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Brig. Gen. John S. Kolasheski, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general for maneuver, talks about the training capabilities at Fort Riley April 28 to Association of the United States Army officials from the 5th Region. Attendees of the region's annual meeting, hosted this year by the Fort Riley-Central Kansas chapter, took a tour of the post, including the Seitz Regional Training Campus.

A visit with purpose

Association of the United States Army's incoming leader attends regional meeting, visits Fort Riley

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

Members of the Fort Riley-Central Kansas Chapter of the Association of the United States Army hosted the 2016 meeting of the association's 5th Region April 27 to 29 at the Geary County Convention Center in Junction City, Kansas.

During the three-day meeting, AUSA members received a state of the division briefing from Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, toured Fort Riley and heard from retired Gen. Carter Ham, 1st Inf. Div. commanding general from 2006 to 2007 and incoming president of the AUSA, during a dinner held April 28.

"I'd like to thank all of our distinguished community members for coming out to support an organization that does so

much to support the greatest Army in the world and the greatest division in the world, the 1st Infantry Division," Grigsby said, adding Ham did much during his time as commanding general to connect the division with the communities surrounding Fort Riley.

Ham's "leadership has shaped the world in which we operate. He's not only a great strategic leader, but also a true mentor and friend to me," Grigsby added.

Ham, currently AUSA's executive vice president, takes over leadership from retired Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, president and CEO of the AUSA, effective July 1. Sullivan, who led the "Big Red One" from June 1988 to July 1989, has led AUSA since 1998.

"The nation must sustain the all-volunteer force," Ham told the assembled

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Retired Gen. Carter Ham, 1st Infantry Division commanding general from 2006-2007 and incoming president of the Association of the United States Army, speaks during a dinner April 28 in Junction City as part of the 2016 meeting of the association's 5th Region April 27 to 29, hosted by the Fort Riley-Central Kansas Chapter of the AUSA.

Training team gears up for division exercise

"Team Douthit" supports range operations for Danger Focus

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Editor's note: The Douthit Gunnery Complex Liaison Team is part of Fort Riley Range Operations, which is, in turn, a part of the Training Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. This article focuses on its function during the Danger Focus exercise. Other aspects of the role Range Operations in Danger Focus will appear in subsequent issues of the 1st Infantry Division Post.

Communication. Deconfliction. Safety.

All are words used by members of the Douthit Gunnery Complex Liaison Team.

During the 1st Armored Brigade Team's Danger Focus exercise, which began April 28, the liaison team will assist in the preparation, coordination and problem-solving on a continual basis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, when needed. It is an operation that addresses a plethora of issues that could negatively impact the ability of Soldiers and Army leadership to train: anything from weather-related problems to an error in movement by a unit. Something as ordinary as helping a Soldier make copies falls under the purview of the liaison team.

Those issues multiply when there is a large number of units involved, as there will be throughout the Danger Focus exercise. Danger Focus is a complex effort designed to approximate the training experience 1st ABCT, 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and command teams will encounter at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin California, said Bill Raymann, chief of the training division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

"Exercises are an ever-changing event," said Gary Smith, range liaison officer, Douthit Gunnery Complex, DPTMS. "The goal is to get (Soldiers) safely in a position to train, so they can concentrate on doing what they came here to do."

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An M109A6 Paladin from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fires a conventional 155mm round equipped with the XM1156 precision guidance kit, or PGK, during familiarization training April 30 at a Fort Riley training area. The PGK system allows for increased accuracy of conventional rounds, greatly reducing the possibility of collateral damage.

Fort Riley artillerymen test out new precision guidance

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Warren W. Wright Jr.
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, tested a new addition to conventional 155mm rounds during a live-fire familiarization exercise April 30 at a Fort Riley training area.

The precision guidance kit, or PGK, is a new type of fuse that screws onto the nose of the projectile, giving the round GPS guidance and control surfaces to correct the flight of the shell. Batteries of M109A6 Paladins fired the

"It's something new to a lot of these Soldiers that they've never used before. They got classroom instruction from the fielding team and they were able to work out the digital systems and now they're putting it into effect."

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rounds into the Fort Riley impact area with a great increase in accuracy.

"We've already seen the effectiveness of this round," said Capt. Jordan McElroy, the commander of Battery D, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt. "We've been within 15

meters of the target, whereas normally you're going to be between probably 50 to 100 meters from the target. It's a drastic improvement to our capabilities."

A team of experts from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was on hand to help train the Soldiers

of the battalion in the use of the PGK. The Soldiers spent time in the classroom with the PGK team learning the ins and outs of their new tool prior to putting it to use in the field.

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FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Pfc. Alexa Tyson, right, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and Pfc. Allison Bush, left, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. Sustainment Brigade, assisted in set-up of the Diva Dash fun run at Warrior Zone April 30. They provided road guard services along the run route, handed out souvenirs at the end of the run as well as helped with tear down.

HIGHLIGHTS



FORT RILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING AT WELLNESS FAIR APRIL 29, SEE PAGE 9.

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Opportunities provided at the Hiring Heroes Career Fair

Story and photo by Patti Geistfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

For those seeking a job or career change, the place to be was the Hiring Heroes Career Fair at Riley's Conference Center April 20. Recruiters represented companies with a variety of different career fields from local to international. Representatives from 83 companies attended the career fair and met with 375 job seekers.

Prior to the career fair, Army Community Services, Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, Soldier Family Assistance Center and USO Fort Riley provided resume-writing workshops, classes on interviewing techniques and Dress for Success sessions for wounded warriors and transitioning service members.

A Military Spouse Employment Information Session pro-

vided an opportunity to learn about the application process for federal employment, military spouse and veteran hiring authorities, derived spouse/mother preferences and the Priority Placement Program for military spouses.

Career fairs provide the opportunity to meet company representatives and network in an informal setting — an opportunity that may not happen by submitting a resume to a company.

Sgt. Travis Robertson, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, will be leaving the Army soon and was looking to network and find potential employers in the aviation maintenance complex field.

"It's jobs you wouldn't know to look for unless you came

and saw it with your own eyes," Robertson said.

This one-on-one interaction can provide candidates with knowledge of jobs they may be qualified for, with companies they may not have thought of pursuing.

"We like the background that a lot of people possess that come to these career fairs," said Scott Bossemeyer, The Kroger Company district recruiting specialist. "If you are looking to get out of the military and go back to anywhere, there is probably some form of one of our grocery stores around. All the structure and background (of Soldiers) provides the requisite skills for a dependable and on time employee."

Some recruiters were providing general information about their company and the opportunities, while others were looking to fill specific positions. Representatives from compa-

nies attend military career fairs because they realize there is a potential group of qualified individuals to match up with positions they have available. It provides a variety of possibilities to find a job to match their training or education.

Recruiters conducted 89 interviews and made 33 job offers on the spot. The Amarillo Police department was not hiring on the spot due to their screening process, but they provided information for applicants on how to apply and when the next academy class is scheduled.

"We like the military background," said K. Robinson, patrolman, Amarillo, Texas, Police Department. "In our police department we really recommend military guys."

Employers provided comments at the end of the career fair and one said it was the best career fair they had attended this year.



Maj. Everett Bogle, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, talks with K. Robinson, patrolman, Amarillo, Texas Police Department, about upcoming academy classes and the process for application at the Hiring Heroes Career Fair April 20 at Riley's Conference Center. Representatives from 83 companies attended the career fair and met with 375 job seekers. "We like the military background," Robinson said. "In our police department, we really recommend military guys."

Soldier for Life staff offers training

By Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST

As Soldiers prepare to leave the Army, they may find themselves asking the question, "what do I do next?"

The staff of Soldier for Life have put together Veteran Affairs training to make it possible for Soldiers to land a job as soon as they leave the Army. This new class is a 14-week course Soldiers can take with the approval of their commander. Any transitioning Soldier who has at least 180 days left with the Army can apply to take the class.

"The program is strictly designed for transitioning Soldiers," Glennwood McLaurin, transition service manager, said.

There are 24 students in the classrooms, and they meet Tuesday through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"This is our first class that we're doing," McLaurin said. "We had about 30 or 35 people

apply, but 24 came back as qualified for the program."

They must put together a packet throughout the course, which will in turn help them apply for a position with the VA. Along with that packet, they must also turn in an application and resume to the VA human resources personnel who will come to post.

"They will start off as a GS7 if they complete the course and get hired," McLaurin said. "After the first year, they can possibly go to a GS9, and after the third year, if they are still doing good in the program, they can move to GS10 ... The goal of the whole program and why we did the partnership with the VA is to give them a job straight out of the Army."

This class is one of many the Soldier for Life staff at Fort Riley is offering to transitioning Soldiers.

"This is one of two career skills programs we have on

the installation," McLaurin said. "The other one we have is ABF Trucking. But we are also sending Soldiers to other installations to complete other career skills programs."

Spc. Zachary Sheppard, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, completed the 18-week Veterans in Piping Program at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and will begin employment with Local 314 in Kansas City, Missouri, in August 2016.

Another option for Soldiers is the International Union Painters Allied Trades Veterans Program through Fort Leavenworth. McLaurin said he has one Soldier who will be starting the five-week course this month.

For more information about options for transitioning Soldiers, call the Soldier for Life office at 785-239-2278.

TOUR OF FORT RILEY



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Soldiers from the 172nd Chemical Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, gave more than 80 high school students from the Chicago Public Schools Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps a tour of their vehicles and equipment on April 21. Students had an opportunity to learn about some standard military equipment, like HEMTT wreckers, HMMWVs, and M16s, as well as about some capabilities unique to a chemical unit, like Nuclear Biological Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicles, the M26 Decontamination Apparatus, and the different levels of protection suits.

Movement control team cases colors, prepares to deploy to Southwest Asia

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron P. Duncan
1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE.

Family members and friends watched on as the commander and senior noncommissioned officer of the 266th Movement Control Team, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, case their colors just prior to their deployment April 23 on Fort Riley.

The unit will be deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Inherent Resolve for the next nine months.

“Capt. Buysman and Sgt. 1st Class Clavijo have done a really good job training, often with very little guidance,” said Lt. Col. John W. Kredo, the commander of the 541st CSSB. “They worked really hard and will do great where they are going.”

Unlike many units, the company will deploy by itself and fall under a new command structure while in theater. The unit will fall under the 17th Sustainment Brigade headquarters, a reserve unit based in Las Vegas, and its Soldiers will

provide assistance planning, routing, scheduling, controlling and coordinating supply movements, including the transportation of personnel and equipment.

Kredo also had advice for the outgoing Soldiers.

“Remain positive,” Kredo said. “It may be a little hard at first, but once they build a routine it will get a little easier. But most importantly, take care of one another.”

The company’s Soldiers have spent months training for their upcoming mission.

“We have trained very hard and we have had real-life missions here,” said Spc. Jordan Brogan, a native of Mansfield, Ohio, assigned to the 266th MCT as a transportation management coordinator. “We are very ready.”

After the casing ceremony, Soldiers of 266th MCT settled in to spend a final few hours with their loved ones before departing.

“This is not my first deployment,” Brogan said. “Leaving my family is always the hardest part.

“I am just ready to go there and get it done.”

Fort Riley employee selected as Adjutant General Corps Senior Civilian of the Year

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Fred Buckley, chief of Military Personnel Division, Directorate of Human Resources, and the deputy director of DHR at Fort Riley, was named the Adjutant General’s Corps Senior Civilian of the Year April 6 by a board of Senior AG Corps civilians leaders from across the Army.

“It’s one of the things that is a privilege to receive, and it’s something you don’t expect,” Buckley said about his award.

Buckley began his Army career in Vietnam in 1971. He was then stationed at Fort Riley about one year later in 1972 and was assigned to Fort Riley repeatedly during his 27-year long Army career. He retired from the Army in 1997, and began his civil service in 1998. In 2002, he developed, planned and executed a renovated Soldier Readiness Processing site which supported the deployment of 15,000 active and reserve component that year alone and established procedures that are being used to deploy and redeploy worldwide.

Buckley and his team at DHR see every Soldier who is stationed at Fort Riley during the in processing and out-processing time. He credited his team for his success.

“This isn’t about me, this is about a team,” Buckley said. “No one person gets there by themselves.”

Ken Steggeman, director of DHR, approved the narrative that accompanied Buckley’s award nomination. He agreed with the narrative, which tells of how Buckley leads by example and gives selfless service to Soldiers.

“Mr. Buckley finds a way to succeed at every possible obstacle,” the nomination reads. “His workforce has been dramatically slashed; however, he still exceeds established standards and expectations. He embodies teamwork and is the first to roll up his sleeves to get the Soldier and family supported.”

Tim Livsey, deputy garrison commander at Fort Riley, said Buckley is an example of the hard work and dedication garrison employees show when supporting the Soldiers.

“Fred Buckley is a great American,” Livsey said. “I’m thankful that he drives in the gate every day to do work in support of our DHR and Soldiers and their families. He deserves this recognition and has earned it because of his years of service both in the uniform and out to Soldiers, families and the well-being of Fort Riley Kansas.”

Livsey said Buckley, along with other garrison employees who have received recognition, continue to exemplify what it means to be part of Fort Riley.

“His recognition is indicative of Fort Riley being an installation of excellence, and Fred is a classic example,” Livsey said. “This along with the other recognition we have received in the areas of safety and DFMWR (Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation) just further makes the case that Fort Riley is a great place to live, train, deploy from and come home to due to the efforts of Fred and these other great Americans.”

Buckley will accept his award June 3 at the AG Corps National Ball at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.



Capt. Angela Buysman and Sgt. 1st Class Carlos R. Clavijo Murillo, the commander and senior noncommissioned officer of the 266th Movement Control Team, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, case their colors during a ceremony April 23 at Fort Riley. The unit will be deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve for the next nine months.

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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. The 12th Street ACP is closed to all traffic Sundays but it 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 ON RIFLE RANGE ROAD CONTINUES

Construction on Rifle Range Road will affect traffic flow. The work started in September 2015 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 ROUNDAABOUT 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

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

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of May 6 was: “Where can an incoming spouse visit to learn more about topics including Getting Settled; Kid’s Corner; Employment Readiness and Education; Recreation; and Deployment Readiness?”

Answer: go to www.riley.army.mil/New-Arrivals/Spouse-Information/Getting-Settled/.

This week’s winner is Omariliz Gonzalez. Her spouse is Pvt. Cordero Gonzalez with the 1st Combat Aviation Battalion. Omariliz and Cordero are pictured with her brother, Ohel, and Apache the puppy.

CONGRATULATIONS, OMARILIZ!

Public Affairs staff visits K-State, continues partnership

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

Staff from the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Public Affairs Offices toured the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Kansas State University April 29. The tour included student media as well as the newly-constructed Vanier Family Football Complex at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

The visit was part of an ongoing partnership between the office staff and K-State students and faculty.

Deb Skidmore, public relations instructor for the school, was formerly a member of the Fort Riley garrison public affairs staff. She said the relationships she still has at Fort Riley help make this partnership possible and with the support of her colleagues and director, she is doing everything she can to help the partnership grow.

Through this partnership students are learning more about opportunities available to them in and after college, while also having a mutually beneficial relationship with staff at Fort Riley.

“I think that is building a bridge between Fort Riley and K-State,” Skidmore said. “A lot of people are realizing there are jobs they didn’t know anything about working for the government, and it could be military

or other government positions. Students are getting excited about that, they didn’t realize that was even out there.”

Fort Riley leaders offer an internship program that works with K-State students from the journalism school and gives them real-world experience as well as class credit for their work.

“The internship is invaluable,” Skidmore said. “And they learn so much, they’re doing on-the-job learning. They’re so excited, they are coming back to class and it fires up other students who are looking for internships.”

Birgit Wassmuth, director of the journalism school, welcomed the Fort Riley guests before the tour began. She informed them about the history of the school and that the school prides itself in giving students hands-on experience before they enter the real world. She said the staff at K-State is here to help whenever needed.

“We are here to help you, introduce you to new ideas and we hope that it is a mutual conversation so that whatever questions you may have inspire us to do something maybe differently than we have in the past,” Wassmuth said.

Staff of the journalism school visits Fort Riley monthly to teach a short reminder course about a journalism

topic. This is also one piece of the partnership between the two agencies.

Bob Everdeen, director of Public Affairs, said the Fort Riley public affairs staffs benefit both from the internship program and the expertise from K-State because it helps Army employees stay up-to-date on the latest communication tools.

“We benefit the most from their knowledge of current media and communication mediums,” Everdeen said. “Everything has changed so much in the past few years, but the K-State students are continually learning about the latest communication platforms and techniques. They learn from us the ‘tried and true’ processes and the history of communication because we’ve been the ones involved with it over the years.”

Coming to K-State to visit them this time was icing on the cake to help the Fort Riley staff understand the students’ side of the partnership.

“We have K-State interns in our office, but meeting them in their environment helps us better understand what they’re going through here, the education they’re getting and the tools they’re using to communicate,” Everdeen said. “Without meeting face-to-face here and at Fort Riley, I feel like we’re shooting in the dark. There is a definite benefit to both sides



Bob Everdeen, director of the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley Public Affairs Office, relives his days as a broadcast journalist while touring the student television station in Dole Hall on Kansas State University April 29. “This helps us better understand what the students are going through here and we already know our side of it, so how can we work better together,” Everdeen said.

of this partnership; it is win-win. Even though military and civilians change out and the students move on, there are enough civilians and instructors on both sides to provide continuity.”

Skidmore’s military public relations class planned the whole itinerary for the visit.

“The students put everything together on what you should see and what you should do,” Skidmore said. “I just hope this partnership continues on and on because it’s good for everybody. I’m glad I worked at Fort Riley because I still have good friends out there and great contacts to help make this work.”



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What is your best fashion tip?



“Get clothes that fit.”

SPC. GARRETT CACKLEY
YUMA, ARIZONA

Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
United States Army Garrison



“Dress comfortable and dress for yourself.”

SGT. KELLEY CALLAHAN
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

Medical Department Activity



“V-necks before 2 p.m. are a faux pas.”

COL. ANDREW COLE, JR.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Fort Riley Garrison Commander



“Wear whatever you like.”

ALISHA MCKNIGHT, 13
CAMP CASEY, KOREA

Daughter of David Roudybush, Director of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation



“Don’t care what other people think. Dress with what feels good to you.”

CAROL RALLS
PANOMA, CALIFORNIA

Wife of 1st Sgt. Casey Ralls, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

Garrison leader brings attention to concerns

During the past few weeks, I’ve noticed a few items of concern and several others have been brought to my attention. I’d like to highlight these things and offer reminders about how we can work and live better together. We are one Army, one team.

SPEED LIMITS

Warmer weather in the spring and summer bring out more kids and families. It’s crucial we all drive the posted speed limit — especially in housing areas — all year, but especially this time of year. I’ve seen kids out on bikes, skateboards, scooters and playing in different areas around post. Occasionally, they end up in the streets, and there’s always a chance

of a stray ball or Frisbee going into a roadway. Kids are more focused on playing than watching for cars or traffic. It’s our responsibility as drivers to always be prepared for someone or something that ends up in our path and we must be ready to react.

There are concerned residents in our housing areas who have voiced concerns about dangerous situations, especially with drivers speeding through neighborhoods. Be a good neighbor, observe the posted speed limit and slow down in housing areas.

LOUD MUSIC

Not everyone has the same taste in music and not everyone likes



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Command Sgt. Maj.
James Collins

it loud — in a vehicle or at home. Fort Riley Regulation 190-5 states “excessive noise is defined as any noise heard outside the vehicle when the windows are up or 50 feet from the vehicle when the windows are rolled down.”

Do a little self-test, put your music at the level you listen to it and walk 50 feet away with your

windows down. Can you hear it? You probably can. That gives you an idea of what the expectation is for noise emitting from your car. By all means, when you’re in a rural area, thump away. But when in areas around others, be a good neighbor. Remember, in housing areas “residents shall keep the volume of any radio, stereo, TV, musical instrument or electronic device in their home or vehicle sufficiently reduced at all times so as not to disturb other residents.” Take cues from your neighbors, if they ask you to turn your music down, it is too loud.

TRASH AND DEBRIS

Kansas can be windy. Trash and

debris get blown all over the place. Keep trash picked up in your yard, around your barracks and in parking lots. We used to have a saying, “no Soldier walks past a piece of trash.” There is no policy or rule that prevents anyone from picking up a piece of trash and putting it in a receptacle. Let’s keep Fort Riley looking great.

I’m happy to be part of Team Riley and proud of all the work you all do each and every day. Let’s stay focused on teamwork, taking care of each other and continuing to make this a premier installation for the United States Army.

Writer reflects on Kansas State facilities tour

By Hannah Kleopfer
1ST INF. DIV. POST



Hannah
Kleopfer

As a freshman at Kansas State University in August 2010, I took a required “Introduction to Mass Communications.” I learned about the options for students going into the school of Journalism and Mass Communications. In this class we were supposed to learn the ins and outs of different careers in mass communications. My professor decided a great way to learn this was through a tour of the school’s newspaper, radio station and the television broadcast center.

I begrudgingly did the tours along with 11 of my other classmates, thinking about how I wish I could have slept in that morning instead of touring things I found of no relevance to me. I wanted to go into public relations anyway, and none of these places had anything to do with that. Or maybe I wanted to go into education. Or maybe art. Or maybe kinesiology. But I was convinced all of these things we were touring for class that week were definitely

useless to me, and I would never use anything these people were talking to me about.

About five years later and after going through four different majors, I graduated from K-State with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in public relations.

Then, the same month I graduated, I took a job with The Daily Union in Junction City to work as a reporter for the 1st Infantry Division Post.

Through this position, I had the opportunity to go on that same tour with the Public Affairs Office staff of the Fort Riley Garrison and staff of the 1st Infantry Division Post. When I found out my boss wanted us to do this, I immediately thought back to the boredom I felt almost six years ago.

When we all arrived at Kedzie Hall, home of the K-State journalism program, I almost started to feel nostalgic. We went on the tour of the Collegian, the Royal Purple Yearbook, the campus radio station KSDB, the news broadcasting facilities and then finally to Ahearn Stadium, which was finished just in time for football season in 2014. I thought I had known everything there was to know already about the journalism department, but I really didn’t know much at all. I didn’t realize the almost 24-hour day

that went into covering, editing and interviewing on a university game day, or the effort put in by students to create a news session. I never thought I would use any of those tools from freshman year, but I find myself relearning and using them quite often as a reporter.

As we toured each facility, many of the Fort Riley Soldiers and employees talked and joked with students, professors and staff of my alma mater. I had not realized this partnership between these two departments had existed, but now it makes total sense to me.

The only interactions I had with Soldiers, or so I thought, was on the Military Appreciation Day game or with the students who also happened to be part of ROTC.

Our newspaper here at Fort Riley gives many students opportunities for internships and real-world experience, while the staff of K-State gives Soldiers opportunities for classes and schooling during or after their career with the Army.

The decades-old partnership was not something I noticed as a student, wrapped in a tight bubble of school work and friends. But today as I work on-post, I notice the ties between the two more every day. This is a partnership that greatly benefits both communities through understanding and opportunities.

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SAFETY HOLIDAY



As of Wednesday, May 4, 66 days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. Forty-five more and the post will celebrate with a safety holiday to take place at each unit’s discretion.

The next USAG Resilience Day Off is

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That is, to prepare for the nation's call. The Douthit Gunnery Complex staff is key in helping Army leaders through the often stressful, invariably complicated process of training a unit of Soldiers to fight and lead.

It helps that members of the Douthit liaison team are experienced Army veterans. "We've been there and we know how difficult it can be to get information," said Victor Quinones, another range liaison officer. "They (Soldiers) are like brothers and sisters to me."

The Fort Riley Douthit Gunnery Complex, at the northwest corner of the post, supports training for M1A2 Abrams tanks, M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and AH-64 Apache helicopters.

Its mission statement reads: To expand functions, features and capabilities to safely meet the training needs of our Soldiers.

"Our goal," Smith said, "is to teach, coach and mentor."

Preparing for Danger Focus began for the liaison team about 45 days before its April 28 start date. With Danger Focus, as with all exercises, the team meets with units to find out what the commanders' intentions and goals are.

"We try to help the commander meet his intent



Andy Massanet | POST
Range Liaison Officers Sam Leonard, left, and Gary Smith, assist 1st Lt. Christopher Marchetti of 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, April 28 at the Douthit Gunnery Complex. This being the first day of the Danger Focus exercise, units were entering the field to begin the process of establishing the brigade's footprint.

and provide a realistic training environment," Smith said.

Meeting intent means more than just knowing how to fire a weapon at a target, Smith said. The end state for the division as it prepares for further training at NTC is "the joining of assets into one team," Smith said.

Along with that kind of integration and coordination, all Soldiers, regardless of grade, must demonstrate proficiency in the combat skills defined

by both their occupational specialties and the training objectives and standards set by Army training tables, through a series of situational training exercises and combined arms live-fire exercises.

The liaison team also takes into account specifics about equipment capabilities and land use needed, as well as safety requirements. The sum is the ability to provide the best, most realistic training possible.



Andy Massanet | POST
Soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, occupy positions near the Douthit Gunnery Complex April 28, the first day of the Danger Focus exercise. Soldiers entered the field to establish the brigade's footprint.

MEETING

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guests. "It's not the president's job; it's not the Congress' job; it's not the Army's job. It's the nation's job to sustain the all-volunteer force. It's our Army, and if we're not committed to it, it's not going to work."

This was one of the primary findings put forth in the National Commission on the Future of the Army report to the President and the Congress on Jan. 28. Ham served as the chairman of that commission, an eight-member panel tasked by Congress with making recommendations on the size, force structure and capabilities of the Army, until becoming the AUSA's executive vice president in February.

"The commission believes that all-volunteer force is the very essence and the very foundation that gives the nation the military capability that it requires for missions today and deep into the future," Ham said. "Having said that, an all-volunteer force is not cheap, in order to attract, recruit and retain the quality women and men that are required for today's Army requires a significant investment in them as people."

Ham said the report also stressed the United States has one Army with three distinct, interdependent and essential components — a regular Army, an Army National Guard and an Army Reserve.

"It is only when those three components are in the proper balance and proper interoperability that



Amanda Kim Stairrett | 1ST INF. DIV.
Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, talks to attendees of the 2016 meeting of Association of the U.S. Army's 5th Region about the state of the "Big Red One" on April 28 in Junction City.

the nation's one Army is well-postured to achieve its mission," he said. "That theme is woven throughout the report."

The AUSA is organized into seven regions within the United States, as well as European and Pacific regions.

"Tonight went great," said retired Maj. Bill Shea, the Fort Riley-Central Kansas Chapter vice president for operations and former Big Red One Soldier, serving with 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, from 1972 to 1975. "You can't beat Gen. Ham for a speaker. He's humorous, but he's very succinct about what he has to say and he's very passionate about what he has to say. He is really a Soldier's Soldier."

Shea said Sullivan's departure leaves big shoes to

fill, but he felt if anyone could do it, Ham could.

"We're excited, on the AUSA side of things," Shea said.

As a non-profit organization, AUSA supports the United States Army through professional development opportunities and various local and national events.

"I love the focus of everyone for the Soldiers and what they do," said retired Col. Alan Kruse, Illinois state president for AUSA, about the group's tour of Fort Riley. "It was also great to listen to the leaders when they talk about family support. They have not disconnected the two, because you can't disconnect Soldiers and their families because one or the other is going to suffer."

LIVE FIRE

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"It's something new to a lot of these Soldiers that they've never used before," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Roberto Muniz, the battalion's targeting officer and the action officer for the PGK shoot. "They got classroom instruction from the fielding team and they were able to work out the digital systems and now they're putting it into effect."

Using a new system was slow going at first, but after practicing with the PGK in the field, the Soldiers of the "Hamilton's Own" battalion became more and more proficient at its use.

"We've been working through a lot of kinks today, but everybody's been doing a

really good job keeping motivated," Capt. Joseph Brown, the battalion's fire direction officer, said April 30 at the training area. "I'm pretty happy with the performance of the Soldiers out here."

One of the most useful features of the PGK is its ability to disarm the round mid-flight if the GPS determines the shell moves off course, a feature that is extremely helpful especially when operating in urban areas.

"It's a much more effective first round munition as opposed to the traditional munition," Brown said. "It's the way of the future."

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Justin Lytle: a ‘Big Red One’ Soldier

By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Justin Lytle was from Junction City, Kansas, and he joined the Army in 2003. He went to basic and Advanced Individual Training in Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he trained to be a 19K M1A1 armor crewman.

His first tour of duty took him back to Fort Riley for an assignment to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division. During this assignment, he deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom II from 2004 to 2005 with the 2nd Bn., 70th Armor Battalion Task Force, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Div.

From 2006 to 2010, he served at Fort Knox, Kentucky and Grafenwoehr, Germany.

In November 2010, he returned to Fort Riley where his story with the “Big Red One” began. Lytle was assigned to the

Company D, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, as an M1A2 tank commander.

He served in this assignment until 2015 and deployed three times. In January 2011, Lytle’s unit deployed to Operation New Dawn to provide assistance patrols and conduct battle space turnover to the Iraqi army. From May to August 2013, he deployed to Africa Command to assist in the training of the Nigerian army. Then from December 2013 to June 2014, he deployed to Djibouti to help train their army on weapons and tactics as well as assist with port security.

After the deployment to Djibouti, Lytle left the Army in 2015 as a staff sergeant. He served a total of 12 years.

Lytle decided to stay in the area because Junction City was his hometown and his immediate family resides here. He is the son of the

Junction City Police Chief Tim Brown, also a former Big Red One Soldier.

After he left the Army, he worked for the Junction City Water Department and then at GTM Sportswear in Manhattan. He likes the hunting, fishing and golf opportunities available in this area.

Lytle says a memory that is near and dear to his heart in on one of the deployments he had flown into the Al Taji Airport. His basic training battle buddy, Staff Sgt. James Dennis met him at the airport. They had not seen each other since basic training. This assignment was special because the unit was made up of several Soldiers that he had deployed or served with previously so it was a homecoming to be greeted by his battle buddy and to work with many past team members.

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





STAFF RIDE TO ARKANSAS



COURTESY PHOTO

The 97th Military Police Battalion hosted the annual 89th MP Brigade's staff ride to Pea Ridge National Military Park in Garfield, Arkansas April 17 through 19. Soldiers not only walked the ground where the battle took place, but also learned about the weapons used at Pea Ridge. They were also treated to a live demonstrations of the weapons used. Leaders from throughout the brigade learned the importance of Mission Command and how a failure in Mission Command can have devastating results. By walking the terrain where the Battle of Pea Ridge took place, leaders saw firsthand the difficulties of commanding in a wartime environment on unforgiving terrain.

OATH OF RE-ENLISTMENT



Sgt. Dana Moen | 2ND ABCT

Spc. James A. Berg, a wheeled vehicle mechanic from East Troy, Wisconsin, serving in Company B, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, is administered the Oath of Reenlistment by his commander, Capt. David A. Ferreira, April 28 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Showing his support and holding the American flag was former California Gov. and movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger, who visited the battalion and the "Dagger" brigade at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

IN BRIEF

TRAFFIC UPDATES

For traffic updates, see the Traffic Report on page 4 or visit www.riley.army.mil and click on "Advisories."

SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS

May 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Johnson County Sheriff's Office Career Fair. Event will be held at 111 S. Cherry St., rooms 200 and 201, Olathe, Kansas.

May 9 to 13, Occupational Safety and Health Administration 30-Hour Course, Industry Recognized Training. Course to be held at Fort Riley Garrison Headquarters, 500 Huebner Road, Room 12

May 12, 1 to 3 p.m., Employer Networking event scheduled for bldg. 210, room 118D, Custer Avenue, Fort Riley.

May 13 beginning at 8:30 a.m., Agricultural Orientation Day, Prairie Lavender Farm, K-State Drone Lab. Event will be held at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, 674 Warrior Road.

May 20 beginning at 8:30 a.m., Agricultural Orientation Day, Sheep and Horse Farm, Blueville Nursery. Event will be held at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, 674 Warrior Road.

May 24, 9 to 11 a.m., Caterpillar Facility Tour. Those attending will find opportunities for quality control technicians, welding and accounting. Group will meet outside Bldg. 212 on Custer Ave., Fort Riley. Interested people should RSVP to hans.j.lokodi.mil@mail.mil.

May 27 beginning at 8:30 a.m., Agricultural Orientation Day, Prairie Lavender Farm, K-State Drone Lab. Event will be held at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, 674 Warrior Road.

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

RECYCLING CENTER CHANGES

A state-of-the-art materials sorting system will be installed at Fort Riley's Recycling Center in building 1980, Camp Funston.

The new system will allow the facility to recycle larger quantities of materials, 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.

USO EVENTS ANNOUNCED

• A Sip and Chat event for spouses is held every Wednesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

• Operation Happy Birthday: USO volunteers will deliver a cupcake to Soldiers during the month of their birthday. See USO Fort Riley Facebook page to sign up.

• Staff at the USO staff is planning to hold a family game night the 3rd Friday of every month. Family game night for this month is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., April 21.

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.

"We like to promote healthy eating habits for kids and let them try some things so they can understand and get outside of their comfort zone."

ASHLEY MANSFIELD | ARMED FORCES YMCA



Staff of Fort Riley Middle School get seated massages from specialists during the Wellness Fair April 29.

Hands-on approach

Annual Wellness Fair offers Fort Riley attendees chance at fitness, fun

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

Students were offered the opportunity to try new food and workouts as well as learn about the healthy lifestyle choices they have on post and in the surrounding communities April 29 in the gyms of Fort Riley Middle School.

A number of groups representing Child, Youth and School Services and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation were there to educate students about their organizations and ways to become active and involved. Educational booths staffed by other Department of Defense affiliate representatives such as the Armed Forces YMCA also were available.

"We like to promote healthy eating habits for kids and let them try some things so they can understand and get outside of their comfort zone," Ashley Mansfield, of the Armed Forces YMCA, said. "We're doing

quinoa pizza bites today. Quinoa is a great source of vitamins, minerals, protein, potassium and it's a lot healthier for the kids to eat. And when we mix it up to taste just like a pizza, the kids really enjoy it."

Teachers and staff also enjoyed the benefits of the Wellness Fair and took the opportunity to receive quick massages from the specialists of surrounding community businesses during their breaks.

Students in the gyms also tried out their skills in Taekwondo

from third-degree black belt Koreen Carlton.

"I believe that kids are going to get hooked on something, and it should probably be some sort of organized activity rather than some bad elements," Carlton said. "Kids want to be a part of something and it's better if they're part of something that teaches them some sort of life skills rather than something that lands them in institutions perhaps."

Carlton gave students quick lessons on breaking boards she had brought with her.

"I really, really like it," Kacyee Eby said of Carlton's booth. "My teachers told me there would be a lot of activities that could get you moving, and that the Wellness Fair was to teach kids how to live healthy lifestyles."

The Wellness Fair is an annual event hosted by the staff of Fort Riley Middle School, bringing together the students and staff with information on living a better, healthier life.



Third-degree black belt Koreen Carlton teaches students a few things about Taekwondo at the Fort Riley Middle School Wellness Fair April 29.



During Operation Megaphone, kids bowl at Custer Hill Bowling Alley April 29 as part of Month of the Military Child.

Kids build teamwork with pizza, bowling

Month of the Military Child ends with Operation Megaphone Lock-in event

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

Youth of Fort Riley tried their hand at bowling and ate slices of pizza as big as their faces for the final event in honor of the Month of the Military Child, hosted by the staff of Child, Youth and School Services April 29 at Custer Hill Bowling Alley.

The event was part of the Operation Megaphone Lock-in held at the School-Age Services building. Operation Megaphone is an annual, worldwide event designed to connect military teens around the world to discuss key issues that affect military teens. Fort Riley held a video chat with the youth of Fort Leavenworth and discussed key issues that came up at the Youth Leadership Forum earlier in the night. One of the important topics was bullying.

"The lock-in is something we do every year, and we plan activities for them," Michael Forbes, homework technician, said. "We took a poll and asked them what they wanted to do, and one of the things they wanted was to go bowling. It gets them out of the gym and doing something else different. We're definitely trying to get the teen center seen and noticed by more kids. We're trying to bring the kids together and learn teamwork and social skills and honestly, give parents a break, too."

More than 45 school-age kids showed up at the lock-in. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, also came with his son Colton, 12.

"I think it's really important for these kids to just get out and be doing something different besides video games and things like that," Collins said. "It gives different options for them to see what else is out there to do besides their usual."

The CYSS staff offers a number of activities throughout the year for the kids on post. To find out more about the program, visit their Facebook page or go to www.rileymwr.com.

MORE INFO

• To find out more about Child, Youth and School Services, visit its Facebook page or go to www.rileymwr.com.

The hunt is on at Fort Riley – for mushrooms

Woodlands on post are the perfect habitat for hunters seeking wild fungi

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The harvest of edible wild mushrooms is an annual event in the spring for devoted outdoor people, and it is gaining popularity throughout the nation. At Fort Riley, many different kinds of mushrooms can be found in surrounding woodlands.

"There are a lot of varieties of mushrooms around here — a lot of them are edible and a lot of them aren't," said Brian Monser, biological science technician, Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division, Conservation Branch, at Fort Riley.

INSIDE

• Essential tips for collecting wild mushrooms.

"You kind of have to make yourself an expert before you just go trying any mushroom you find."

Monser said the Yellow Morel is the most well-known and sought after mushroom in Kansas and on post. If split down the middle, a morel is hollow. It only appears if the climate permits.

"The morel is pretty distinctive, there's one mushroom that looks like it you wouldn't want to eat," Monser said. "It's a unique flavor of mushroom, it's really mild and it has a different texture than a mushroom you buy at the store. That's what makes them special — you can't buy them at a store ... no one has really figured out how to grow them that well. The

main source of them is individuals finding them in the forest."

To mushroom hunt on Fort Riley, individuals must check in and out using the iSportsman system, which can be found at fortriley.isportsman.net. Open areas are listed on that website or by stopping by the Environmental Office, Building 407, Pershing Court. Those who do not have access to a personal computer or mobile device, can access the iSportsman website at a public terminal provided at the Visitor's Control Center, exit 301 on Interstate 70.

Mushroom hunters also should wear bright orange to distinguish themselves because many of the areas open for recreation include hunting areas.

All individuals 16 and older must also possess a Department of Defense



COURTESY PHOTO

A Yellow Morel is pictured from the Fort Riley woodlands. The Morel is the most well-known and sought-after mushroom in Kansas. It only appears if the climate permits.

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Cleaning up Fort Riley a task that falls on everyone

By Col. Andrew Cole Jr.
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Taking care of our hometown of Fort Riley is the responsibility of everyone who lives and works here. We spend almost as much of our waking hours here as we do at our home. Having a clean location to work from is important.

We are the ones who make Fort Riley the best place to live and not because we clean when someone tells us to during designated spring-cleaning events. Sometimes there is a need for a deep spring-cleaning, but each person can make a difference daily. One way to help keep the post clean is to take the initiative to pick up trash any time you see it.

When we keep our post clean, it will look better and that can lead to better emotional attitudes. It is also our duty to be good caretakers of this historic post. Fort Riley has many guests who visit each year and we can highlight this treasure for our guests by having a clean post.

If you are looking for a good way to get some cleaning supplies, the Hazardous Material Processing Center, building 1930, 4th Street, Camp Funston offers a free-issue program where residents and staff can donate unused household cleaning products and other items so another family can use them. This program is offered as a convenience to the people who live and work on post. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. every other Friday. For questions concerning waste or material storage, transportation or disposal, call Ed Cobb at 785-239-2305 or Kevin Poyser at 785-239-6577.

Remember as you clean up, the recycling center will take unwanted household products including different types of paper,



Colonel Cole

automobile, lawn and garden, electronics and fuels. They also take e-waste products.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, in 2012 Americans generated about 251 million tons of trash and recycled almost 87 tons of that material. It is equivalent to a 35 percent recycling rate.

The recycling center, temporarily located in building 1630, is open on regular duty days from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. E-Waste is collected on regular duty days from noon to 3 p.m. The center is not open on holidays or Resiliency Days Off. To set up an appointment or for more information, call 785-239-2305.

The Environmental Waste Management Center will recycle yard waste and industrial waste as well as household products. This facility also has a paper shredder available for individuals needing to dispose of paperwork containing personally identifiable information. They will instruct you in the operation and you do the shredding yourself. Hours

of operation for the EWMC facility are from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center is closed during Resiliency Days Off. To schedule an appointment, call 785-239-6797.

If we are to have a place worth treasuring, then we need to treat it like the treasure it is. Our installation is one of the oldest in the west. It has a place in history and in the future of our nation. When we take care of Fort Riley, we are preserving a historical and national treasure. Living in a place that is maintained — by each of us — gives us more reason to be proud of what we do and from where we do it.

We each have the responsibility to ensure Fort Riley remains the best place to live, train, deploy from and come home to.

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Garrison chaplain shares story at breakfast

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

The Junction City and Geary County Military Affairs Council met for their monthly breakfast at the Geary County Convention Center April 28. The guest speaker for this month's meeting was Chaplain (Col.) Keith Croom, the Fort Riley garrison chaplain.

Croom provided information about what being a chaplain in the Army is all about. He began by explaining the history of chaplains. In 1775, chaplains were originally called on to serve during times of war to support troops.

"We really are pastors in uniform," Croom said.

He explained a chaplain's key roles are to be a spiritual leader which means leading Bible studies, performing baptisms and weddings and providing any kind of religious support to anyone in the community. Each chaplain represents a different faith, but they have a common feature — being pastors in uniform.

"We can all stand up here and lock arms because we are



Guest speaker Chaplain (Col.) Keith Croom, the Fort Riley garrison chaplain for more than a year, addresses the crowd April 28 at the Junction City and Geary County Military Affairs Council monthly breakfast at the Geary County Convention Center.

trying to take care of Soldiers," Croom said.

To become a chaplain in the Army, there is a requirement of possessing a four-year college degree, three years of seminary and completed two years of an internship.

Croom said the importance of a chaplain to a commander is invaluable. Although commanders may not have the time to dedicate to Soldiers, commanders trust chaplains to pay attention to specific needs of Soldiers.

"We are the ones that can afford to think individually and see

the needs of the individual Soldier and commanders trust us to do that," Croom said.

Croom has been at Fort Riley for more than a year, but will be departing soon to go to the war college.

Retired Col. John Seitz, director of military affairs for the Chamber of Commerce, said this breakfast was the perfect opportunity for Croom to share his experience as a chaplain serving at Fort Riley.

"I told him he was going to the war college to show the other guys what a good chaplain is all about, and I really believe that,"

Seitz said. "Fort Riley has been blessed with great chaplains."

Seitz said there are about eight monthly breakfasts a year. The purpose of the MAC breakfast is to bring together people from the surrounding communities and listen to someone who has an interesting topic to share.

"It's an opportunity for the community to get to know people at Fort Riley, and the people at Fort Riley to get to know the community — it's building relationships," Seitz said.

Croom ended his speech with what he loves most about being a chaplain — serving Soldiers and their families, while at home or deployed.

"The Army chaplains — from day one, we have been where you guys are at, and that's what I love about it," Croom said. "We sweat with you, we cry with you, we bury you, we marry you — we are there for you. You are literally our church and chaplains take that seriously."

For more information about the Religious Support Office at Fort Riley, call 785-239-3359.

COLLECTING WILD MUSHROOMS

- Be sure of your identification — eat only kinds known to be edible.
- Do not eat mushrooms raw.
- Eat only mushrooms in good condition.
- Eat only one kind at a time and do not eat large amounts.
- Eat only a small amount the first time; even morels, generally considered to be excellent, may cause illness in some people.
- Don't experiment. There is an old saying, "There are old mushroom hunters, and bold mushroom hunters, but there are no old, bold mushroom hunters."
- Obtain a copy of one or more books or publications on mushrooms or join a mushroom club.

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Identification Card or a Fort Riley Access Pass or badge to recreate on post. Individuals who do not already have the required ID or Access Passes can apply for one at the installation's Visitor Control Center, south of the Henry Gate Access Control Point 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access Passes are based on the requirement of the visit.

Monser said rain is a critical element that allows mushrooms to grow where natural moisture cannot be found.

"It's been a tricky year for mushrooms," Monser said. "They need two things and that's warm temperatures and moisture, and we got the warm temperatures and no moisture and it seems to throw off their cycle a bit. Some came up early, but just a few. We did get a lot of rain recently so that could change, there's still plenty of time for them to come up."

Monser said mushroom season usually runs from the mid-March to mid-May, while the last two weeks of April tend to be the best time to find mushrooms in this area of Kansas.

"It's really mysterious where they grow and where they don't grow," Monser said. "You'll see a spot that just looks perfect for mushrooms with dead trees, shade and moisture and there will be nothing there. And you'll

"They need two things and that's warm temperatures and moisture, and we got the warm temperatures and no moisture, and it seems to throw off their cycle a bit."

BRIAN MONSER
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS

find another spot that looks exactly the same and they'll be all over."

Mushroom hunters are secretive about who knows about their spots, which brings great rewards.

"Usually it's a pretty big secret when you find a spot," Monser said. "I find a new spot generally when I've walked three to five miles, so it takes a lot of searching to come across a spot. If you find a spot though, they are likely to come back year after year."

For more information, call the Fort Riley DPW, Environmental Division, Conservation Branch at 785-239-6211.

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Jared Estes not only defied medical odds to survive the fiery car crash caused by a 2-year old toddler that took the life of his young, beautiful wife... but his grueling recovery took him on a path that would either make or break him.

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Sports & Recreation

IN BRIEF

CUSTER HILL BOWLING SPECIALS

Wednesday through Friday:
From 1 to 6 p.m., \$2.50 games and \$2 shoes.
Wednesday: From 6 to 9 p.m., \$1 games and \$1 shoes.
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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 DFMWR 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:

- One person, one-hour training session – \$25.
- Two people, one-hour training session – \$40.
- Three people, one-hour training session – \$48.

Personal training sessions can be purchased at Whitside Fitness Center Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.

You can also purchase a session of massage therapy:

- 30-minute session – \$30
- 60-minute session – \$60
- 90-minute session – \$90

For more information, call 785-239-2573.

EYSTER POOL WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Eyster Pool is closed. No re-opening date has been determined.

During this time, all programs — including physical therapy supported by both Irwin Army Community Hospital and Warrior Transition Battalion, pregnancy Physical Therapy, lap swim and recreational swim — will be held at Long Pool, inside Long Fitness Center. Because this pool is not equipped with a computer point-of-sale system, all daily entry fees and pool passes will need to be paid using cash or check.

Unit physical training requests for Thursdays only will be accepted during this time; this is to decrease maximum occupancy with the early-morning lap swim program.

The Aquatics Office at Eyster Pool will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information, call the aquatics program manager at 785-239-9441.

YOUTH SPORTS OFFICIALS

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

Volunteer and paid positions are available. Training is provided and experience is not necessary. A background check is required.

For more information, call CYSS Sports at 785-239-9223 or 785-240-5207.

ISPORTSMAN SYSTEM

Fort Riley has an automated check-in and check-out system called iSportsman. Individuals can register at www.fortriley.sportsman.net.

To access Fort Riley training area, use the iSportsman website. Check-in and check-out may be done with any personal device with Internet access, visit the iSportsman kiosk at 1st Division and Vinton School roads or the Environmental Division Office, building 407, during normal business hours.

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

Coming to the fore

Fort Riley Middle School golfers host Junction City, Topeka



Story and photos by Hannah Kleopfer
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The chilly air was no match for the golfers of Fort Riley as they made their way down the fairway in their warm jackets with bags of clubs on their backs.

The seventh and eighth-grade golf team of Fort Riley Middle School hosted its first home golf meet at Custer Hill Golf Course against Junction City Middle School and Topeka Seaman Middle School.

"I know the kids are excited and have been working hard to improve their skills," Coach John Barstow said. "I think they will make Fort Riley proud."

Kids started out their morning practicing drives and putts before Barstow split the students of the different schools into groups of three.

"Most of the players have only played golf for a season or two at school," Barstow said. "I really want them to learn about what the game is about and to have fun playing it. There is a unique skill set that is necessary to have if they want to be good players, and we are working on building the foundation of those skills in practices. I think most of all I want them to finish the season and

like the game of golf as well as have learned some of the basic skills of the game."

While some students are new to golf, many have been playing since they could swing a club.

"I've been playing for about five years, but only got serious last year," said William Massey, son of Erica and Maj. Jay Massey, Deputy Division Provost Marshall, 1st Infantry Division. "It's just really relaxing. You can be having a bad day and then come out here and play and it makes your day good."

The students of FRMS practice Monday through Thursday every week for an hour and a half in preparation for their meets.

"Last year I just hung out with my friends, but this year I actually got serious about it because I want to play," Jennie Rinebold, daughter of Jessica and Sgt. Sean Rinebold, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

Rinebold ended the meet by taking home third-place for the eighth-grade girls.

The team's next meet will be May 10 at Rolling Meadows Golf Course, where they will again take on JCMS and Topeka Seaman Middle School.



LEFT: Eighth grader William Massey, son of Erica and Maj. Jay Massey, Deputy Division Provost Marshall, 1st Infantry Division, takes his first swing during the golf meet at Custer Hill Golf Course April 28. **RIGHT:** Golfers from Topeka Seaman Middle School, Fort Riley Middle School and Junction City Middle School walk to their first hole at Custer Hill Golf Course April 28.

Kickin' it

Youth soccer program continues to give military children healthy recreation in weekly doses

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Sgt. Maj. Francisco Gonzalez, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, is one of the many volunteer coaches for CYSS soccer.

"I like to volunteer, and volunteering is fun for me, especially helping the kids and helping the community," he said. "They learn how to work as a team and learn some of the skills for the future so as they grow up, they can play some soccer."

Fort Riley children gathered together with smiles and laughter April 30 at the Child, Youth and School Services soccer fields for their weekly games.

The soccer teams are divided by ages, and volunteers from across Fort Riley coach the teams while others referee the games.



Youngsters participate in a weekly soccer game April 30, and look to gain possession of the ball. The matches are part of athletic programs developed and sponsored by the Fort Riley Child, Youth and School Services staff.



Two Fort Riley teams of play each other in the weekly soccer games at the Child, Youth and School Services soccer fields.

Sometimes Fort Riley will play teams from Milford, but often they play against other Fort Riley teams so all of the kids have a chance to play each weekend.

Leslie Jones, wife of Spc. Michael Jones, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., has found her son Gaige receives many benefits from playing on a team at Fort Riley, rather than going off-post to play for Junction City or Manhattan youth soccer teams.

"It's just really convenient," Jones said. "It's nice to have all the kids from the same community. They're all kind of going through the same thing, so they can be support for each other."

Jones, her husband and their daughter sat bundled up on the sidelines in the drizzling spring weather while Gaige played with his team, the Tigers.

"He's played for three seasons," Jones said. "He's definitely learned a lot over the past three seasons. He's learned a lot of teamwork and skills through that."

The staff and volunteers of CYSS have two seasons of youth soccer throughout the year with one in the spring and the second in the fall. There are also a number of other youth sports children of Fort Riley can play, including basketball, baseball and softball.

To learn more about youth sports, go to www.rileymwr.com, the Facebook page or call CYSS at 785-239-9885.



ABOVE: A group of runners, including Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole Jr. and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, try to remain upright and have a bit of fun while running in high heels at the Stiletto Sprint of the Diva Dash at Warrior Zone April 30. Soldiers and family members dressed up in blue and tutus and dresses to observe Autism Awareness month. **BELOW LEFT:** The winners of the Stiletto Sprint were, from left, in first, second and third places, Heather Donovan, wife of Staff Sgt. John Donovan, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Vera LaClair, wife of Staff Sgt. Ryan LaClair, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., and Alisha McKnight, 13, daughter of David Roudybush, director of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Diva Dash, Stiletto Sprint: Fun event underscores autism’s many challenges

Story and photos by Hannah Kleopfer
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The drizzle finally started to subside as Kilee Debita, facility director for Warrior Zone, counted down and runners let go of their blue balloons before the Diva Dash.

Soldiers and family members dressed up in blue tutus and dresses in honor of Autism Awareness month, for the 2-mile fun run and Stiletto Sprint April 30 at Warrior Zone.

“(The staff of Army Community Service) does a great job with Autism and explaining it to (Exceptional Family Member Program) families,” Debita said. “It’s just a great opportunity for us to partner with ACS.”

Before and after the race, participants kept warm inside the Warrior Zone.

“I think it benefits the Warrior Zone because people get to come and do tours and see what it has to offer,” Debita said.

Many of the staff of ACS and the EFMP program showed up in support of Autism Awareness and the families they support.

“I think what’s nice about it is that we’re not acting like this is a separate community,” Toiane Taylor, family advocacy said. “We all live in this community. We’re all a part of it so we need to be the village that helps these families that

are challenged with children who have this condition so they aren’t alone and isolated.”

Taylor said she was glad to see kids with their parents out there racing and participants wearing blue for the race.

As the race started, staff of ACS and Warrior Zone prepared the prizes such as wands at the finish.

When Vera LaClair, wife of Staff Sgt. Ryan LaClair, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, finished the Diva Dash, dressed in a white cowboy hat, blue feathers and a blue sequin dress, she received a gift certificate to the Warrior Zone for the best costume from Debita.

“I participate because it’s a benefit for autism and BOSS, and we have a close family friend who has a child with autism,” LaClair said. “It’s always fun, and I love the morale they have and the participation even with the weather like this.”

When everyone came across the finish line at the end of the 2-mile run, they had the option to participate in the humorous stiletto sprint. Even Col. Andrew Cole Jr., garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, garrison senior noncommissioned officer, participated in the fun, getting into high heels to try their feet at the race.

In the end, Heather Donovan, wife of Staff Sgt. John Donovan, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., took home the gold stiletto, LaClair took the silver, and Alisha McKnight, 13, daughter of David Roudybush, director of DFMWR, took bronze.

Military parents seeking assistance for a child with autism can call Laurie McCauley at 785-239-1861. For more information about events happening through DFMWR or ACS, go to www.rileymwr.com.



Runners begin their 2-mile fun run for the Diva Dash. Participants dressed up in blue in honor of Autism Awareness Month. Army Community Services staff were ready to help military parents of children with autism.



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Travel & Fun in Kansas



The Gardens at Kansas State University were established as an educational resource and learning laboratory for the visiting public and K-State students. The gardens are home to 19 acres of campus ground and are available for tours, weddings, events and viewing. The Insect Zoo is also at the gardens and families are welcome to learn more about the insects that roam the earth. All are privately funded. The gardens also show hardscape and tested ornamental plant material in different aesthetic settings.



An entrance to The Gardens at Kansas State University features this trellis as well as several species of climbing plants. The Gardens are maintained by the Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources.



A large variety of blooming plants can be viewed at The Gardens at Kansas State University. Pictured above is a Moss Rose. The gardens allow students to be actively involved in the ongoing development, maintenance and operation of the garden.

Story and photos by Kelli Reese
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At the Gardens of Kansas State University the season has come where visitors can enjoy a stroll while enjoying the beauty of horticulture, sit by the fountain and smell the flowers as the breeze blows past.

“I enjoy spending my time outdoors and going to the gardens is a great way to see a different part of K-State,” Sara Lair, a K-State senior studying elementary

education with an emphasis in english as a second language said. “They have such a great variety of plant life.”

The K-State Gardens are north of campus and available for tours, weddings, events and individual viewing on your own time. The Insect Zoo is also at the gardens and is designed to educate visitors about the insects that roam the earth.

The Gardens are also used for education by K-State landscape architecture, engineering, hor-

ticulture, apparel, textiles and interior design. Although the gardens have greenhouses on the property, they are only used for student research.

The gardens are open daily from dawn to midnight March through November. The Quinlan Visitor Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is on garden property.

To make arrangements for a tour call 785-532-3271. For more information about the gardens, visit www.k-state.edu/gardens/.