and wanted to stay until they

graduated. Additionally, his wife Connie had a job with the convention and visitors bureau.

“We also really love the community here and the people,” said Hall.

They intended to leave in 2000 after the kids graduated but by then Connie had become the executive director of the CVB and wanted to stay.

“The biggest thing that I do today is I support my wife Connie in all her efforts at the CVB,” Hall said. “I am her ‘default volunteer.’”

Hall is not only a volunteer for his wife, he is also carrying on his second career. Hall is an assistant radiation safety officer for the Kaw Valley Engineering corporate office in Junction City.

He loves to golf with his wife in their spare time and one of their favorite golf courses is Rolling Meadows in Milford, Kansas.

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

# THEN & NOW



## ‘Quarterhorse’ Soldiers celebrate birthday with ceremony on post

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“Quarterhorse” Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, celebrated the 4th Cav. Regt. birthday during a ceremony March 24.

The regiment was activated March 26, 1855, after Congress recognized the need for mounted regiments in the U.S. Army.

The Quarterhorse Soldiers stood in formation as the narrator discussed the history of the regiment, followed by a moment of silence, the playing of taps and the singing of the regimental, 1st Inf. Div. and Army songs.

During the ceremony, “We discussed the history of the regiment and we (read out) the names of every single one of our Medal of Honor recipients,” said Maj. David R. Lombardo, the squadron’s executive officer. “We were able to make a connection between the old and current Soldiers out there so they can understand it and grasp onto the history that they are a part of.”

Among the attendees was Bill Shea, a veteran of the regiment who served as the commander of Troop A right after returning from Vietnam. Growing up in Denver, Shea joined the Army when he was 17 and served 6 years enlisted and 14 years as an officer.

“I thought the ceremony was super,” Shea said. “I hope that we are going to have more of these types of events in the future.”

For Shea, seeing a new generation of Soldiers take up the reins as Quarterhorse Soldiers helped to reinforce his commitment to the regiment.

“They stand with a long line that stretches back to the horse cavalry days and they’re all a part of that big family,” he said. “Things



**Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, along with Bill Shea, a veteran of the squadron, render a salute during the playing of taps for a regimental birthday celebration March 24. The 4th Cav. Regt. was first activated March 26, 1855, after Congress recognized the need for mounted regiments in the U.S. Army.**

have really changed over the years, but there’s still a relationship there that we’re 4th Cavalry troopers and that’s important.”

Following the ceremony, Lombardo and Shea used a military sabre to cut the regimental birthday cake before distributing a piece to each of the attendees.

While enjoying their cake, the Quarterhorse Soldiers took the time to get to know Shea. Even one of the youngest Soldiers said he understood the importance of reflecting on the lineage of the regiment.

“It’s important to understand the history and to understand how I walk the steps that other heroes have walked on in order to better understand what they went through and the path they were on so I can help to do a better job and go even further,” said Pvt. Andrew Baker, an infantryman with the squadron.

Shea believes the Soldiers of today are carrying on the traditions he valued during his time in

uniform and are helping to build a stronger Army.

“I think they’re fantastic,” Shea said of the Quarterhorse Soldiers. “We’ve never had any Army that was better trained, better equipped and better prepared to fight than we have today. It just keeps getting better and better.”

## Army Community Service earns accreditation

By Maria Childs  
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With a perfect score, the staff of Fort Riley Army Community Service earned their accreditation. A fine-toothed comb inspection team of 10 looked through the records before delivering the result at the beginning of March.

Cheryl Erickson, director of Fort Riley ACS, said the process involved extensive review of the program’s records during a weeklong visit from the accreditation team from Headquarters, Department of the Army.

“It is validation that Fort Riley Army Community Service is a premiere Army program effectively fulfilling its role in meeting the needs of our frequently deploying Soldiers and their families,” Erickson said. “We’re supposed to be here to ameliorate the effects of the military life and all the things that go with that. It is validating to have an outside element come in and say you are part of the best.”

Erickson said strengths noted in the accreditation report included Fort Riley’s unique unit service coordinator program, outreach

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ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

program, meticulous care of security clearances for Soldiers and the employment readiness program.

“I attribute our success to a passionate and seasoned team of professionals,” Erickson said.

Although the majority of the records were contained at ACS, some programs offered are through Irwin Army Community Hospital such as the Exceptional Family Member Program. For the programs that overlapped other agencies on Fort Riley, the team also reviewed those records.

Erickson said the support ACS receives from the staff of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and

Recreation Community Recreation division is important to the results because of the partnership they have helps provide more services to family members. The partnership ACS staff has with their counterparts at IACH played a significant role in the results.

“Their level of service and quality is also reflected in this excellent inspection result,” Erickson said.

Accreditation of ACS happens every three years, and there are more than 600 criteria the staff of ACS has to meet.

“Headquarters wants to see we are here for the Soldiers and families, and we are — there is no question about that,” Erickson said.



# Sexual assault awareness, prevention month proclamation signed at Fort Riley

By Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The month of April wears many hats, and one of those is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

The staff of the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program began the month with Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, 1st Infantry Division senior enlisted leader, and Lt. Col. Scott Schmidt, SHARP manager, signing a proclamation for Fort Riley.

The proclamation states “... 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 ... As Army leaders, all of us have a duty to uphold our values by ensuring a Division free of sexual violence.”

The 1st Infantry Division's theme for the month is “Sexual Assault. Sexual Harassment. Not in Our Army.”

There will be events throughout the month in-

cluding speakers, panels and workshops to help SHARP advocates at the brigade and battalion level.

“Brigade commanders, they will know how to focus their (SHARP) training on their team and know how to make the program better for them,” Robert Hart, SHARP trainer, said.

Schmidt said one of the main focuses this month is male assault. In the past, he said male victims would often be told these things don't happen to a man, and there has been a push to identify that issue within the Army.

“The mindset has got to change,” Schmidt said. “We have a special duty as an Army, as Army leaders, to get involved with this because we're not a typical employer. We have a duty to care for our Soldiers and civilians and family members 24/7. It's not just an on-duty requirement.”

He says eliminating sexual assault altogether is a lofty goal, but he has seen the positive changes being made over the past 20 years.

“Cultural change has to happen,” Schmidt said. “It's a long process, but it's happening.”

For more information, contact the SHARP offices at 785-239-2277.

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- Intervene
- Distract
- Take Action
- Support
- Enlist Others to Help

Where can you turn?

- Fort Riley 24/7 hotline: 785-307-9338.
- SHARP representative: 785-239-2277 or 785-239-3379
- DoD SAFE hotline: 1-877-995-5247 • safehelpline.org

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## 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 IN PROGRESS 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 ROUNDBOUT 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.

# Performance Triad experts outbrief ‘Devil’ leaders

By Spc. Derrik Tribbey  
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Performance Triad, or P3, experts with the U.S. Army met with leaders of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, to conduct their Performance Triad out-brief March 16 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

With this meeting, P3 experts and “Devil” brigade leaders evaluated the effectiveness and emphasized long-term goals of the P3 program.

“The goal was to give ‘Big Red One’ Soldiers an understanding that they themselves are the Army’s best and most important weapon systems,” said Sgt. Maj. Michel Pigford, a U.S. Army Medical Command chief clinical leader with the Office of the Surgeon General and the primary Performance Triad trainer.

Lt. Col. Woo Myong, a health information officer and technology lead with the P3, said the progress she saw with some of the Soldiers was an awareness of their actual steps taken throughout the day and awareness of quality of sleep. The program suggests Soldiers get at least 10,000 steps and eight hours of sleep each day.

“The most apparent progressions that I noticed was the Soldier’s knowledge and awareness of the importance of fueling for the performance of the task at hand and the vital importance of refueling after a strenuous mission in order to be best prepared for the next mission,” Pigford said.

Myong said Soldiers made changes to work toward their goals and grew individually.



Pigford said proper sleep, activity and nutrition habits are the most efficient ways to maintain the human weapon system and prepare them for optimal performance during the execution of their mission for the Big Red One and the Army.

“The key to P3 being a success is not having the attitude that P3 is another task,” Pigford said. “The initial planning, preparation and execution of training events at the company level training meetings and including the trained P3 coaches in the development of the training events will lead to P3 becoming second nature.”

Soldiers learned a holistic view to health through education that was not PowerPoint driven, rather through conversations with their P3 coaches, Pigford said.

Myong wanted Soldiers to use P3 technology as a tool to gauge their status. Technology tools such as fitness devices, apps and resources from websites are available.

“As the Army draws down in personnel, but not in the number of missions required to be executed, it is going to be vitally important that all Soldiers be ready to fight and win our nation’s wars,” Pigford said. “Proper sleep, activity and nutrition habits will increase the readiness of the force.”



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Performance Triad, or P3, experts with the U.S. Army meet with the leaders of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, to conduct their Performance Triad out-brief March 16 at Fort Riley, Kansas. During the meeting, P3 experts and “Devil” brigade leaders evaluated the effectiveness and talked about the long-term goals following the P3 trial program.

## TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of April 8 was “In the March 20 Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, a team representing the 1st Infantry Division participated. What unit was the team from? “

Answer: go to [www.riley.army.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/711746/first-infantry-division-soldiers-honor-bataan-survivors-at-death-march/](http://www.riley.army.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/711746/first-infantry-division-soldiers-honor-bataan-survivors-at-death-march/) (1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division)

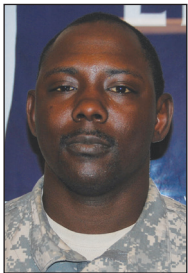
This week's winner is Sarah Caiafa. Sarah is the spouse of Sgt. Paul Caiafa, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

CONGRATULATIONS, SARAH!



RILEY ROUNDTABLE

If you could trade lives with someone for a day, who would it be and why?



"I would say Beethoven. For one, I would be able to understand the era and I could understand some reference points because some people thought he was insane and other people thought he was a genius."

PVT. ANTUAN TOWNS  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion,  
1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade



"Bill Gates. I could see how his mind ticks and how he runs a company of that nature and stays so successful."

SPC. XAVIER PEDRAZA  
YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA

541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion,  
1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade



"Johnny Depp because of all the movies he's been in."

PFC. JERRY AVERY  
YUKON, OKLAHOMA

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



"Elvis Presley. I love his music."

SGT. ANTHONY O'CONNOR  
SHELTON, WASHINGTON

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



"Lebron James. He's got a lot of good endorsements, he's good at basketball and he's rich."

SPC. DOMINIC ALLEN  
NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA

541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion,  
1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade

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SAFETY CORNER

Stay safe while riding motorcycles this spring

By Rodrigo Cruz  
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Motorcycle season is finally here. With the warmer weather and spring and summer days approaching, it's the perfect time to hit the open roads. However, if you've had your bike in storage for most of the year, you will definitely want to make sure the bike is in "ready to ride" condition.

BEFORE STARTING ON A RIDE CHECK, CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK THE BIKE

- Check your owner's manual: It will give specific information for understanding and maintaining your bike. Always have your owner's manual with the bike. It can tell you what to do in emergencies.
- Check the tires: The tires are one of the most important parts of your bike. Check the surface for cuts, foreign objects and tire pressure with a good gauge.
- Check the controls: Cables are strong and rarely break, but check for kinks or stiffness.
- Check your instruments: Check your lights, turn signals, horn and mirrors.
- Check your fluids: Check the oil, fuel, and if your bike is liquid-cooled, the coolant levels.
- Check your chains: If your motorcycle has a chain-drive to the rear wheel, make sure the chain has proper tension and is in good shape.
- Check your stand: Make sure the side-stand and center-stand fold up and stay up.
- Check your brakes: Before you ride off, make sure they work properly and provide good stopping distance.

WHILE ON THE ROAD, SEE AND BE SEEN

- See hazards: Scan around you for potential hazards. Evaluate any possible hazards, such as railroad tracks, turning cars, etc.
- See others seeing you: Make sure you can see others and they can see you, as much as possible.
- See traffic: Intersections are particularly dangerous. Always check for traffic coming from the side and from behind. Make sure no one is about to run up your tailpipe.

CARRYING A PASSENGER MAKES YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SAFETY

- Review the motorcycle owner's manual for tips on preparing for riding with a passenger.
- Make sure the motorcycle is designed to carry a passenger.
- If you decide to carry a child, make sure the child is mature enough to handle the responsibility, can reach the footrests, wears a helmet and other protective gear, and holds onto you or the passenger hand-holds.
- Instruct your passenger to keep his or her legs away from moving parts and the muffler to avoid burns. Instruct your passenger to limit movement and talking.
- Remember the extra weight can affect braking procedures, starting from a stop and riding through a corner.
- Do not exceed the weight limitations specified in the manual.

PROPER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IS YOUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

- Helmet: For personnel riding motorcycle and ATVs at Fort Riley, their

helmets must be certified to meet Department of Transportation Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 218. All helmets must be properly fastened under the chin.

- Eye protection: Designed to meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1, reference (z) for impact and shatter resistance includes goggles, wraparound glasses or a full-face shield — properly attached to a helmet. Amber or clear lenses are encouraged for night riding.
- Foot protection: This should include sturdy over-the-ankle footwear to provide protection for the feet and ankles — durable leather or ballistic-type cloth athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn.
- Protective clothing: Includes long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material.

When in doubt, check Commanding General Policy 6, Fort Riley Command Safety Policy Letter, which is available on the U.S. Army Garrison, Safety Office at [www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/Safety/](http://www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/Safety/). This policy letter has all the applicable information concerning Motorcycle, Moped, Motor Scooter, All-Terrain Vehicle and Specialty Vehicles Safety Program.

In addition, the Safety Office provides free motorcycle training which includes the Basic Rider Course, Basic Rider Course 2 (formerly known as Experienced Rider Course) and Military Sport Bike Rider Course to all active-duty, reservists, National Guard and Department of Defense civilians whose job requires them to operate Government-owned motorcycles.

For more information about enrollment, please contact the Safety Office at 785-239-3391 or 785-240-0647.

Local U.S. district court results for March

STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

MARCH 3

Tamara Matagi; Manhattan, Kansas, pleaded to possession of marijuana. District Court sentence: 1 year probation and \$25 special assessment.

Jason A. Price; Fort Riley, Kansas, pleaded to interference with law enforcement and criminal trespass. District Court sentence: 1 year probation and \$25 special assessment.

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Samantha Vargas; Fort Riley, Kansas, pleaded to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$50 fine, \$5 special assessment.

Kwashenda Stevenson; Fort Riley, Kansas. Found guilty after trial of child endangerment. District Court sentence: \$25 special assessment.

Joseph E. Cotton; Grandview Plaza, Kansas, pleaded to theft. District Court sentence: \$200 fine and \$25 special assessment.

Alexander S. Flores; Schertz, Texas. pleaded to possession of controlled substance and criminal damage to property. District Court sentence: \$200 fine, \$25 special assessment and 1 year probation.

Randi A. Warren; Fort Riley, Kansas, pleaded to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$50 fine and \$5 special assessment.

Jaron L. Lacey; Jacksonville, Florida, pleaded to theft of government property. District Court sentence: \$200 fine and \$25 special assessment.

SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL MARCH RESULTS

March 11 at a summary court-martial convened at Fort Riley, Spc. Brion N. Medina, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor

Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, pleaded guilty to one specification of absent without leave and two specifications of wrongful use of marijuana, in violation of Articles 86 and 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The summary court-martial officer sentenced the accused to be reduced to the grade of E-1 and to forfeit \$1,044.00 pay. A pre-trial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

March 14 at a summary court-martial convened at Fort Riley, Pvt. Semaj T. Redd, Headquarters and Supply Company, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., was convicted of three specifications of failure to go to his appointed place of duty, two specifications of willfully disobeying a noncommissioned officer and two specifications of disrespect to a noncommissioned officer, in violation of Articles 86 and 91 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The summary court-martial officer sentenced the accused to be confined for 30 days and to forfeit \$1,044.00 pay.

March 16 at a summary court-martial convened at Fort Riley, Pvt. Anthony J. Roper, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., pleaded guilty to one specification of failure to report, one specification of disrespect to a noncommissioned officer and two specifications of false official statement, in violation of Articles 86, 91, and 107 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The summary court-martial officer sentenced the accused to be confined for 30 days and to forfeit \$1,044.00 pay. A pre-trial agreement limited confinement in excess of 15 days.

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL DEFINED AND EXPLAINED

The function of the summary court-martial is to promptly adjudicate minor

offenses under a simple procedure and thoroughly and impartially inquire into both sides of the matter, ensuring the interests of both the Government and the accused are safeguarded and justice is done. The summary court-martial can adjudicate minor offenses allegedly committed by enlisted service members.

Jurisdiction. Summary courts-martial have the power to try only enlisted members. A summary court-martial may not try a commissioned officer, warrant officer, cadet, aviation cadet or midshipmen. A summary court-martial may only consider noncapital offenses.

Punishments. A summary court-martial can adjudge maximum punishments of 30 days confinement; hard labor without confinement for 45 days; restriction to specified limits for 45 days; forfeiture of two-thirds' pay per month for one month; and reduction to the lowest pay grade. In the case of enlisted members above the pay grade of E-4, the summary court-martial may not adjudge confinement or hard labor without confinement and can only reduce the service member to the next lower pay grade.

Composition. Summary courts-martial are composed of one commissioned officer who need not be a lawyer. The accused must consent to the proceedings. If an accused refuses to consent to a trial by summary court-martial, a trial may be ordered by special or general court-martial at the discretion of the convening authority.

Representation. If the accused consents, he or she normally is not entitled to a lawyer during the proceeding. However, if the accused elects to hire civilian counsel, he or she may be represented by such counsel as long as the representation would not unreasonably delay the proceedings and military exigencies do not preclude it.

Riley Ride Schedule

Looking for a safe ride on Friday or Saturday night to Aggieville? Pick up a ticket at Leisure Travel or bring cash (exact change only) to the bus. Tickets are \$5 for two rides in either direction or \$10 for five rides in either direction. For more information, call 785-239-5614.

Building 7003	10 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	3:07 a.m.
Bowling Center	10:03 p.m.	11:33 p.m.	3:04 a.m.
Warrior Zone	10:05 p.m.	11:35 p.m.	3:01 a.m.
Building 7000F	10:10 p.m.	11:40 p.m.	2:59 a.m.
Building 7000G	10:12 p.m.	11:42 p.m.	2:54 a.m.
Building 7000A	10:15 p.m.	11:45 p.m.	2:52 a.m.
Rally Point	10:20 p.m.	11:50 p.m.	2:48 a.m.
Building 210	10:25 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	2:45 a.m.
WTB Barracks	10:32 p.m.	12:02 a.m.	2:38 a.m.
Building 694	10:37 p.m.	12:07 a.m.	2:33 a.m.
12 <sup>th</sup> and Bluemont (Aggieville)	11 p.m.	12:30 a.m. Bus waits until final return	Departs at 2:15 a.m. for final return to Fort Riley



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SAFETY HOLIDAY



As of Wednesday, April 5, Thirty-eight days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. Seventy-three more and the post will celebrate with a safety holiday to take place at each unit's discretion.





JILL BIDEN, SPOUSE OF VICE PRESIDENT, TOURS FORT RILEY



Amanda Kim Stairrett  
1ST INF. DIV.

Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, speaks with Jill Biden, spouse of vice president Joseph Biden, as they walk with Natalie Morales, “Today Show” news anchor; Shelia Nix, Biden’s chief of staff; and Mrs. Cynthia Grigsby, wife of the “Big Red One” commanding general; to the Grigsbys’ home on Fort Riley April 6. Biden was on post April 5 and 6 to celebrate the Month of the Military Child and as part of her Joining Forces initiative. While on post, Biden met with active-duty service members, military spouses and military-connected students and teachers. For full coverage of Biden’s visit, see next week’s issue of the 1st Inf. Div. Post.

1ST INFANTRY DIVISION SUPPORTS AIR FORCE IN NIGHTTIME TRAINING



COURTESY PHOTO

The United States Air Force’s 19th Operations Support Squadron and 61st Airlift Squadron conducted night static load training on Marshall Army Air Field April 4 to 7. Four C-130 crews from Little Rock AFB worked with the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade loading humvees, fuel tankers, connexes and forklifts. First Sust. Bde also used boom forklifts, equipment not part of USAF inventory, but commonly used when supporting Army missions.

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corpsmen went through training in groups based on what they were qualifying for.

“For beginner you have to do a high dive and jump in from the high platform, re-surface and float for a while,” said Lance Cpl. Landon Miller. “You have to do a gear tote from one side of the pool to the other. At intermediate, you have to be able to shed gear and be able to basically make your own flotation device out of your clothing and a couple of other things. And

MCWST, that’s more of getting you ready for a lifeguard position.”

McDeromtt explained what extra things went into the MCWST training, including weight swimming with bricks and a 100-meter swim, which was 10 laps in the pool.

“It’s more in-depth water training for more advanced situations, basically,” McDermott said.

The unit finished their training and qualifications Sunday afternoon.

# CYSS SPORTS NEEDS YOU!

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# RANGER

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physical sense but someone who can motivate you.”

Second Lt. Deaven Miller, an operations and training officer with 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., and Staff Sgt. Gustavo Medrano, a platoon sergeant with 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., came in third and fourth place and will be on the second team.

First Lt. Todd Sullivan, a scout platoon leader with 2nd Bn., 70th Armor Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., placed fifth and will serve as an alternate.

Gaudet, who competed in the 2015 competition, said their training includes running, strength workouts, ruck marches, swimming, medical, weapons and more.

“We are very prepared,” Nelson said. “I feel good about where we are physically but also about our individual and collective skills. But we must remain flexible at Fort Benning.”

The Soldiers trained with athletic professionals at K-State once a week for eight weeks. There they received guidance on recovery, nutrition, mental wellness and overall training guidance.

“The relationship we developed with Fort Riley and the Best Ranger Team was based upon recovery and helping them perform at their optimal level,” said Phillip Vardiman, an associate professor and the director of the athletic training program at K-State. “They did a great job. We had a small team of individuals here at K-State

who really were solid in providing support to help them.”

Vardiman gave the Soldiers’ guidance as they used K-State’s newly donated hydrotherapy pool. This system submerged the Soldiers chest deep in water as they ran on an aquatic treadmill.

When they started eight weeks ago, their speed was 5.4 mph and at week seven, their speed was at 6.2 mph, Vardiman said. The hydrotherapy pool also used resistance with underwater jet streams to challenge the Soldiers.

“This was great,” Gaudet said. “K-State has been showing up at 6 a.m. once a week, bending over backwards for us and treating us on their own personal time. We have a great partnership. Hopefully, we can expand this into the future and build a bigger and stronger partnership for next year’s team.”

Joel Druvenga, a sports psychology intern at K-State and a master resilience trainer performance expert with Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness at Fort Riley, said the Soldiers are now mentally prepared with mindfulness training. Mindfulness training helps Soldier’s concentrate on their goals and not allow physical obstacles to hinder their performances.

Being acclimated to Kansas, the group of Soldiers studied the new terrain, climate and obstacles they will face at Fort Benning.

The Soldiers traveled to Fort Benning March 31, where they will continue to train for the two weeks prior to the competition.

“We are going to show up with that Big Red One patch on our shoulders,” Gaudet said. “It will make it very special when we are standing on the podium.”

## ENGINEERING A BRIGHT FUTURE



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff from the Fort Riley Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program coordinated a panel discussion with the Society of American Military Engineers March 29. The event also included a network session for a group of 14 Soldiers who are transitioning from the Army into civilian life. Joining the panel is Chief Warrant Officer 5 Carlos M. Jimenez (seated second from left), 1st Infantry Division Soldier for Life Representative. Also on the panel (seated second from right) is Art DeGroat, director of Military Affairs at Kansas State University. The event was sponsored by University of Missouri-Kansas City. “The event was a huge success,” Jimenez said, “and several of our Soldiers were able to be interview for potential hiring with engineering firms.”







# Garrison awards presented

Collen McGee | POST

**LEFT:** Brian Bartlett, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and recreation, relocation assistance program manager received an award April 1 as Employee of the Month for February. He was recognized for his support in relocating families. He seeks ways to identify challenges being faced by Soldiers and families to ensure their needs are met. His motto is “no one sleeps on the floor.” **RIGHT:** A team safety award was presented to Rick Hearn, Rodrigo Cruz and Ronald Clasberry for their work in presenting a motorcycle safety stand-down day to the Combat Aviation Brigade.



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and said it’s the reason Fort Riley and other firefighters were able to support Barber County so quickly.

“Because the team comes together every year and we work with each other — even though we’re from different agencies and even different states — we know each other because we work on these projects and tasks,” he said. “We sit on different work groups and committees for the state; we have a Kansas Wildland Fire interagency group. We also have Kansas prescribed fire groups. So it’s these partnerships that we’ve formed in these classrooms and in training that allowed us to come together very quickly, to know the strengths of each person and to be able to

capitalize on that immediately.”

Nine Fort Riley firefighters assisted other entities the remainder of the week, battling the blaze in Barber County. But there were many others who helped across the state.

“It’s amazing to see cowboys from all over showing up to help move cattle around and keep them safe,” Neely said. “Fence builders showed up to start rebuilding fences. We could talk about the fire suppression side of things, but the awesome community support from across the state that came to provide all these peripheral items — they were sorely needed and should be considered a great achievement. It shows how Kansans will always pull together and help each other out.”

## PRESCRIBED BURN Continued from page 1

When the burn is performed, it results in days Kansas residents are familiar with: a smoky cast in the air combined with the unmistakable smell of burning grass.

### WHY BURN THE PRAIRIE?

The Kansas Great Plains supports countless varieties of animals, as well as the region’s economy, and fire is essential to its success.

According to John Briggs, professor of biology at Kansas State University and director of the Konza Prairie Biological Station, “fire removes old growth, so what is left is the black surface. Then the radiation from the sun warms up those soils. The mulch has been removed (by fire) and

the grasses can then come out without competing with the mulch.”

The biology of the tallgrass in the Flint Hills is such that “90 percent of the growth takes place below ground,” Briggs said. “The tallgrass is amazingly adaptive and over millions of years has developed extensive root systems that protects it from both fire and grazing animals. And it is a sustainable process, so unless something is done to hurt the system, it will continue.”

Aware of the mission of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, Briggs praised the work done by planners and wildland managers from the Environmental Division and the DES firefighters.

“They have a very active management plan,” he said.

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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."

### SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS

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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### FAMILY BINGO GOLF PAR-TEE SLATED FOR APRIL 10

In celebration of the Professional Golfers Association's 100th birthday, Rally Point has scheduled a Golf Par-TEE Family Bingo Day.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for youngsters. Adults can win cash and kids can win prizes. Those dressed in their best golf gear are eligible to enter a dress-up contest.

For more information, call 785-375-3260.

### RILEY RASCALS RESALE MARKET SET FOR MAY 14

The Riley Rascals Resale Market is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 14, at Rally Point on Fort Riley.

This is an opportunity to buy or sell gently used children's clothing, toys and goods. The market is for children's goods only; no car seats or cribs are allowed.

Admission is \$1 for people 13 years old and older. Those 12 and under are admitted free.

The event still needs vendors as well. Booth space is \$25.

For more information, call 785-375-3260.

## Military families needing child care get boost

### New child care website allows parents to build care profile

Staff report

Fort Riley parents wishing to manage the care their children receive from Child Youth and School Services departments across the Army will receive a boost in June.

That is when Fort Riley will be officially online for a new single-portal Department of Defense website.

### COMING IN JUNE TO FORT RILEY

• In June, the website — [www.MilitaryChildCare.com](http://www.MilitaryChildCare.com) — will allow parents to build profiles for their children then reach out across services, whether at Fort Riley or elsewhere, to find out what is available.

According to Michelle Durgin, Fort Riley CYSS coordinator, the website — [www.MilitaryChildCare.com](http://www.MilitaryChildCare.com) — allows parents to build profiles for their children then reach out across services, whether at Fort Riley or elsewhere, to find out what is available.

This is particularly useful in helping parents get the most out of an installation's resources, she said.

"For things like child care," Durgin said, "there are a limited number of spaces. This website allows parents to manage and update the status of their children, put their names on waiting lists and be notified when a space becomes available."

A major benefit of this site, Durgin said, is once it is implemented — the

website will be fully available at posts and other installations in the United States and Europe in December — the site will not be geography-specific; parents can manage care for their children no matter where they go.

According to Theresa Sanders, the Installation Management Command Child, Youth and School Services Outreach Services program manager, "the vital function of this website is to simplify the child care search process, helping patrons make better informed decisions about their child care needs."

See WEBSITE, page 10



Staff and kids of Forsyth Child Development Center carry their banner during the Month of the Military Child Parade March 28. The parade started at the Artillery Parade Field at Schofield Circle and ended at Cavalry Parade Field.

## CELEBRATING THE

# Military child

## Annual parade begins Month of the Military Child

STORY AND PHOTOS BY HANNAH KLEOPFER | 1ST INF. DIV. POST

**A**mid laughing and dancing children, the Month of the Military Child began March 28 with the annual parade through historic Fort Riley, starting at the Artillery Parade Field at Schofield Circle and ending at the Cavalry Parade Field in the center of the Main Post.

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and the 1st Infantry Division Band joined the event, with the CGMCG trotting through the streets as the band played.

Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole made some brief comments to those in attendance before signing a proclamation for MOMC. This year marks the 30th in which MOMC has been recognized.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is also observed in April and the proclamation



Children hold hands and march down the road of Historic Main Post during the Month of the Military Child Parade March 28. The parade started at the Artillery Parade Field at Schofield Circle and ended at the Cavalry Parade Field.

"The children of our service members have never known a time of peace, which means their reality includes the fear that one or both of their parents might not come home."

MICHELLE DURGIN

FORT RILEY CHILD, YOUTH AND SCHOOL SERVICES

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## Auto clinic a resource for youngsters, families

### Army Community Services extends workshop, tour to include children

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

In an effort to help the spouses of deployed Soldiers, staff of Army Community Services partnered with the staff of the Auto Skills Center to teach spouses and their families about their facility and basics about working on their vehicles.

Mechanic Rick Newlon took participants on a tour of the Auto Skills Center and through some safety training to use the facility.

"We want them to know that our facility is available," Beverly Johnson,

### MORE INFORMATION

• For more information about the Auto Skills Center, call 785-239-9764.

facility manager, said. "We'll help them in any way possible. They can learn some things about how to take care of their vehicle here. We'll do a 25-point check on their car."

Jennifer Diggs, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Diggs, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, came with her two sons, Derrick, 15, and Brandon, 13.

"Derrick is doing his driver's training and he's going to have his

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Mechanic Rick Newlon passes along instruction on how to use a car lift during the Hearts Apart Auto Clinic at the Auto Skills Center April 2. Joining Newlon are, from left, Derrick Diggs II, 15, Brandon Diggs, 13, and their mother Jennifer Diggs, family of Sgt. 1st Class, Derrick Diggs, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

### IF YOU GO

#### Hiring Heroes Career Fair

» 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 20  
» Riley's Conference Center  
446 Seitz Drive, Fort Riley

For more information about this program, visit [godefense.cpmosd.mil/veterans/hiringheroes.aspx](http://godefense.cpmosd.mil/veterans/hiringheroes.aspx).

## Career fair focuses on heroes of the military

### Hiring Heroes event set for April 20 on Fort Riley

By Maria Childs  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Hiring Heroes Career Fair is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 20 at Riley's Conference Center. The Hiring Heroes program is the Department of Defense's outreach program for providing jobs to service members in different stages of the military.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense collaborates with staff at Fort Riley and other federal agencies and private sector companies to conduct this event.

Since 2005, the program has assisted more than 30,000 employers and there has been about 74 career fairs held all over the country. The Office of the Secretary of Defense has been conducting the career fair annually at Fort Riley for almost 10 years.

Kristina Springer, employment readiness program manager, Army Community Service at Fort Riley, said the primary effort is to provide a job search opportunity to wounded, ill or injured veterans as well as those transitioning to civilian life after their time in the service.

"As these service members embark on the road to recovery and/or transition out of the military, DOD provides help with their transition into the civilian workforce by organizing and conducting Hiring Heroes Career Fairs," Springer said.

This year, there will be more than 60 private sector recruiters and employers seeking service members from Fort Riley to fill a need. Some recruiters may conduct on-site interviews.

Although the event annually occurs at Fort Riley, Springer said different employers come each year.

"There are local to national employers, from private sector to Department of Defense and federal agencies," Springer said.



# Wild West fundraiser proves rewarding

Spouses Club supports community, funds grants

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

Country music played at Riley's Conference Center for the Spouses Club's Wild West night as organizers of the event focused on giving back to the community.

"The most important thing about our Wild West night is that we are going to give back to the Fort Riley community and surrounding areas," said Sheila Kay Weaver, Spouses Club president and wife of Sgt. Stephen Weaver, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. "We look forward to this moment all year. This is the 'big kahuna' of our fundraisers. This is our moment to take as many applications as possible for our Community Outreach Assistance Grant ap-



From left, Carrie Rose, wife of Maj. Kristopher Rose, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Julianne Braudis, wife of James Braudis, DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., and Cyndi Gilbert, wife of Maj. Joseph Gilbert, DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., play one of the casino-style games during the Spouses Club Wild West fundraiser event April 2 at Riley's Conference Center.

plication and just give back. If your organization needs any sort of money, we want to give it to you. It's just our way ... on Fort Riley as well as some of the public to say 'hey, let's support everybody while we're here.'"

Riley's Conference Center was decorated with hay bales and cowboy cutouts. Members of the club created a night full of excitement between casino-

style games, silent auction items and larger live auction items.

"I've been to several western nights, and this is probably one of the better ones I've been to," said Amy Phillipson, wife of Maj. Robert Phillipson, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. "I think this is a great fundraiser. It's nice to help out the community scholarships because some of us

are here for a couple years, so it's nice to help out in whatever way we can."

Phillipson took on the task of guarding the "jail" in the room. The jail was used as another fundraising opportunity, as people could pay to have a person of their choice sent to the jail. Denra Riley, Spouses Club secretary and wife of Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Riley, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, was sent to the jail by a co-worker who joked she was a "mean" boss.

"I think it's wonderful, and we've had a lot more people here than we had last year already," Riley said. "This is always a great event because all the money made at this event goes back into the community, so I think that's the best part about this event all together."

Riley said she looked forward to the live auction, having her eye on one of the auction prizes donated by 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. that included lawn chairs and a fire pit.

To find out other ways to donate to Spouses Club or to join, go to [fortrileycocsc.com](http://fortrileycocsc.com).

# Red Cross staff holds disaster training

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

Two volunteer instructors from the Topeka chapter of the American Red Cross taught a course about the fundamentals of disaster shelter operations at the Military Troop Schools on Custer Hill March 29.

Leslie Jones, Service to the Armed Forces regional program specialist for the Red Cross at Fort Riley, said the course was a scaled-back version of the training the Red Cross can provide. Due to access security on the installation, Red Cross professionals cannot always guarantee they will be able to gain access to the installation when a disaster strikes, so they train members of the community to know how to help in the situation.

"I think the best conversations we have had are the 'what-if' scenarios," Jones said. "We've had a lot of great scenarios brought up by the class, and our instructors have so much experience to elaborate on and show examples."

Jones said this is important because it makes the training



Jim Smallback, volunteer instructor with the Topeka chapter of the American Red Cross, teaches a course about the fundamentals of disaster shelter operations at the Military Troop Schools on Custer Hill March 29. This course did not result in certification, but instead taught participants about what it means to run a disaster shelter.

customized to what the people in the course want to know specifically. For example, staff of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hold all the shelters under their watch, therefore, their staff was present to gain knowledge about how to operate a disaster shelter.

Rex Willey, Chief of the Support Services Division of DFMWR, said the partnership with Red Cross has been beneficial in many ways, and this

training is one example of the growth of the partnership.

"The Red Cross had been only a last resort that Fort Riley looked to in an emergency, but as our partnership grew, the benefits and ability to combine resources was a win-win," Willey said. "So when they offered to teach this class, it was an opportunity we could not pass up. While the class was taught from a civilian sheltering viewpoint, there were many similarities we will use in ours."

Willey said examples of things they plan to use from the kit included posters and arm bands to identify staff who are working the shelter during a disaster.

"When you have Soldiers running a shelter that is housing Families to include Soldiers, it can be hard to identify who is running the place and who is using it," Willey said.

The training did not result in certification, but the Red Cross does offer additional training.

Becky LaPolice, Service to the Armed Forces regional program manager for the Red Cross at Fort Riley, said this course was general information and introductory level information.

"There's additional training that Red Cross can provide that goes more in depth," LaPolice said. "This is just a general entry-level training."

Jones agreed. She added another side of the training was how to physiologically assess people affected by a disaster.

"This gives them knowledge of the things to look for and signs adults and children can show in the case of a disaster," Jones said.

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By using MilitaryChild-Care.com, Sanders added, parents can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care they need, and submit a request for care at any time from any location, Sanders explained.

March was when the initial wave of garrisons were brought online for this service, Sanders said. They included Aberdeen Proving Ground, Forts Belvoir, Campbell, Detrick (Forest Glen and Frederick), Drum, Knox, Lee and Meade, Watervliet Arsenal and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

Joining Fort Riley in June are 27 new garrisons, including: Forts Benning, Bliss, Buchanan, Bragg, Carson, Gordon, Hamilton, Hood, Jackson, Leavenworth, Leonard Wood, McAlester, McCoy, Polk, Rucker, Sill, Stewart; Detroit, Picatinny, Pine Bluff, Redstone and Rock Island Arsenals; Anniston and Tobyhanna Army Depots; Carlisle Barracks; West Point; and U.S. Army Garrison Miami. Specific dates of access will be announced locally so all Soldiers and care-givers will be aware of the timing of the change and how it will impact their family.

Each garrison is working to notify the families affected and assist in the implementation of the DOD website rollout, Sanders said.

"We expect the implementation of this new website to be seamless," she said. "Those families already receiving child care services will continue to receive those services without interruption. Those whose name is already on a waiting list will be entered on the new website."

## CHILD

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recognized that as well.

"I know both are important to you all as well for the whole year round," Cole said. "Month of the Military Child is not just something we do here at Fort Riley. It's actually one that goes across the Department of Defense and it's put in place to honor all military children."

Cole asked the crowd how many United States military children they thought there were. He let children come up and try to guess. The highest guess was 5,000, which wasn't

even close. According to Cole, there are 1.7 million military dependents under the age of 18.

Cole finished by signing the proclamation.

"MOMC provides an opportunity to recognize the unique spirit of the children of those who serve," said Michelle Durgin, coordinator for Fort Riley Child, Youth and School Services. "The children of our Service Members have never known a time of peace, which means their reality includes the fear that one or both of their

parents might not come home. In spite of, and sometimes because of, this new normal, our kids are resilient and ready to face whatever life throws at them. MOMC provides us the chance to recognize their service in providing their parents a reason to put themselves in harm's way."

To find out about what the staff of CYSS is doing to celebrate MOMC this month, visit the CYSS Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/RileyCYSS](http://www.facebook.com/RileyCYSS).

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own vehicle, so he needs to know what to check for," Jennifer said. "We'll be coming back so he can get more training."

Tim Carter of ACS Outreach said the workshop usually only includes spouses, but having children there was a great opportunity to involve the whole family.

"Teenagers of deployed Soldiers can get an idea on basic car maintenance and help their parents and reduce some of the stress there," Carter said.

The tour started with learning the basics of how to get a car on the lift and do an oil change. Then they were able to see everything the Auto Skills Center had including an engine rebuild

area, paint booth and body shop where people were there working on restoring classic vehicles.

"They had a lot of things to do," Derrick said. "I think when I need an oil change or something, I would bring it here to do that."

For more information about the Auto Skills Center, call 785-239-9764.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Honoring military kids strengthens our future

By Col. Andrew Cole Jr. FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

April is Month of the Military Child and the theme

this year is "Celebrate Military Children: The Strength Our Future."

The celebration began in 1986 to emphasize how children are a key part of the Armed Forces Community.

It's not easy being a child with one or both parents in the military. Today's military children grow up in an environment where their experience challenges their civilian friends don't understand. They have to make sacrifices as they contend with separation from deployed parents and frequent adjustments to new communities, friends and schools. Even when the parent is home, training and work schedules often demand long workdays.

When Soldiers are confident their children are being taken care of, it provides an environment where they can focus on their duties and strengthens our fighting force. That same reassurance is as needed by our children. They need to know we are all there for them.

The official start of the Month of the Military child at Fort Riley included a children's parade and proc-

lamation signing at Artillery Parade Field March 28.

Staff of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are hosting several events during April to recognize the contributions and sacrifices our Army children experience. The DFMWR staff is committed to providing quality services and support for the military children. For more information on Month of the Military Child activities, visit [www.facebook.com/rileymwr](http://www.facebook.com/rileymwr).

Another resource is Military Kids Connect, an online community for military children age 6 to 17 years that provides access to age-appropriate resources to support the unique challenges of military life. The site has videos, activities and participation in monitored online forums to help children face challenges during significant family transitions. The online forums provide a place for children to connect with others experiencing similar situations. It helps to know they are not alone. For more information visit [militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/](http://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/)


The children are the strength of our future and I am committed to ensuring our kids have quality care and activities.

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Colonel Cole

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## HIRING HEROES CAREER FAIR

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR WARRIORS IN TRANSITION AND THEIR FAMILIES



Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Riley's Conference Center

Building 446, Huebner and Seitz Drive  
Fort Riley, KS 66442

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come network with employers from the Department of Defense, other Federal agencies and private sector firms with positions available for wounded, ill, injured and transitioning service members, Veterans, their spouses and primary caregivers. For more information, please contact: Ms. Sylvia Parker at 571-372-2124 or [sylvia.o.parker.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sylvia.o.parker.civ@mail.mil)

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**  
• Zootopia (PG) 7 P.M.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
• Zootopia (PG-13) 2 P.M.  
• Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (R) 7 P.M.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**  
• London Has Fallen (R) 5 P.M.



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



# 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.isportsman.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 TOURNAMENT



Spc. Joe Farmer, 97th Military Police Battalion, tries to pull a flag from Pfc. Dwight McKinney, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, during the flag football championship game April 2 at Long Fitness Center.

# Double overtime for the win

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

The wind was blowing and dirt was kicking up as Soldiers guarded their turf on the football field at Long Fitness Center.

Soldiers across post took part of their weekend to participate in the flag football tournament April 2. The championship game was between Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and a team with an assortment of players from across the installation.

“It’s been going great for us,” said Staff Sgt. Wayne McTeer, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. “We come out here and we dominate every team every day.”

McTeer said they were 100 percent confident they would win the championship, and he was correct. The challenging game went into double over time, with McTeer’s team beating the Soldiers of 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. 13–7.

“We win. That’s what we do,” McTeer said.

The tournament started at 9 a.m. for all Department of

Defense cardholders and was single elimination. Soldiers of 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., finished their last game before the championship started, giving them little time to rest between.

However, the team was able to score the first touchdown of the game early in the first half. Both teams had strong defense throughout, but with little scoring, it ended tied 7–7, sending them into a scoreless overtime.

During the second overtime, McTeer’s team took the win with a touchdown, but team captain Staff Sgt. Eugene Frazier of 1st Bn. 16th Inf. Regt. was proud of what his team accomplished during the tournament.

“Our team was full of fire and ready to do what we do and that’s play the game of football,” Frazier said. “At whatever cost, we adapted to each opponent to come up with the victory. Even though we were defeated in double overtime in the championship game, we knew that we were the best team on Fort Riley and will remain to play with the high intensity and competitive spirit that we always play with as a team.”

For more information about intramurals and tournaments, go to [www.rileymwr.com](http://www.rileymwr.com).



Pfc. Chris Locklin, 977th Military Police Company, 97th MP Battalion, tries to steal the ball from Pfc. Dwight McKinney, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, during the flag football championship April 2 at Long Fitness Center.

# Feathers fly during youth turkey hunt

By Hannah Kleopfer  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The 10th annual youth turkey hunt took place April 2 and 3 where kids in the area got up before the sun to get into the outdoors. There were nine participants ranging between ages 9 and 15 in the Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group sponsored turkey hunt. By the end of the weekend, the group left with seven turkeys, and two of the young hunters left with doubles.

The State of Kansas has a designated season for youth under the age of 15 and disabled people of any age. The season started April 1 and ends April 12.

David McNeal, retired 1st Sgt. and FROG Spring Youth Turkey Hunt Coordinator said the event provides an opportunity for the youth to get out and appreciate the outdoors.

“It is much more than just a hunting trip, but an opportunity to experience the many natural resources on Fort Riley,” he said.

On Friday evening, the young hunters went to the Skeet and Trap Range on post for an orientation class where they learned technique and safety for the turkey hunt.

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LEFT: Jonathan Dale, son of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Andrew Dale, 78th Military Police Detachment, listens as Gordon Allen provides instructions prior to shooting targets April 1 at the Fort Riley Skeet and Trap Range. RIGHT: Donny Davis, son of Staff Sgt. Donald Davis, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, sits with the turkey he shot during the Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group’s youth turkey hunt April 2 and 3.



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Ollie Hunter, Fort Riley Outdoors Group, taught a safety class to youth turkey hunters April 1 prior to a hunt held April 2 to 3.

“Turkey hunting is very, very challenging,” said Ollie Hunter, FROG volunteer, in an interview with WIBW. “It’s not available in every state. We are so blessed here in the state of Kansas that our turkey hunting is among the best in America.”

The kids started their hunts early Saturday morning on post with a mentor, who stayed with them throughout the hunt.

“The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group sponsors this event in a way of supporting the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism’s ‘Pass it on’ program, as well as a venue of supporting the youth of Soldiers who are deployed and not able to be here during the season to take their youth hunting,” McNeal said.

The Pass It On program matches adult mentors with children who want to learn more about the outdoors and includes fishing, camping, hiking, bird watching, archery, hunting and more.

For more information about FROG and other youth hunting opportunities on Fort Riley, go to [www.fortrileyoutdoorsmengroup.com](http://www.fortrileyoutdoorsmengroup.com).

# Injured Soldier strives to excel

Story and photo by Ronald Wolf  
U.S. ARMY WARRIOR TRANSITION  
COMMAND

FORT BLISS, Texas — Army Staff Sgt. Tiffany Rodriguez-Rexroad’s goals in participating in the Army Trials in Fort Bliss for the 2016 Department of Defense Warrior Games were to heal and to remain on active duty.

Rodriguez-Rexroad was injured in December when as a pedestrian she was hit by a truck. She’s since had hip-replacement surgery and is recovering.

She was at the 2016 U.S. Army Trials trying out for the team for the first time, competing in cycling and field events such as shot put and air rifle marksmanship. Rodriguez-Rexroad is unable to participate in events such as sitting volleyball until she recovers from her surgery.

She is assigned to the Brooke Army Medical Center, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Her hometown is Bruceton Mills, West Virginia, which she claims has a population of 85.

## MAJOR ATHLETIC COMPETITION

More than 100 wounded, ill and injured soldiers and veterans were at Fort Bliss to train and compete in adaptive sports including archery, cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field, and wheelchair basketball.

The Army Trials, conducted by the Army Warrior Transition Command from March 6 to 10, help to determine who will get a spot on the 2016 Army Team for the DOD Warrior Games. About 250 athletes, representing teams from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, U.S. Special Operations Command and the British armed forces will compete in the DOD Warrior Games June 14 to 22 at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Rodriguez-Rexroad said she’s especially appreciative of the coaches who helped her at the Warrior Transition Battalion and at the Army Trials. Her athletic skills and conditioning have improved since arriving at Fort Bliss, she said.

She said she began adaptive reconditioning activities such as field events and shooting air rifles at the battalion, noting they helped her feel positive about herself. She started participating in cycling, which enabled her to maintain weight and fitness levels and led her to competing.

Cycling, she said, is her favorite event, and she has been doing it for about a year. When she first saw a hand cycle at the Center for the Intrepid, she said, “That’s cool, I want to try that.”

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AIDS RECOVERY

Adaptive reconditioning includes any physical activities wounded, ill and injured soldiers and veterans participate in to support physical and emotional well-being.



Army Staff Sgt. Tiffany Rodriguez-Rexroad, Warrior Transition Battalion, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, works to improve her shot put skills during a training session Feb. 28. More than 100 wounded, ill and injured soldiers and veterans were at Fort Bliss, Texas, to train and compete in a series of athletic events including archery, cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field, and wheelchair basketball to help in determining who will get a spot on the Army team for the 2016 Department of Defense Warrior Games.

“Being able to do this stuff makes me able to know that I’m not broken,” she said.

To support each wounded, ill or injured soldier’s return to the force or transition to veteran status, the Army created a framework called the Comprehensive Transition Plan. The plan uses six domains — career, physical, emotional, social, family and spiritual — to establish goals to map a soldier’s transition.

As the owner of the plan, each soldier takes charge of his or her transition and becomes accountable for developing and achieving their goals. One requirement for goals is to comply with ongoing medical and military responsibilities.

“I’ve always been athletic, and getting back into athletic activities is a great help for me,” she said.

Rodriguez-Rexroad said she enjoyed herself at the Army Trials.

“I like the camaraderie of the games,” she said, “and I like being able to prove that Soldiers who are wounded, ill or injured are still able to accomplish things.”

She added, “If I don’t make the team (this year), I’m coming back again.”








# Travel & Fun in Kansas

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HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE

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Sedgwick County



Giraffes come close to the gate to greet visitors at the Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita, Kansas. The zoo is an American Zoo Association accredited wildlife park. It was founded in 1971 with the help of the Sedgwick County Zoological Society and is recognized nationally and internationally for its support of conservation programs and successful breeding of rare and endangered species.

**Story and photos by Kelli Reese**  
1ST INF. DIV POST

Spring — the warm weather is allowing flowers to bloom and people to come outside. At the Sedgwick County Zoo, traffic is increasing as families take little ones and young couples start to enjoy the zoo.

“The Sedgwick County Zoo has an impressive amount of exhibits that feature a unique and diverse variety of animals,” Hank Winterscheidt, a zoo visitor from Denver, Colorado, said. “The amount of exhibits is more than enough to keep visitors entertained without being too overwhelming.”

The Sedgwick County Zoo is home to more than 3,000 different animals and many exhibits. The zoo includes a penguin exhibit, a rainforest and reptile center, a large petting zoo, tiger exhibits, and more.

The Elephants of the Zambezi River Valley is the newest addition, it is the third largest elephant exhibit in the country and will open Memorial Day weekend. The Sedgwick County Zoo joined a rescue mission to give a safe haven to elephants suffering from a drought in Swaziland. Six elephants from the southeastern African country have joined the Sedgwick County Zoo family.

“The quality I love most about the Sedgwick County Zoo is the valuable efforts put into conservation of endangered species,” Sarah Lewis, a zoo visitor said. “The zoo works tirelessly to educate individuals on conservation practices and the impact we can have on the animals of our world.”

Visit [www.scz.org](http://www.scz.org) to find out how to join and to see the zoo event schedule.



A lion overlooks his domain at the Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita, Kansas. The zoo has more than 2,500 animals from nearly 500 species.

AREA EVENTS

**FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**  
All military including retirees, veterans, family and gold-star families will get free admission with a valid military ID April 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**RUN AS ONE – TEAM RED, WHITE AND BLUE, FORT RILEY CHAPTER**  
A run to honor Marine veteran Clay Hun, an original member who took his life after battling PTS and depression, will be held in Manhattan, Kansas, April 16, 9 a.m. The of mission of Team RWB is to enrich the lives of America’s veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. For more information contact [hollie.davis@teamrwb.org](mailto:hollie.davis@teamrwb.org) or visit [www.teamrwb.org](http://www.teamrwb.org)

**SCOOTIN’ AMERICA**  
City Cycle Sales, Junction City, Kansas, will host a meet and greet with Adam Sandoval and his Chihuahua April 26 at noon. He is riding to every Harley dealer in America to support families of fallen Soldiers. Lunch will be provided for a donation with all of the money raised going to children of fallen Soldiers. For more information contact City Cycle Sales 785-238-3411.