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LEFT: Left to right, Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley senior noncommissioned officer, Col. Andrew Cole Jr., outgoing garrison commander, Joe Capps, Installation Management Command Central Region director, and Col. John Lawrence, incoming garrison commander, prepare to conduct a change of command ceremony July 13 at Riley's Conference Center. **RIGHT:** Col. Andrew Cole Jr., outgoing garrison commander, hands the guidon to Joe Capps, Installation Management Command Central Region director, signifying the end of his command at Fort Riley July 13 at Riley's Conference Center.

A bittersweet farewell

Col. Andrew Cole Jr. weathers one last storm before leaving Fort Riley

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

As the clouds rolled in and the rain poured the morning of July 13, Soldiers, civilians and family members prepared to bid farewell to Fort Riley's outgoing garrison commander, Col. Andrew Cole Jr., and his wife, Charlotte, during a change of command ceremony at Riley's Conference Center. Col. John Lawrence, the incoming garrison commander, was also welcomed by the Fort Riley community.

Prior to the change of command, a small awards ceremony recognized the Cole family and their contributions to the Fort Riley community. Charlotte received the Helping Hand award from Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., Fort

Riley and 1st Infantry Division commanding general. Andrew received the Legion of Merit award as well as the Saint Barbara's medal presented by Col. Thomas Bolen, commander of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery.

With thunder booming outdoors, the ceremony began.

"The time truly has flown over the last three years," Andrew said. "The garrison has been through some challenging times throughout my tenure. This workforce has weathered a reduction in force as well as seen no relief in their support mission as they enable combat readiness for the 1st Infantry Division. Nonetheless, our workforce has continued to strive for and achieved excellence."

Joe Capps, Installation Management Command Central Region director, acknowledged some of Andrew's

accomplishments during his time in command in his remarks.

"I could talk for hours about Andrew, but I know that he is the kind of leader that his accomplishments were the accomplishments of a team, and it was a privilege to lead that team," Capps said. "Andrew had to work within the direction and guidance provided by the senior mission commander while balancing the realities of a resource constrained environment."

In 2015, Fort Riley was recognized by IMCOM for the culture of safety that Andrew garnered while in command. This year, Fort Riley was named the best installation in the Department of Defense. Mission readiness of the Soldiers at Fort Riley improved during his leadership as well as

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Col. Andrew Cole Jr., outgoing garrison commander, addresses the Soldiers, civilians and family members for the last time before leaving Fort Riley during a change of command ceremony July 13 at Riley's Conference Center. Cole will become the chief of staff at the Maneuver Command Center of Excellence in Fort Benning, Georgia.



Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, passes the brigade colors to Col. David Gardner, commander of 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., July 15 at a change of command and responsibility ceremony. Gardner took command from Col. Miles E. Brown, who led the brigade for two years.

'Dagger' brigade welcomes new leaders

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After two years of serving as the commander of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Col. Miles Brown, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Larry H. Orvis Jr., relinquished command and responsibility to Col. David Gardner and Command Sgt. Maj. Craig A. Copridge July 15 at Cavalry Parade Field.

Under Brown's command, the "Dagger" brigade became the first unit in the Army to go through two consecutive decisive-action training environment rotations at the National Training

Center in Fort Irwin, California. This training prepared the brigade's Soldiers for their nine-month deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield where they conducted theater security cooperation and partnership missions within the Central Command area of responsibility.

The ceremony also served as the brigade's official return from that deployment as the unit colors were uncased before the changes of command and responsibility.

Brown and Orvis truly embody what it means to be great leaders, said Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., commanding general, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley.

"What they accomplished as Dagger 6 and 7 is simply amazing," Grigsby said. "They realigned a heavy brigade combat team and modeled it into a lethal armored brigade combat team focused on supporting Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve through theater security operations. They have added another great chapter to the 'Big Red One' history."

Brown said his strength, as well as the strength of the brigade, came from many who supported the Dagger Soldiers.

"The Soldiers in this formation are strong," Brown said. "They are strong because of their spouses and families."

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FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



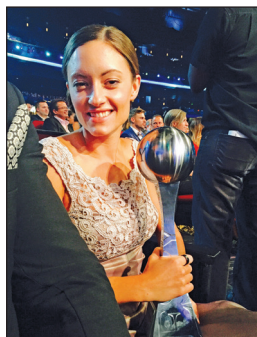
Kelly Ellison, wife of Staff Sgt. Kip Ellison, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, is a caseworker with the American Red Cross. She assists with emergency notifications and following up with Soldiers and families after the message has been initiated. She provides resources that can help during the families time of need. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call Becky Willis, Army Volunteer Corps Program manager, at 785-239-4593.

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U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley welcomes new commander July 13

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Col. John Lawrence, the incoming commanding officer of the United States Army Garrison at Fort Riley, brings two things to his new position as Fort Riley's garrison commander: the experience of both an enlisted man and noncommissioned officer and the expressed desire to serve the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

"Fort Riley and the position of garrison commander were both my first choice," Lawrence said.

His years in the enlisted ranks include increasing grade and commensurate responsibilities from private through sergeant first Class.

"I feel that I am more rounded," Lawrence said of his initial years in the enlisted ranks. "I am familiar with the experiences the enlisted Soldier and the noncommissioned officer go through. I've worked throughout the spectrum, taking orders and giving them. And I believe it gives me a common sense approach to the way I lead."

His progress through the ranks was a result of an inner drive.

"As a young Soldier, I knew I wanted something more," Lawrence said. "So I strived to set myself ahead of my peers; competing for Soldier of the Month, Soldier

of the Quarter, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, and I succeeded in all those."

When he was selected for E-7, a company commander sat down with Lawrence and his then-fiancée, Sheila, to encourage him to go to Officer Candidate School.

"He (the company commander) said, 'look, you need to go to OCS,'" Lawrence said.

Before that discussion, Lawrence had been selected to attend the advanced noncommissioned officer course, as well as recruiting school. Though he had some concerns about his time in service, he went before the OCS board. He received letters of recommendation from the division artillery commander and a company commander.

"I was working (at Fort Riley) at the old personnel command," he said. "And the division commander's secretary talked to me and told me ... I was about to receive a letter."

The letter told Lawrence he was in the next OCS class at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He had mentors along the way, as have many successful professional Soldiers. And from them, he learned the cardinal virtue for every leader in the Army: Take care of your Soldiers.

"They taught me that if you take care of your Soldiers, they are going to respect you and they'll take care of you," Lawrence said. "Because it's a teamwork approach. Everything



Col. John Lawrence, incoming commander of the Fort Riley garrison, greets Command Sgt. Major Billy Counts, senior noncommissioned officer of the 97th Military Police Battalion, in the receiving line during the garrison change of command ceremony July 13 at Riley's Conference Center. At right is administrative specialist Tara Pierce.

is about team. And I've had that instilled in me from every commander on down."

He pointed out one mentor in particular: Maj. Gen. Barry Price. "He said we need to look at families as well as teamwork," Lawrence said. "Because families go through an awful

lot. And he was someone who suggested I put in for a garrison command, because that is the best way to support (families)."

Col. Lawrence is married to the former Sheila Hart of Manhattan, Kansas. They have one son, Nick, who attends Kansas State University.

'Crimson Talons' take top team honors in explosive ordnance disposal

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffiths
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Facing extreme heat, rattlesnakes and some of the best explosive ordnance disposal Soldiers the Army has to offer, a Fort Riley-based team brought back top honors from the 71st Ordnance Group Team of the Year competition at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Three Soldiers — Staff Sgt. Christian Mason, Sgt. Zachary McDaniel and Spc. Ryan Stratis — from the 84th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, competed June 20 to 24. The event is held each year to determine the highest performing team across all units assigned to the 71st OD Group.

This year's events included an Army physical fitness test, ruck march, land navigation, warrior task challenges, 12 specific EOD situational training exercises, a written test and an EOD capabilities brief.

"I lucked out having these two Soldiers on my team," Mason said of McDaniel and Stratis. "We ended up working

out really well with each other."

Lt. Col. Gregory Hirschey, commander of the 84th EOD Bn., said the unit embraces competition while working as a team.

Hirschey said, "We strive for first place in everything we do and our team did just that."

Stratis said the competition was an eye-opener for the three.

"The hardest part was day one while it was hot and humid," Stratis said. "It was an APFT in the morning, then a ruck and straight to land navigation with 60 pounds on our back."

Mason said the first day was designed take the wind out of competitors to see how they dealt with fatigue and exhaustion as they worked on their tasks. Though tough, winning the PT test and ruck march helped put the team in the lead, Stratis said.

"We were more physically fit than the rest of the teams," McDaniel added.

The competition consisted of four scenarios the team had to accomplish with a three-hour time limit assigned to each event. Mason said the scenarios ranged from a suicide vest to stuck rounds in an artillery piece to a multi-ordnance situation where the team had to render safe any

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LT. COL. GREGORY HIRSCHHEY | COMMANDER OF THE
84TH EOD BATTALION

ordnance they came across.

"Most of our job is calculating risk and then reducing those risks in a way that would be the safest," Mason said.

McDaniel said since the entire competition was silently graded, the team didn't know how well they were doing until the end.

"We could gauge whether or not we thought we ran it well or not, but there isn't any cross-talking between the other teams," McDaniel said. "All of the EOD teams out there were really good."

McDaniel said he learned a lot about EOD tactics, techniques and procedures.

"You do some things that you don't have a chance to do," McDaniel said. "A lot of the things you do there, you have heard about or you have read about in our publications systems, but you have never actually done them."

Stratis said confronting new scenarios allowed the

team to learn about not only themselves, but the team as well.

"You learn your own capabilities and learn what you are good at, what you are bad at, what works, what doesn't work," Stratis said,

McDaniel said the most fun part of the competition was getting to do the full scope of his job instead of one small, specific task.

"There were definitely some hiccups during the competition, from learning the team dynamic to how we work best in different roles," Stratis said.

McDaniel said the team members felt as if they were at a disadvantage as this was their first time working closely together.

"A positive attitude went a long way," McDaniel said. "There were some times when quitting sounded nice, but you're just not going to do that."

The Soldiers said they were shocked and in disbelief when



Three Soldiers assigned to 84th Explosive Ordnance Disposal, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, (left to right) Spc. Ryan Stratis, Staff Sgt. Christian Mason and Sgt. Zachary McDaniel, took first place as a team June 20 to 24 at the 71st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team of the Year competition at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The competition is held each year for EOD Soldiers to compete and learn from one another using skills and training taught to their military occupational specialties.


they found out they won, but were glad to take the title for their unit.

"The 84th team of the year represents everything the 'Crimson Talons' stand for and that's excellence," Hirschey said. "We take pride in everything we do."

Hirschey said the Soldiers remained focused throughout the competition to bring the trophy home.

The team members said they loved challenges and what they learned at the competition correlates directly to their purpose — saving lives.

"It's nice to know that when I go out (on a mission), there is a purpose behind that and that's to protect fellow Soldiers," Mason said. "It's definitely challenging."




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Raymond Arnold: a ‘Big Red One’ Soldier

By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Raymond “Ray” Arnold, a native of Milton, Florida, served his country from 1978 to 1998, a span of time that includes two tours with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley during the time of Operation Desert Storm.

He joined the Army in December 1978 and received both his basic training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His military occupational specialty was 19E: an M60 armor crewman.

Arnold’s career took him first to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he worked as a M60 armor crewman, then to Fort Riley. He arrived in 1982 and was assigned to Company A, 4th Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

While at Fort Riley Arnold was part of the Cohesion Operational Readiness Training program, which was designed to reestablish unit cohesiveness and esprit de corps. In the COHORT program Soldiers were teamed from initial training through overseas tours until they were either discharged or their reenlistment was up.

As a result, Soldiers and their companies stayed together for three years, the typical enlistment period.

Also during his time at Fort Riley, his unit was re-designated to Company D, 4th Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

Arnold was a platoon sergeant during his time at Fort Riley and led three groups of new Soldiers who were part of the COHORT program.

In October 1990, he was assigned to Troop A, 4th Bn., 8th Cavalry Regiment,

2nd ABCT, 3rd Armor Division unit at Gelnhausen, Germany. Arnold was only there a short time before his unit deployed to serve in Operation Desert Storm. Once he returned from Desert Storm, he had to leave Gelnhausen because it was closing. He was subsequently assigned to 4th Bn., 7th Cavalry, 4th Bde., 3rd Armor Division at Budingin Germany.

In 1993, Arnold returned to Fort Riley and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., where he spent three years.

In 1996, Arnold became a part of the force development team at Fort Knox, Kentucky, serving as part of the concept experimental program working with defense contractors.

“My favorite memory that comes to mind, is back in 1984 on the 40th anniversary of D-Day,” Arnold said. “I was a member of the color guard and a part of the D-Day ceremony. Fort Riley had placed white sand at the intersection of 6th and Washington Street in Junction City and with the use of an M113 and Soldiers, they re-enacted landing on Omaha Beach.”

He retired June 1998 as a sergeant first Class and returned to the Fort Riley area and his family.

“My late wife, Kathy, is from and was working in Junction City,” Arnold said. “My children were also in school here.”

Today, Arnold continues to serve his country as the program manager for Military Schools on Fort Riley. He is a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Patriot Guard.

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

THEN & NOW

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

Soldiers, Airmen load out aircraft to support theater operations in Salina

Story and photo by Season
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1ST INF. DIV. POST

Soldiers of the 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, worked together with Airmen of the 9th Airlift Wing out of McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey to load HH-60M medevac helicopters onto an Air Force C-5 Galaxy July 13 at Salina Regional Airport, Salina, Kansas.

Nine HH-60Ms from the 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, were transported from Salina to Afghanistan using two C-5s and one C-17 Globemaster III in several phases. The C-5s are capable of transporting four helicopters at a time.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Westscott, 601st ASB, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., said the HH-60Ms were flown out to Salina from Fort Riley where the Soldiers prepared them for transportation by securing parts and folding in the blades prior to loading them onto the aircraft. The preparation at Salina varied some from the Soldiers’ previous training, but still went according to plan.

“It’s a little different because we didn’t do it at the location

where the aircraft initially were, but the movement is going really smoothly in my opinion,” Westscott said.

To prepare, Soldiers began training months ago and performing a number of different exercises to avoid mishaps. Lt. Col. Aaron McPeake, battalion commander for 601st ASB, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., said.

“We’ve done a couple training exercises over the past couple months to prepared for this,” McPeake said. “It’s a very tough mission. It’s a lot of precision, making sure you get all the parts and pieces into the proper position.”

Through continued training, the Soldiers have also increased the time and perfected their technique in preparing and loading the aircraft for transport, McPeake said.

“The first one took about an hour and a half,” McPeake said. “Now they are done anywhere between 40 and 50 minutes. It’s like a NASCAR pit crew. They keep getting faster and faster.”

Once the helicopters were prepared, Soldiers and Airmen worked together to load them onto the C-5 using a tether, pulley system and manual labor to carefully guide each aircraft into place. Two Soldiers were perched

on top of the helicopter to mind the blades as they were moving through the plane.

Capt. Andrew Petefish, 601st ASB, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., said the teamwork between the Soldiers and Airmen, not just while loading the aircraft but at all times, is vital to the success of the mission.

“We need them to deploy,” Petefish said. “We’re a joint environment right now, so anytime we can build relations with our partners is a good idea.”

McPeake echoed Petefish’s opinion and added the load out provided valuable experience for future operations for the Soldiers and Airmen involved.

“We’re all one team, we have to work together,” McPeake said. “We all wear the uniform. And it’s a good opportunity for us to get some loading experience and we’ll probably continue to do this over the next year.”

While a majority of the preparation work was done at Fort Riley, the aircraft needed to be loaded at Salina due to the larger runway size available there, McPeake said.

Fort Riley makes use of many of the neighboring airports in Kansas, Scot Bird, Fort Riley installation transportation officer, said. Salina and Topeka are able to accommodate larger body



A Soldier from the 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, sits on top of a HH-60M medical evacuation helicopter as it is loaded into an Air Force C-5 Galaxy for transportation to Afghanistan July 13 at Salina Regional Airport. The Soldier was responsible for minding the blades and ceiling of the C-5 to see that neither aircraft was damaged. A second Soldier was also perched on the tail of the helicopter.

aircraft and Manhattan can handle smaller body aircraft, putting Fort Riley in an advantageous position for operations.

“We can go any way we need to go for deployments,” Bird said.

Bird said the use of Topeka, Manhattan and Salina airports comes from an initiative by the Kansas Governor’s Military Council to provide support to military installations across Kansas.

McPeake said he appreciated the support of the Salina Regional Airport and emphasized the value of continued relations between Fort Riley and the neighboring airports.

“The Salina airport has been nothing but accommodating,” McPeake said. “For us to be able to occupy a hangar, use this office, use the facilities, it’s been absolutely fantastic.”

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. The 12th Street ACP is closed to all traffic Sundays but it is open to all traffic Monday through Friday. Grant Street ACP is closed 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.

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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 can offer guidance. There are detour and guidance signs posted, including detour routes along tank trail purple and through the Colyer-Forsyth Housing area. Motorists are asked to follow all guidance posted on signs.

HENRY DRIVE, RAY ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION TO SLOW TRAFFIC

Traffic changes will be in effect until approximately mid-October. Vehicles will be required to slow to 20 mph on both Ray Road and Henry Drive to accommodate the continuing work.

CHANGES TO FORT RILEY ACCESS CONTROL POINTS

Traffic patterns have changed at several Fort Riley access control points. Estes Gate will reopen the commercial portion of the gate allowing full access. 12th Street Gate may experience limited staging for commercial vehicles due to construction. Trooper and Ogden access control points may experience traffic pattern changes during non-peak hours.

The changes are necessary to facilitate construction projects.

During these changes and beyond, drive attentively and safely.

For more information about Fort Riley access procedures, visit www.riley.army.mil.

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K-State vets offer prevention tips following recent rabies case in area

K-STATE NEWS AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

MANHATTAN — With the recent diagnosis by the Kansas State University Rabies Laboratory of a rabies-positive cat from Wabaunsee County, a university veterinarian recommends several steps to limit exposure of the disease to humans and animals.

Susan Nelson, veterinarian and clinical associate professor at the university's Veterinary Health Center, said any mammal can get rabies, but most cases occur in wild animals — primarily raccoons, bats, skunks, coyotes and foxes. Many cases of rabies occur in dogs and cattle, and to a lesser extent in horses, goats, sheep, swine and ferrets. Birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians do not get rabies, Nelson said.

"The virus is secreted in saliva and is usually transmitted to people and animals by a bite from an infected animal," Nelson said. "Rabies also can be transmitted when saliva from a rabid animal comes in contact with an open cut on the skin or mucous membranes of the eyes, nose or mouth of a person or animal. Rare cases of rabies have been spread via corneal or organ/tissue transplants from an infected donor."

Nelson says following these eight tips can help minimize rabies exposure in pets and people:

- Dogs, cats, ferrets, horses and select livestock should be vaccinated against rabies as recommended by your veterinarian. Licensed vaccines are available for these species, as well as for cattle and sheep.

- Keep your pet up-to-date on its rabies vaccine. This greatly reduces the chances of developing rabies and makes post-exposure management much less of a headache — and less expensive — for you.

- Do not allow your pets to roam free.

- Don't keep wild animals as pets.

- Don't leave uneaten pet food outside and keep garbage cans covered to reduce the attraction of wild and stray animals.

- Never try to touch stray or wild animals. Children should never try to pet an unfamiliar animal, even if it looks friendly.

- Bat-proof your home.

- Report any wild or stray animal that is acting strangely to your local animal control.

Symptoms of rabies are variable and are caused by effects of the virus on the nervous system and brain. Nelson said these following common symptoms often occur in dogs, cats and ferrets: fearfulness, aggression, excessive drooling, difficulty swallowing, staggering and seizures. Infected horses, cattle, sheep and goats also may act depressed, have increased sensitivity to light or may self-mutilate themselves. She notes, however, that any of these symptoms can occur in any of these species.

"Wild animals with rabies may only display unusual behavior, such as wandering in the daytime when they are normally only out at night or uncharacteristically approaching humans," Nelson said. "Once symptoms develop, death almost

always follows shortly thereafter."

If a stray or wild animal bites your pet, Nelson advises visiting your veterinarian as soon as possible — ideally within 96 hours — for advice and medical management. If a person is bitten, immediately wash the wound with soap and water and contact their physician for further advice.

"In both cases, if the biting animal is known and owned, the owner should be contacted to determine its rabies vaccine status. This also will help determine if your pet needs a rabies booster," Nelson said. "If it is a stray or wild animal, contact local animal control with a description of the animal to see if it can be caught and submitted for rabies testing."

If you have to catch the animal for testing yourself, always wear gloves and try to capture it without touching it — and only if it can be done safely.

While the number of human rabies cases in the U.S. is very rare, Nelson says more recent cases are from exposure to rabid bats.

"Remember to never release a bat that is found in a room with your pet, a sleeping person, a young child, an intoxicated person or a person of diminished mental capacity," Nelson said. "It should be captured and submitted for rabies testing as all these scenarios are considered exposure to the bat, regardless if small bite wounds are found or not."

For more information, contact the Kansas State University Veterinary Health Center at 785-532-5690 or vhc@vet.k-state.edu.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of July 22 was: Where do I find the biography of Col. John Lawrence, garrison commander as of July 13?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Leaders/Display/Article/836648/col-john-d-lawrence/

This week's winner is Lena Hall. Lena's husband is Sgt. Sam Hall, 1161 Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery, Kansas Army National Guard.

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COURTESY PHOTO

EagleMed's Wichita State University-themed air medical helicopter landed at Irwin Army Community Hospital July 13. Crewmembers from the medical transport service met with Fort Riley experts about regional aeromedical capabilities. Brig. Gen. Patrick Frank, deputy commanding general for the 1st Infantry Division, led the discussion.



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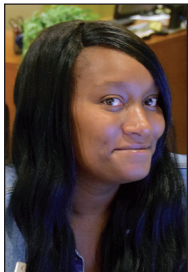
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Editor's Note: In the July 15 issue of the 1st Infantry Division Post, the story titled "Kansas Army National Guard commander prepares to retire" on page one incorrectly reported Brig. Gen. Robert E. Windham will retire Aug. 6. The change of command ceremony will take place Aug. 6, but Windham will not be retiring until sometime later this year. We apologize for this error.

RILEY ROUNDTABLE

July is National Ice Cream Month. What is your favorite flavor?



“Butter Pecan – it just tastes good.”

PAMELA REUTEBUCH
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Resident service specialist for Corvias Military Living



“Chocolate, of course, because who doesn't like chocolate?”

BOBBI JO SAMPLE
NARWICH, NEW YORK

Accounting manager for Corvias Military Living



“Birthday cake because it represents my favorite holiday, my birthday.”

BREEANA WASHINGTON
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Resident service specialist for Corvias Military Living



“Cookies and Cream because it reminds me of Oreos, which is my favorite cookie.”

SPC. BRADLEY SMITH
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

1st Infantry Division Band



“Vanilla Bean – I enjoy its simplicity.”

SPC. AMANDA DICLERICO
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

1st Infantry Division Band

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SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Wednesday, July 20, 11 days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. One hundred more and the post will celebrate with a safety holiday to take place at each unit's discretion.

Commentary

COMMAND TEAM CORNER

Though sexual harassment, assault response shows success, work still needs done

Teammates, the Fort Riley Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program was inspected in June by the U.S. Army Forces Command Inspector General's office. The goal was to assess Soldiers' and leaders' understanding of Army policies regarding the SHARP program and to assess whether the command climate is supportive of Soldiers who report sexual harassment and assault incidents.

The inspection focused on separate brigades within the division and conducted focus group meetings with Soldiers and leaders from the ranks of private through captain. I am committed, as is all of our 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley leadership, to eliminating sexual assault and harassment from our installation and units.



Maj. Gen.
Wayne W. Grigsby Jr.

Such behavior has no place in a disciplined military force. The American people send us their sons and daughters with the expectation we will protect, develop and employ them to fight and win our nation's wars. We accomplish this through a ready, capable and professional force that takes care of its own.

As the proud parent of two young Soldiers, the elimination of sexual harassment and assault in our Army is personal for me, and it is my professional duty as the commander of this great division and installation. This is why I am proud to report that FORSCOM IG findings confirmed our great Soldiers, civilians and leaders across the 1st Inf. Div. are doing an outstanding job of setting a supportive command climate and training our force in prevention and mitigation measures. The vast majority of Soldiers said they believed their leaders take reports seriously, felt their unit SHARP program works effectively and they would feel confident reporting the incident if they were a victim.

While these numbers make me very proud of the hard work of the entire team, there remains work to be done. We must continue to pursue prevention measures, share and support best practices in our units and remain engaged and vigilant in setting and enforcing standards that ensure a healthy command climate for all Soldiers. As Army leaders, all of us have a duty to uphold our values by ensuring an installation free of sexual violence. No Mission too Difficult, No Sacrifice too Great — Duty First! Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr. Commanding General 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley

SAFETY CORNER

Safety is name of game for Army motorcycle program

By Dawn Douglas
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Motorcycles have always evoked an image of freedom, individuality, and as the case may be, rebellion. Unlike any other purchase, a motorcycle changes you. You're not just a guy or girl with a motorcycle; you're a rider. You feel cooler and like the lyrics to the old Twisted Sister song, Ride to Live, Live to Ride, "You've got to ride to live, live to ride, feel the flames burn inside..." While riding may seem cool, you may even feel cooler as a rider, current Army accident data show, a significant number of fatal motorcycle accidents are due to rider indiscipline, not lack of skill. The Army Progressive Motorcycle Program requires all Soldiers who own or operate a motorcycle to complete four separate training events at specific time intervals defined in Army Regulation 385-10:

- The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course
- The Basic Rider Course 2, formerly Experienced Rider Course, or Military Sport Bike Rider Course
- Motorcycle refresher training
- Sustainment training.

Required follow-on training must be completed within 12 months of completing the BRC, and sustainment training is required every five years. Refresher training is only required if a rider has been deployed more than 180 days. The Army Progressive Motorcycle Program was developed to address indisciplines such as speeding, loss of control and alcohol which are among the top three factors cited in indiscipline-related accident reports. The PMP

addresses rider behavior, teaches basic skills, and builds and improves rider attitude and control throughout a Soldier's riding life. The program is designed to continually re-engage riders while promoting safe behaviors, refreshing skills and establishing lifelong learning among the Army's riding population. In accordance with Commanding General Policy Letter 6, Motorcycle Safety Program Coordinators are the backbone in promoting a lifetime of riding skills and MSPCs serve as examples and role models for novice riders. All commands with motorcycle operators should have designated MSPCs on appointment orders for both motorcycles and all-terrain vehicle operators. The Garrison Safety Office offers three free Motorcycle Safety Foundation Courses for Soldiers up until October, weather permitting. The Basic Rider Course is a two-day class required for all motorcycle operators. Prerequisites are possession of an automobile driver's license and the ability to ride a motorcycle. Motorcycle endorsements on state-issued driver's licenses are not needed for BRC unless the rider will be training on his or her own motorcycle. Taking the BRC is not the end of required motorcycle training according to Army Regulation and Commanding General Policy Letter 6. All Soldiers are required to complete advanced motorcycle training consisting of either the Basic Rider's Course 2 or the Military Sport Bike Rider Course within 12 months of completion of the BRC and no sooner than 60 days. Operators must have in their possession a valid state license with motorcycle endorsement, successfully completed BRC and have

their own motorcycle to enroll in the BRC 2 course. In addition, redeploying Soldiers from theater have 180 days to complete BRC 2 or MSRC upon return to home station. In addition, even if a redeploying Soldier has completed BRC and BRC 2, he or she must attend Motorcycle Refresher Training prior to operating their motorcycle on a public street, private street or highway with the exception of riding to the training site. The MRT is conducted on the individual's own motorcycle to re-familiarize redeploying Soldiers on safe handling of their bikes. It is important for the safety and success of the PMP, for MSPCs and leadership to be actively engaged in identifying unit operators who need training. The PMP is designed specifically to keep motorcycle operators current and sustain or enrich safe riding skills. The intent of sustainment training is to continue the life-long process of learning. Riders who have had an extended period of inactivity — three years or more — or who have had a change in motorcycles, or who are riding in a different geographic location can benefit greatly from motorcycle sustainment training. For more information or to schedule motorcycle training, contact the Garrison Safety Office, 785-239-3391 or go to <https://imc.army.mil/airs/>. Commanding General Policy Letter 6, which details the requirements for PMP and includes all the procedures for training, licensing, personal protective equipment, inspection requirement, leader's responsibility and remedial driver's training can be downloaded from 1st Infantry Division's website or the Safety portal located on the NEC's SharePoint.

Merger of TRICARE provides more efficiencies in care management

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

With two of TRICARE's regions set to merge, the TRICARE Regional Office North and South became TRO East July 1. TRO West is continuing as before covering the western United States. The move was made in advance of the pending award of the TRICARE-2017 contract. "We wanted to make our operations more efficient," said Ken Canestrini, chief operating officer for TRO East. "The bottom line is that beneficiaries won't see any difference in delivered care." The TRO North staff in Falls Church, Virginia, and TRO

South staff in San Antonio, is functioning under the new TRO East business model. Some staff rebalancing occurred to eliminate redundancies, but each office will continue to provide management and support services in their respective geographic areas covering 33 states. Canestrini said having two major regional offices hits the right balance of combining operations for efficiencies while making sure not all the eggs are in one basket. "With just one contractor for all stateside areas, if you had any issues with a contractor or service, it would likely affect all our beneficiaries," said Canestrini. "This way you'll continue to have two major

sectors of terrain, while still capitalizing on best practices from the different regions." The TRO East will handle the lion's share of those enrolled in TRICARE, with about six million beneficiaries — about two-thirds of all TRICARE beneficiaries. Under the future T-2017 Managed Care Support Contracts, one government business partner will manage the network of civilian medical providers for the entire East Region where previously, two business partners split that responsibility in eastern geographic regions designated as North and South. The TRICARE Regional Offices provide essential

government oversight and coordination for those civilian contractors. Canestrini said this move is one of many initiatives in the Defense Health Agency to improve the Military Health System and ensure active-duty, retirees and family members receive the highest-quality health care services for years to come. "This will help us better oversee the contractors providing the care," he said. "In addition, this increases TRO East's focus on supporting military hospital and clinic commanders in managing their market and facilitating a more integrated system, while helping our beneficiaries."

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Missed appointments are missed opportunities for others.

Missouri National Guard joins training exercise with 1st Infantry Division

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

Members of the Missouri Army National Guard unit 135th Attack Helicopter Reconnaissance Battalion joined Soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division for training July 14 at the Douthitt Gunnery Complex.

Both units worked on qualifying with Apache helicopters.

The unit Soldiers worked on their after action report with Chief Warrant Officer 4 Dustin Engelhart, 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Reg., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., to evaluate their work with the Apaches.

“Our primary focus is aerial gunnery,” Engelhart

said. “We’re starting with the tables that include harmonization of the gun, which is the aircraft’s version of zeroing the rifle. After that we make sure that all the aircraft systems are correctly functioning. Then we go into crew qualification for the gunnery.”

Two crew members control the Apache, with one piloting and the other controlling the firearms. To qualify, they must act together and employ the weapons system in accordance with doctrine, regulations and operations manual to service different targets, different weapon systems and different targets at different ranges, Engelhart said.

The National Guard unit was integrated with the planning and briefs while 1st CAB provided staffing.

“Doing things with them is no different from doing things with our unit,” Engelhart said.

The 135th Attack Helicopter Recon. Bn. began to qualify after the 1st CAB finished the beginning of their training. The planning process for the two units to work together began more than six months ago.

“Out here, we are conducting our annual gunnery,” said Company Commander Col. Andrew Shulte, 135th Attack Helicopter Recon. Bn. “This has been the first time we have been on Fort Riley in probably over 10 years.”

The unit was qualifying as an attack battalion for the last time, as they are transitioning to an assault battalion.

“The most feasible place for an attack battalion is to come out to Fort Riley,” Shulte said. “It made sense to reach out to 1st CAB and start coordinating with them and seeing if we could integrate our company gunnery requirements with them. The planning process began in November, and through multiple meetings and phone calls 1st CAB has been very helpful and great in building that relationship.”

The aircrew arrived July 10 and the ground crew arrived the next day as the leadership of 1st CAB greeted them.

“Our experience here has been wonderful,” Shulte said. “They greatly assisted us in layout for the ranges and logistical requirements of transportation. They really helped us out.”



Soldiers of the 135th Attack Helicopter Reconnaissance Battalion, Missouri Army National Guard, land an Apache helicopter during their training at the Douthitt Gunnery Complex at Fort Riley July 14. “Our experience here has been wonderful,” Shulte said. “They greatly assisted us in layout for the ranges and logistical requirements of transportation. They really helped us out.”

‘Dagger’ brigade leaders case colors for return to Fort Riley from Kuwait

Story and photo by Capt. Ed Alvarado
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — The brigade colors of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, led by Col. Miles Brown and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Orvis Jr., were cased during a transfer of authority ceremony conducted with Soldiers of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, July 5.

The transfer of authority ceremony closed the “Dagger” brigade’s nine-month mission in support of strengthening commitment to its partners in increasing partner capabilities while fostering professional and personal relationships between the U.S. and partner nations in Southwest Asia.

Maj. Gen. William B. Hickman, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Central, who served as the reviewing officer for the ceremony, expressed his appreciation to the Dagger brigade and its commitment to the mission.

“I would like to thank Col. Brown and Command Sgt. Maj. Orvis for their leadership here in

the last nine months, serving in the ARCENT area of operations,” Hickman said. “When you think about the commitment of our nation, it’s not until you put a United States Soldier on the ground that you know that our nation is committed, it demonstrates commitment and excellence.”

Hickman also touched on the partnership training conducted by the brigade with trusted partners throughout the USARCENT region.

“They partnered with Kuwaitis almost on an everyday basis, they helped the Kuwaiti military grow stronger, partnered with the Jordanians in command post exercises and live fires,” Hickman said of the 2nd ABCT Soldiers. “They conducted leader development and small unit tactics with Omanis and conducted staff training with the Emiratis and probably many more events that I’m not aware of.”

The lasting effect of the training and interoperability exercises that occurred during the deployment will help these countries, so if conflict does occur, they are prepared, Hickman said.

Brown said in addition to conducting combat operations, strengthening relationships with partner nations was a priority for the brigade.

“The Dagger brigade has served here since last fall, conducting combat operations and theater security cooperation missions across the region; what we are most proud of are the relationships,” Brown said. “With our partners, service, joint, combined and multi-national, we are proud to be a contributing member of the ARCENT team.”

Col. Lee McGee, commander of the 3rd ABCT, 1st Armored Div., expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Dagger brigade.

“We have huge shoes to fill; the Daggers can do it all — they are lethal, they built new relationships and expanded interoperability in every mission they executed,” McGee said. “The mission is better because the Dagger brigade lives brave, responsible and on point for the nation in everything they do.”

The uncasing of the brigade’s colors was July 15 at Fort Riley before the brigade’s changes of command and responsibility ceremony.



Col. Miles Brown and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Orvis prepare to case the colors of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, during a transfer of authority ceremony July 5 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. The casing of the colors closed the “Dagger” brigade’s mission in support of strengthening commitment to its partners in increasing partner capabilities while fostering professional and personal relationships between the U.S. and partnered nations during their nine-month deployment to Southwest Asia.

1st Infantry Division Soldier showcases Army chow at national competition

Story and photo by J. Parker Roberts
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

One young chef is showing the world what 1st Infantry Division food service training is capable of.

Spc. Carlos Cruz, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, was the first active-duty Soldier to take part in the American Culinary Federation Student Chef of the Year Competition July 16 in Phoenix.

“He’s going to be competing with four other student chefs from each respective region around the country,” said Warrant Officer Edmund Perez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, and “Big Red One” Culinary Arts Team manager. “The only pressure for him is that he’s the only one that’s in the military.”

Perez said Cruz and his fellow food service Soldiers are accustomed to performing under stress.

“We’re in the military — we’re used to pressure,” Perez said. “We’re used to training and cooking under extreme circumstances.”

Cruz earned the invite to compete after being named Armed Forces Student Chef of the Year in March at the 41st Annual Military Culinary Arts Competitive Training Event at Fort Lee, Virginia. This is the first year winners of that competition were invited to the ACF competition.

The 21 year old said when his brother, Jose, graduated from Le Cordon Bleu, an international culinary school, he decided the best way to continue their longstanding competition was to join the Army as a cook. Before joining the Army, the Soldier

chef said he had no experience with cooking.

“This is the first place I was introduced to advanced culinary arts,” Cruz said of the Big Red One program. “Since then, it’s been a real ride.”

Cruz joined the 1st Inf. Div. Culinary Arts Team in December 2015 and competed in the Fort Lee event, where he earned a gold medal in the Student Chef of the Year competition with his seared stuffed chicken breast.

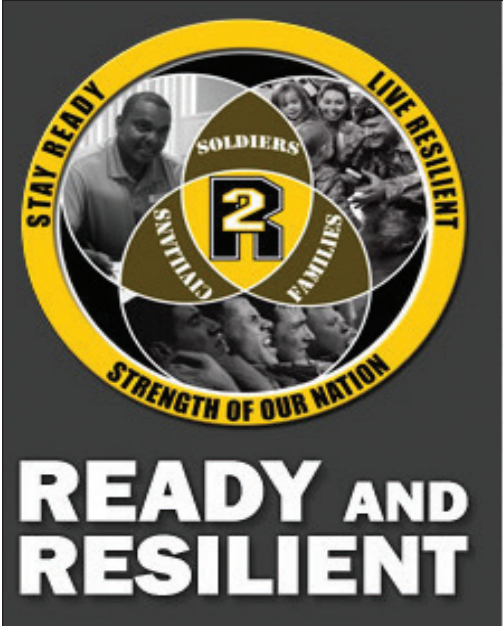
“It’ll be great to compete; if I win, even better,” Cruz said before the competition. “It’s just good that I’m going.”

Cruz said he’s been working with his coaches since returning from Fort Lee to perfect his dish, a Moroccan seared arctic char.

“It brings out a different flavor,” Cruz said of the Moroccan spices used in the dish. “It’s different, but I like it.”



Warrant Officer Edmund Perez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, and “Big Red One” Culinary Arts Team manager, inspects arctic char prepared by Spc. Carlos Cruz, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, July 13 at Fort Riley’s Food Service Lab. Perez was helping Cruz prepare for the American Culinary Federation Student Chef of the Year Competition, which took place July 16 in Phoenix.



'Fighting Eagles' hold deployment ceremony for medical evacuation Soldiers

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

Soldiers and family members of the “Boomer Dustoff” company filled a hangar July 13 on Fort Riley’s Marshall Army Airfield and took their seats in front of a formation with two HH-60M helicopters, dedicated medical evacuation versions of the UH-60 Black Hawk.

The deployment ceremony was an opportunity to recognize the Soldiers of Company C, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, before they began their work downrange.

Maj. Christine Downs, incoming commander for Co. C, said Boomer Dustoff Soldiers trained aggressively

and consistently for this deployment to Afghanistan.

Downs said Boomer Solders have flown to every corner of the U.S., conducting operations in support of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California; the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana; and supported wildfire operations in Sand Point, Idaho.

Downs said the company also attended home station paramedic training that led to an increase in the amount of flight paramedics with critical care training. Each paramedic received almost 1,000 hours of hands-on patient care and classroom time, making them a combat multiplier for any operation.

“With proficiency and confidence forged at a high pace that never slowed, these

Soldiers before you truly embody what it means to be Dustoff,” Downs said.

Lt. Col. Jacob J. Dlugosz, commander, 2nd GSAB, 1st Avn. Regt., wished the Soldiers standing in formation Godspeed and the best of luck.

“I know you are well trained and ready for this mission,” Dlugosz said. “It has been on our minds and calendars for quite some time and now the day has come to step forward, just as those before us.”

Dlugosz said for decades and throughout notable campaigns and deployments, Boomer Dustoff has answered the call, flying unarmed, in the worst weather conditions and during all hours of the day or night.

Dlugosz told the formation of Soldiers in Afghanistan they need them and it will inspire

confidence in them each time they hear their rotors and see the big red cross fly overhead or land at a landing zone.

“It’s the Soldiers on the ground we support so they can get the mission done and we can all come home for good,” Dlugosz said.

He told the Soldiers he will see them soon and he looked forward to serving alongside each of them throughout their deployment.

In closing, Dlugosz said it was an important process to recognize the Soldiers who were about to undertake the most noble of missions – to save a life.

“In our business, there is truly no mission too difficult,” Dlugosz said. “No sacrifice is too great and duty truly is first and foremost in our hearts.”



Soldiers of Company C, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, sing the “Big Red One” song during a deployment ceremony held at Marshall Army Airfield on Fort Riley July 13. Lt. Col. Jacob J. Dlugosz, battalion commander, told the families in attendance their Soldiers are well trained and ready for the up-coming deployment and there is no greater calling than what they are about to do.

Kansas National Guard unit stands up

Story and photo by Sgt. Anna Simbeck
105TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Few commanders have the opportunity to stand before their troops, the leaders of the state and the governor to share what they have accomplished in the last 15 months. Lt. Col. Erica Christie did just that at the 997th Brigade Support Battalion activation ceremony at Fort Hays, Kansas, July 9.

“As a new commander, it is a blessing,” Christie said. “Usually, you tell people what you’re going to do and I got to tell people what I’ve done.”

The activation ceremony was the last step to integrate the new force structure of the 997th BSB into the Kansas National Guard under the 130th Field Artillery Brigade.

“It has become fully functional in a very short time,” Christie said.

The battalion’s mission is to provide command and control of assigned and attached units plan and manage logistics support to the 130th Field Artillery Brigade and supported maneuver battalions and conduct domestic support operations in support of federal and state agencies to protect life and property within the state.

During the ceremony, Christie and Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Posch, senior noncommissioned officer of 997th BSB, unveiled the newest flag in the Kansas National Guard family. The distinguished unit insignia and crest represents the lineage of the field artillery brigade. The passing of colors is an honored military tradition, a physical



Lt. Col. Erica Christie, commander of the 997th Brigade Support Battalion, passes the brigade colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Posch, commander sergeant major of 997th BSB, during the unit's July 9 activation ceremony at Old Fort Hays, Kansas. The tradition is a sign of the commander entrusts the senior enlisted leader with the care and training of the troops.

and visual confirmation that the incoming commander has been entrusted with and accepts the responsibilities of the command given to her.

In his remarks, Gov. Sam Brownback spoke about what the activation of the 997th BSB means for the state of Kansas.

“This unit is going to serve with distinction for this country, for this state and for this region,” Brownback said. “Thank you for serving. Thank you for the willingness to go forward as your country calls. The world needs you and they need people from Kansas.”

The 997th BSB grew from three companies and 300 Soldiers to six companies and 600 Soldiers under Christie’s command.

“I’m really proud that we brought this force structure to Kansas and that I’m the commander,” Christie said. “With the loss of the 287th (Special Troops Battalion), we

have growth with the gaining of the 997th BSB. So we have senior mentors for all our officers and NCOs. That’s what the 997th brings to the Kansas Guard.”

Christie and Posch spend a lot of time on the road traveling to the unit locations throughout the state to meet with the Soldiers.

“We have to do this command visit because that shows the importance of what the Soldiers are doing regardless of their job or rank,” Christie said. “They’re important to us.”

Posch said the Soldiers going into this project were motivated and dedicated.

“It’s a remarkable environment,” Posch said. “The eagerness of the Soldiers from the 997th to want to come alive and take a hold of the challenges we’ve thrown at them and the positions. “Keep moving forward,” Posch told his Soldiers, “and keep that eagerness alive.”

Rates and Fees

DAILY FEES

Category	9 Holes Weekday	18 Holes Weekday	9 Holes Weekend	18 Holes Weekend
E1-E5 / Youth	\$12	\$18	\$12	\$20
E6-Above, Retired Military and DoD Civilians	\$13	\$20	\$13	\$22
Civilian / Guest	\$15	\$24	\$15	\$26

OTHER FEES

	9 Holes: \$8	18 Holes: \$14
Golf Cart		
Range Token	\$3	
Club Rental	\$12	
Single Club Rental	\$2	
Pull Cart	\$5	
Locker (Annual)	\$45	

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Category	Single	Family Play
E1-E5	\$350 Annual Pass \$29 Monthly Payments	\$530 Annual Pass \$44 Monthly Payments
E6-Above, Retired Military and DoD Civilians	\$475 Annual Pass \$39 Monthly Payments	\$655 Annual Pass \$55 Monthly Payments
Civilian / Guest	\$760 Annual Pass \$63 Monthly Payments	\$940 Annual Pass \$78 Monthly Payments

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Col.
David Gardner



Command Sgt. Maj.
Craig Copridge



Col.
Miles Brown



Command Sgt. Maj.
Larry Orvis

I could not, nor would I be a Soldier today if it was not without the love and support of my family.

Gardner's previous assignment was at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he served on the faculty of the School of Advanced Military Studies. This is his first assignment within the 1st Inf. Div.

Copridge's previous assignment was as the senior noncommissioned officer for 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Brown's next assignment is as the chief of staff for the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Orvis's next assignment is at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

"We must also give thanks to our community partners for their support both during and after our deployment," Brown said. "They have truly made (Fort Riley) the best place to come home to. I know they will do the same for both the Gardner and Copridge families."

SAFETY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



Hannah Kleopfer | POST

Joe Capps, Installation Management Command Central Region Director, presents the IMCOM Individual Award of Excellence in Safety to Rick Hearron, safety manager July 13. Hearron also received the Army level Individual Award of Excellence in Safety in a small awards ceremony with his safety team present. "I am honored, humbled and really it's a team effort," Hearron said. "I've got a great staff and great team, and I just give guidance. They go out and actually do the work. Our relationship with directors are what make it all work."

GARRISON

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many other accomplishments across the installation.

Capps said these accomplishments set Andrew apart as a garrison commander.

“His three years of command have been marked by transformation, innovation, and challenges due to military and civilian drawdowns and physical constraints,” Capps said. “Throughout this demanding time, Col. Cole led through collaboration and strategic planning and partnerships that included the 1st Infantry Division, the civilian workforce, state and local leaders and Kansas congressional members.”

But he was not just successful because of the garrison team. Grigsby honored a very important and special part of Andrew’s team — Charlotte.

“Her contributions to this community will last for years to come,” Grigsby said. “Through her tireless dedication to the families and spouses, she helped grow the resiliency of our Fort Riley families ... Charlotte’s impact doesn’t stop at Fort Riley though.”

Charlotte was a board member of the Combined Scholarship Fund and served on the development board for Kansas State University’s McCain Auditorium. Part of her role in the community as a senior spouse was to help mentor and guide other senior spouses on the installation. She participated in numerous events including holiday decorating contests and hail and farewell events.

“Andrew and I are so blessed — we’ve known that since the day we arrived here,” Charlotte said before the change of command ceremony. “It has been an absolute honor to serve with each of you ... I will take every moment of the last three years and cherish it.”

Grigsby said that under Andrew’s leadership with Charlotte’s support, Fort Riley has been the example for the entire Army and the DOD.

“In order to be a great leader in the United State Army, you’ve got to be a good person first, and I would tell you that Andrew Cole is a good person,”

Grigsby said following the change of command ceremony. “He set the example here for three years, and he really made Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division the best place to train, live, deploy from and come home to.”

Andrew will assume his role as chief of staff at the Maneuver Command Center of Excellence in Fort Benning, Georgia, at the end of July.

He left the crowd with words of encouragement about the community surrounding Fort Riley, which he said neither he nor Charlotte will ever forget.

“The reason Fort Riley truly is the best place to live, train, deploy from and come home to is because of the support provided to us by our community,” Andrew said. “Many of you are in the audience today, and I want to say thanks to you — your enduring and unwavering support is indispensable to making Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division what it is today. I will always measure a community’s support by what I have seen and lived here.”



Maria Childs | POST

Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, left, talks about the contributions of the Cole family before the change of command ceremony July 13 at Riley's Conference Center. Col. Andrew Cole Jr. pictured with his wife Charlotte, was the garrison commander at Fort Riley for three years. Col. John Lawrence took command during the ceremony.

Fort Riley community members host farewell dinner for Cole family



ABOVE AND BELOW: Charlotte Cole, wife of Col. Andrew Cole Jr., who relinquished command of the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley July 13, received the Lady Victory award at a farewell dinner July 11. “The Lady Victory is awarded to Mrs. Charlotte Cole in recognition for her support of the 1st Infantry Division and keeping with the finest traditions of the Victory Lady,” Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general. Jennifer Frank wife of Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Inf. Div. commanding general placed the Lady Victory pendant on Charlotte.



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

Members of Fort Riley gathered together telling stories, speaking of fond memories and showing respect to Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole Jr., and his wife, Charlotte, during a farewell dinner July 11 at Riley’s Conference Center.

While Andrew has been serving Fort Riley over the past three years, his wife, Charlotte, has been a force in helping maintain the community as the best place to live, work, deploy from and come home to for Soldiers and their families.

During the dinner, Charlotte received the Lady Victory award, which was in the form of a pendant necklace, placed on Charlotte by Jennifer Frank, wife of Brig. Gen. Frank, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general.

“To a lady who has just gone above and beyond and so much more, we’d like to present this award to you,” said Maj. Gen. Wayne Grigsby Jr., commanding general of the first Infantry Division and Fort Riley. “The Lady Victory is awarded to Mrs. Charlotte Cole in recognition for her support of the 1st Infantry Division and keeping with the finest traditions of the Victory Lady.”

The Lady Victory monument is the only 1st Infantry Division statue on White House grounds.

Jennifer Frank gave a tribute to Charlotte during the dinner.

“I met Charlotte for the first time when she and Andrew came to our house to welcome us to Fort Riley,” Frank said. “I was immediately struck by Charlotte’s warmth and kindness. Charlotte shared that caring personality with the Fort Riley community for the past three years.”

Frank went on to list the numerous accolades Charlotte achieved during her time here, such as assisting with welcomes and farewells, serving as senior advisor on committees and serving on the McCain Auditorium Board of Directors.

“Oh, by the way,” Frank said. “She did all this while pursuing a dual degree in orchestration for film and TV and music production at the Berkley School of Music. She literally composes everything from symphonies to pop music.”

Charlotte has been doing her classes through an online video platform and has been on the Dean’s list for the past three years.

There was also a special surprise for Charlotte as Frank read a letter from Kelly Schmidt, wife of the former Fort Riley Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt.

“My dearest Charlie,” Frank read from the letter. “It’s important you know what an

incredible person I think you are ... You and Andrew made our time at Fort Riley the absolute best ... You’ve inspired me, among others, to be a better person and Army spouse.”

Charlotte also had an opportunity to come up to say a few things about her time spent at Fort Riley and thank the people who made her time memorable.

“Thank you to all of my friends here,” she said. “But I cannot stop there. Thank you to the true heroes of garrison command, who actually put up with Andrew and do their best to keep him straight.”

The audience laughed and applauded the joke and she went on to thank them for helping make the Garrison a success.

“There is a gem in each one of you that makes you a success,” Charlotte said.

Cole also had some sweet things to say about his wife as he ended his speech to the dinner guests.

“I’ve talked about a lot of things, and it takes a lot of time, and I didn’t necessarily get around to everybody,” Cole said. “... I’ve really been able to pour my energy into it (Fort Riley) for three years now. But I’ve only been able to do that because of one reason, and that’s because of this person (Charlotte) right there.”

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LEFT: Xochitl Romero-Moreno, 4, daughter of Spc. John Moreno, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, takes a ride with a horse during the Junction City Special Needs Rodeo July 16 at the 4-H Center in Junction City, Kansas, while Miss Rodeo Junction City from 2015-16, Danielle Stuerman assists. **CENTER:** Samuel Vasquez, 10, son of Sgt. Samuel Vasquez, 1st Support Maintenance Company, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, experiences what it is like to ride a hand-rocked bull at the 4-H Center in Junction City. **RIGHT:** Xochitl Romero-Moreno, 4, daughter of Spc. John Moreno, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, learns to lasso a bull during the Junction City Special Needs Rodeo.

Rodeo partners

Fort Riley, Junction City children saddle up for 19th annual special needs rodeo

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

When 6-year-old Miles Lynch was too timid to get on the horse, his mother, Tawana Lynch, wife of Staff Sgt. Desmond Lynch, 774th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 84th Explosive Ordnance Disposal, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, saddled up to show him the horse was nothing to be afraid of.

The Lynch family has been attending the Fort Riley Exceptional Family Member Program Special needs Rodeo at the Junction City 4-H Center for three years. This year's version, held on July 16, was no different, as the family participated in a variety of activities including steer roping, hand-rocked bareback riding and arena horse rides with the Rodeo Queen candidates.

"They let the children be themselves, and I think that is very therapeutic for them," Tawana said. "I think it's good for the kids, and I know that my children love it. They look forward to it."

The EFMP program is designed to provide services including medical ones and an educational or social support that enhances readiness and quality of life for families with special needs. Special needs can range from asthma conditions, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, learning disabilities, medical conditions such as seizures and mental health conditions such as anxiety disorder.

The staff with EFMP partnered with the Junction City Rodeo Association to bring this event to the community for the past 19 years. Laurie McCauley, EFMP coordinator, said this event is



At the Family Member Program Special needs Rodeo July 16, Tawana Lynch, wife of Staff Sgt. Desmond Lynch, 774th Explosive Ordnance Disposal, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, saddled up to show her son, Miles, that the horse was nothing to be timid about. Lynch said spending time with the horses at the rodeo is helpful to give the kids a sense of community. "It's very important to families with special needs because there is no other place we can go and our children won't be looked at funny," Lynch said.

"They let the children be themselves, and I think that is very therapeutic for them."

TAWANA LYNCH
MILITARY MOM

therapeutic for children with sensory issues.

"A lot of times our children with special needs have a lot of sensory (issues)," she said before the event. "This is an event that helps them with (those issues) ... I haven't seen any that haven't enjoyed it."

MORE INFORMATION

• For more information about the **Fort Riley Exceptional Family Member Program**, call 785-239-9435 or visit Army Community Service at 7264 Normandy Drive.

Erika Harrington, EFMP system navigator, said this event is about bringing a sense of community to the families while experiencing the rodeo.

"The intent of the event is to bring children who have special needs together to experience

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The 451st Army Rock Band begins their show as part of the summer concert series hosted by staff of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Warrior Zone July 15. The concert was part of a welcome home celebration for the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team.

Dagger brigade Soldiers return to informal party

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

Staff of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and USO Fort Riley welcomed home members of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, with music, games and food.

For the second of the summer concert series hosted by staff of DFMWR, there was an informal welcome home celebration with the music of the 451st Army Rock Band out of Minnesota at Warrior Zone July 15.

"We wanted to show our support for the troops, welcome them back from such a long deployment," said Kim Wargo, DFMWR special events coordinator. "We wanted them to feel welcomed home and have the community come out and show their support. Our hope is ... that we can continue welcome home ceremonies as well as farewells."

Staff of USO Fort Riley were also there to welcome home the unit.

"The USO is always by the side of our Soldiers throughout their transition in the Army," said Jill Iwen, USO Fort Riley director. "To be here tonight

and to welcome them home is our honor. We're very grateful for MWR and the Warrior Zone to include us in this welcome home ceremony to make the night more special for our troops."

This was the first time USO Fort Riley had partnered with DFMWR for an event.

"We look forward to doing more," Iwen said.

The informal celebration was outside of the usual for many of the Soldiers of the 2nd ABCT.

"In the past the only welcome home I've had was a very formal battalion ball right after redeployment," said Capt. John Butler, Headquarters and Headquarter Company, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. "(In) that sort of setting you have fun, but it's not an opportunity to let your hair down and get out of military mode. This venue lets you do that and lets you get that steam out."

The event was for all ages with blow-up toys for kids and free soda and ice cream.

"It really shows how much of a community Fort Riley has," said Capt. Ed Alvarado, HHC, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. "It really is the best place to come home, to train and to deploy from. It's special for us."

KANSAS STARBASE



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Hanni Ishmael, left, daughter of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Anthony Ishmael, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, and Amarah Ishmael, right, daughter of Sgt. Marvin Ishmael, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., build an electronic circuit during Kansas STARBASE program July 16 at the Colyer Forsyth Community Center. Kansas STARBASE is a program designed to cultivate excitement and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math subjects.

Camp Corral puts 150 campers in environment to have fun

Program catering to military kids offers place to share, heal

Story and photo by Zach Hacker
SPECIAL TO THE POST

ELMDALE — The Camp Wood YMCA hosts camps all summer, but last week's was not only the biggest, it also may be the most special.

The sprawling, 864-acre camp nestled in the Flint Hills outside of Elmdale continued its partnership with Camp Corral this year. Started in 2011 as a one-camp pilot program, Camp Corral now takes place at 23 locations in 19 states. What makes this unique from other summer camps, however, is that it is open exclusively to children of members of the military. Registration priority is given to

children of wounded, disabled or fallen service members.

"This is huge for us," Camp Wood YMCA Senior Operations Director B.J. Murray said. "We're deeply honored to serve kids who have those experiences. It's great that we can be a place where kids can just be kids and forget about those experiences for a week. It's really helping them heal in a way."

At 150 total campers ages 7 - 17, it is "by far" Camp Wood's largest week of the summer, Murray said. Campers mostly came from Kansas and Missouri — though there were some in town from Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma — from Sunday through Saturday. They were there to enjoy the "All-American summer camp" — save for the goofball antics often depicted in 80s movies — according to Murray.

Each morning, the campers broke into groups that



Biking, fishing and camping were among the activities available to campers recently during Camp Corral at Camp Wood YMCA near Elmdale.

participated in activities such as swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing and horseback riding to name a few. After lunch, they got a chance to get a taste of what groups they weren't a part of were doing with short sessions of all the different activities. At night, there were all-camp games,

a dance, a talent show and campfires.

"We put on a big schedule," Murray said. "But summer camps in general are all about building friendships and relationships."

Though he has been at Camp Wood for less than a year, Murray has more than 18

GROWING CAMP

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years working with camps. He said Camp Corral is perhaps the most special with which he's been involved.

"It's really cool to see the relationships that form out of those shared experiences," he said. "Back home, most of the kids have their best friends but they don't exactly know what they're going through. On the other side, when they come to camp, they don't have to break down those barriers and there is no 'small-talky' phase in trying to get to know one other. They almost have a language all of their own."

The emphasis, of course, is on having fun. Many of the

children who attend Camp Corral, however, have already been through a lot in their young lives. Murray said giving them a chance to spend a week around people their age who can relate to them is important.

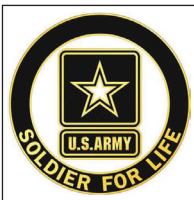
"We have emotional times," Murray said. "But the neat thing is, if one kid is having a tough time, you'll see another kid go over and put their arm around them and just say, 'I know what you're going through.' That's one of the things that makes this so special."

He added that, though the kids have a lot of fun and do a lot for each other, it's also a rewarding experience for the employees and volunteers at Camp Wood YMCA.

"It's an honor to work with these kids," he said. "Our staff gets a good lesson from how strong these kids are despite going through a lot. Overall, it's just a really cool thing and a ton of fun."

FORT RILEY POST-ITS

SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS



From July 25 to 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, a 30-hour Occupational Health and Safety Administration course will be provided by the Garrison Safety Office. Class to be held in room 12, 500 Huebner Rd.

On Aug. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, Fort Leavenworth Job and Education Fair is scheduled at the Frontier Conference Center, 350 Biddle Blvd., Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

From Aug. 7 from 1 a.m. to 4 p.m. members of Society of American Military Engineers will sponsor a Warrior Transition panel in building 580 room 110 on 1st Division Road. Spouses are invited.



ARMY AIR FORCE EXCHANGE 121ST ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND EVENTS

In celebration of 121 years of service, the Army Air Force Exchange staff is hosting events throughout the weekend of July 23 to 24.

Events include a variety of games, contest prizes and specials.

All ages are welcome to participate in the patriotic 1.5 mile bicycle parade July 23. Sign up will start at 8 a.m. and the parade starts at 9 a.m. Don't forget to decorate your bikes — there will be 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-place prizes for the most creatively decorated bike.

Also that day at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will a car and motorcycle show.

See if you can dunk the new garrison commander, Col. John Lawrence in the dunk tank July 23 from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Events will be at the Main Post Exchange, 2210 Trooper Drive, Fort Riley.

For more information contact 785-784-2026 extension 207.

SESAME STREET COMING TO FORT RILEY JULY 27

Sesame Street and USO Fort Riley are partnering to bring the Muppets to Fort Riley July 27 with multiple shows at King

Field House. Shows will begin at 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each show.

The 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows feature a military kid named Katie who is moving to a new place. The 4:30 p.m. show deals with transitioning out of military life. The show is free to military families; however, tickets are required. Tickets are available at Leisure Travel Center, 6918 Trooper Drive. There is a limit of six tickets per family.

For more information or to register, call 785-239-8990 or visit riley.armymwr.com.

RECYCLING CENTER CLOSED FOR TRAINING

The recycling center at building 1630 on the corner of 1 and 7th Streets in Camp Funston will be closed for training July 27 and 28.

There are containers outside the gate by building 1630 where material can be dropped off in their respective container.

For more information contact 785-239-2094.

FAMILY CANOE TRIP

Settle in, relax and enjoy a leisurely canoe trip with the staff of Outdoor Recreation at Fort Riley from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 30. The location will be determined by water levels. The trip is open to people age 5 and older. Registration is \$15 per person. Advance registration is required.

For more information, call 785-239-2363.

GOLD STAR FLAG RAISING

In honor of fallen Soldiers for August from Kansas and Nebraska, a flag raising will be held on Aug. 1 at 6:30 a.m. at building 500 on Fort Riley.

The Soldiers being honored for August are:

If you would like to have your fallen Soldier or service member honored contact Survivor Outreach Services at 785-239-5979 or 785-239-1709.

HEARTS APART FAMILY ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR WAITING FAMILIES PROGRAM

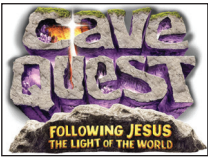
A family arts and crafts event, sponsored by the Army Community Service staff, is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at Colyer Forsyth Community Center for families of deployed Soldiers or families who are living separately from their service member. There will be instructor-led

and independent craft projects for all ages. The event is free, but requires pre-registration as space is limited.

To register or for more information, call 785-239-9435.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Fort Riley Chapel Services staff is scheduled to host Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1 through 5 at Victory Chapel. To register a child, or as a volunteer, email fortrileyvbs2016@yahoo.com.



RESILIENT SPOUSE ACADEMY

Army Community Service staff will host a Resilient Spouse Academy Aug. 1 to 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-registration is required and free childcare is available on a limited first-come basis.

For more information or to sign up, please call ACS at 785-239-9974 or 0435.

CUSTER HILL POOL CLOSING EARLY

Custer Hill Pool's last day of operation will be Aug. 13. Pool passes purchased between May 28 and June 30 will be valid until Sept. 30 at Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation aquatic facilities.

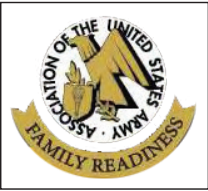
For more information, call the aquatic program manager at 785-239-9441.

RED CROSS DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted for the Red Cross Dental Assistant Program through Aug. 19.

For more information call 785-239-1887.

ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY MILITARY FAMILY FORUM



Members of the AUSA organization will hold a military family forum on Aug. 25 at Riley's Conference Center from 9:30 to 2 p.m. The topic will be Military spouse employment: what you need to know.

For more information contact support@ftrileyausa.org.

CUSTER HILL BOWLING CENTER BEAT THE HEAT RUSH

Through Aug. 31 you can beat the heat and cool off with lunch time bowling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Price per game is \$2 minus the day's high temperature. Shoes are not included.

For more information call staff at 785-239-4366.

BOWLING AND A MOVIE AT CUSTER HILL BOWLING CENTER

Catch dinner and a movie on the lanes Aug. 11 from 5 to 9 p.m..

Enjoy a family fun package featuring for up to six bowlers for \$35 per family

Price includes two hours of bowling, shoes, a large one topping pizza, two pitchers of soft drink and a family movie on the big screens

The movie is Kung Fu Panda 3 and starts at 6 p.m.

For more information call staff at 785-239-4366.



USO EVENTS ANNOUNCED

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

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

FORT RILEY VARSITY BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

The 2016 to 2017 varsity basketball tryouts will be held at King Field House at 5:30 p.m. on July 25, 27, 29, Aug. 1, 3 and 5.

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.

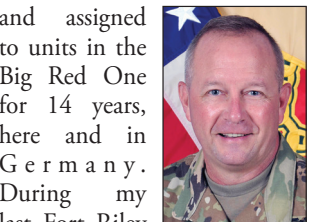
COMMUNITY CORNER

Honor, privilege to return as Fort Riley as garrison commander

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to return to Fort Riley as your garrison commander. My wife, son and I have been warmly welcomed and embraced back into the Fort Riley community and “Big Red One” family and we are very happy to be back.

This installation, and surrounding communities, hold a very special place in my heart and the hearts of my family. As we enter into the 100th anniversary of this historic division, I'm proud to say I began my Army career here 32 years ago as a young private. After completing 10 years of enlisted service, nine of which were at Fort Riley, I received my commission through Officer Candidate School. During my career, I have been assigned to Fort Riley a total of 11 years



Colonel Lawrence

and assigned to units in the Big Red One for 14 years, here and in Germany. During my last Fort Riley assignment, I was on the division headquarters staff, so I am no stranger to the community, installation or the Big Red One.

One of the best things about returning to Fort Riley

for us are the people. From the best trained Soldiers to a civilian workforce second to none, we are truly a community of excellence. In addition, surrounding Fort Riley are local communities that embrace Fort Riley as they would an old friend. These people are dedicated and caring, much like many of you who selflessly volunteer hours of your own time across the installation to make our community a better place. The people are indeed what

makes Fort Riley the best place to live, train, deploy from, return home to and as we have seen through the years, retire.

As my time here begins, I know I will be asked many tough questions and my promise to you is that you will always get an honest and candid

answer. The answer may not be what you want, but it will always be the truth.

Again, it is truly an honor to serve here with you and support our Soldiers, families and civilians as we enter into the 100th anniversary of this historic division.

Duty First ... Service Always.

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RODEO

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something new and different,” Harrington said. “I’ve enjoyed seeing the bright smiles on the children’s faces.”

The Lynch family said this event is important to them because the children are able to be themselves with other children with special needs. The children also get to experience a rodeo from the driver’s seat and learn firsthand how to lasso and ride a horse.

“It’s very important to families with special needs because there is no other place we can go and our children won’t be looked at funny,” Lynch said. “They can do what they want to without people looking down on them. It’s relaxing to them to be themselves.”

For more information call 785-239-9435 or visit Army Community Service at 7264 Normandy Drive.

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SATURDAY, JULY 23

• Central Intelligence (PG-13) 2 P.M.

• X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13) 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

• The Conjuring 2 (R) 5 P.M.

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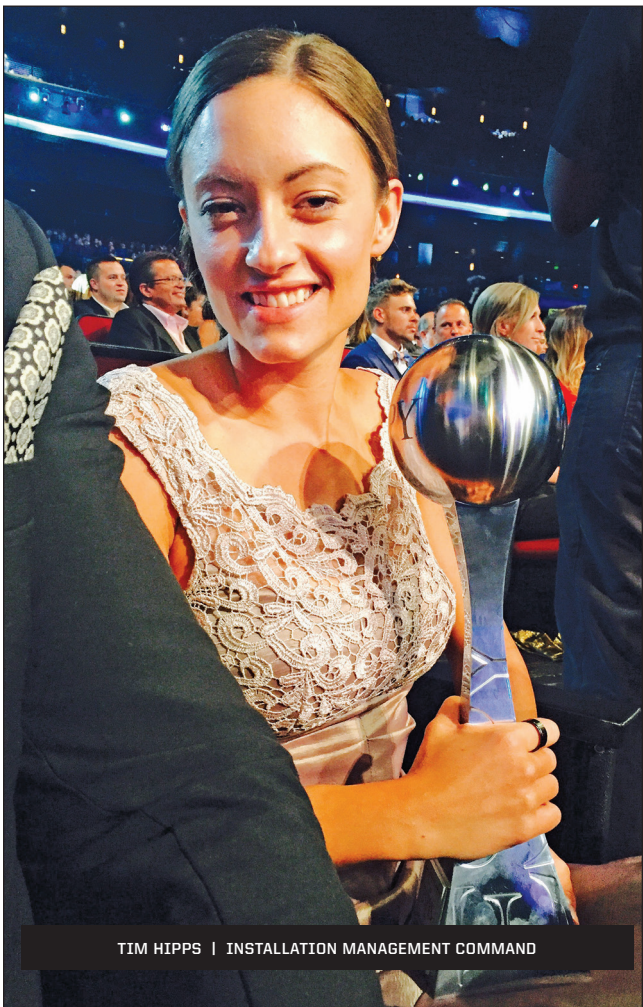
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Sports & Recreation



ABOVE: Paralympic swimmer Sgt. Elizabeth Marks of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program delivers her acceptance speech after receiving the Pat Tillman Award at The ESPYS on July 13 at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. **LEFT:** Marks smiles for the camera with her award.

Combat medic wins Pat Tillman award

By Tim Hipps
U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION
MANAGEMENT COMMAND

LOS ANGELES — Sgt. Elizabeth Marks does not swim to win medals, reap accolades or even earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Team.

“I don’t chase medals,” Marks said. “I chase experiences. I don’t believe in stepping on a block or training and thinking about an object. I train thinking about friends that I’ve impacted along the way and strangers that I’ve gotten to impact along the way. That’s the real prize. That’s what it’s all about for me.”

Marks won four gold medals at the 2016 Invictus Games and earned a berth in the 2016 Rio Paralympic

Games. On July 13, she was honored at the 2016 ESPY awards before a national television audience with a Pat Tillman Award for Service.

Sgt. Elizabeth Marks sustained bilateral hip injuries in 2010 while serving as a combat medic in Iraq, and struggles with vision and hearing difficulties immediately after swimming races. She swims, she said, to help others realize that they too can overcome adversity.

“I wanted to stay active duty because I wanted other people to know, when they got injured, that they had options,” Marks said. “I think I’ve been given a unique perspective in most things in life. I just feel lucky every day. I feel like I wake up and I’m glad I have that day, and no matter

what happens, if I swim the world’s slowest time, I would have been grateful to be in the pool.”

Marks realizes what a difference one day can make. “Last night was a whirlwind,” she said of her ESPY Awards experience. “It was beautiful and humbling. My favorite part was getting to meet Marie (Tillman) and learn more about the Pat Tillman Foundation.

The announcement that Marks had made the 2016 U.S. Paralympic Team came on the four-year anniversary of her being named fit for active duty by a medical review board.

“I had to fight very hard to be found fit for duty to stay in the Army,” Marks said when she was officially named to Team USA. “I fought very, very hard for it.”

All other achievements—the paralympics announcement, the fitness active duty anniversary, her Invictus Games victories and her Pat Tillman award — are the culmination of four years of hard work. Nevertheless, Marks is eager to direct the attention away from herself.

“My credit goes to my love for the Army, as well as my brothers and sisters that stand beside me and behind me the whole way,” Marks said. “They have supported me wholeheartedly through the entire process from day one when I did my first competition and learned that I loved swimming until I competed in the Paralympic Trials.”

At the ESPY Awards, Marks’ message was received loud and clear.

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Two K-State football players earn place on award watch list

K-STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State junior Elijah Lee and senior Charmeachealle Moore were among 51 linebackers named to the 32nd annual Butkus Award watch list, the Butkus Foundation announced July 12.

Kansas State was one of only six schools nationally with multiple players on the list to honor the nation’s best linebacker, joining Alabama, Houston, Louisville, Ohio State and Penn State. It was the first time since Arthur Brown in 2012 the Wildcats had a candidate for the award.

Lee, who is also a candidate for this year’s Bednarik Award and Bronko Nagurski Trophy, paced the squad last season with 80 tackles, including 7.5 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks. He also led K-State with three interceptions, the most by a Wildcat linebacker since 2002, en route to Second Team All-Big 12 honors.

A product of Dallas, Texas, Moore finished second on the team with 55 tackles, 43 of which came in the final four games of the year, for an average of 10.8 tackles in each of those contests. He recorded a career-best 17 stops in K-State’s bowl-eligibility clinching victory over West Virginia in the season finale on his way to Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week honors. Of his 17 stops against the Mountaineers, 16 were unassisted, the most nationally during the 2015 season and the most by a Wildcat since at least 1990.

Semifinalists for the 32nd annual Butkus Award will be named Oct. 31 and finalists on Nov. 21. The winner will be announced in early 2017 on the recipient’s campus.

The annual Fan Appreciation Day is, Aug. 13, at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Details for the event will be announced at a later date. Head coach Bill Snyder, along with the 2016 team



captains — Dante Barnett, Jesse Ertz, Jordan Willis and Dalton Risner — went to Dallas, Texas, July 19 to participate in Big 12 Media Day.

Heading into Snyder’s 25th season at the helm of the Wildcats, excitement is building for the 2016 season as a limited number of single-game tickets remain available for K-State’s six home games.

Available tickets for the homecoming game against Texas on, Oct. 22 are expected to be down to scattered singles soon, and the other five home games are also selling quickly as K-State looks to extend its sellout streak to 33-straight games.

Other Wildcat players nominated for national awards include:

- Dante Barnett — Bednarik Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy
- Will Geary — Outland Trophy
- Dalton Risner — Rimington Trophy
- Duke Shelley — Bronko Nagurski Trophy
- Nick Walsh — Ray Guy Award

FINAL RUN WITH THE DAGGERS



CAPT. ED ALVARADO | 2ND ABCT

Col. Miles Brown, commander of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, buddy carries Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Orvis, senior noncommissioned officer of 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., during their last Dagger Newcomer’s History Run on July 12 at Fort Riley. Brown and Orvis conducted their changes of command and responsibility July 15 at Cavalry Parade Field. Brown will next serve with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, and Orvis will next serve at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Fort Hood medic takes bronze at Taekwondo Nationals



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LEFT: Spec. Monique Anderson, a combat medic at Fort Hood, Texas, gets in a kick during her victory in the semi-finals at the U.S. Taekwondo Championships in Richmond, Virginia. **ABOVE:** Team Captain Sgt. 1st Class Edward Fourquet consoles Pfc. Kevin Prieto after the 4th Infantry Division vehicle mechanic lost a close quarterfinals fight.

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RICHMOND, Va. — Spc. Monique Anderson, a medic with the 36th Engineer Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas, was the lone medalist from the All-Army Taekwondo Team which wrapped up its participation July 7 at the 2016 national championships in Richmond, Virginia.

She took the bronze before being bested in her semi-final fight later in the day.

“I was nervous at first, but once I started getting in my zone it was a lot of fun,” Anderson said, after the first fight of the competition.

Her father, former Sgt. Robert Anderson, and mother, Sandra, were at the event, along with brother Devon. Mrs. Anderson said she was very proud of her daughter but not surprised.

“She is one smart and tough cookie,” said the specialist’s mother, who was equally impressed with “Monique’s science and technical acumen” honed at Maryland’s

Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Anderson’s parents, who live in Laurel, Maryland, actually got her into the sport.

“When I was little, my parents made me,” she said. “But I’m thankful now. I would not be here today without them.”

She also credited her trainer in Texas and her commander for setting her up for success in the championships and for opening her eyes to competing in the sport as an Army representative.

“My instructor at the martial arts studio where I train (in Killeen, Texas) told me the Army was looking for female black belts to try out for the All-Army team,” Anderson said. “I filled out the application, my commanding officer approved it and I was off to tryouts (at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania).”

Of the nine Army fighters who competed, only two others advanced in the single-elimination tournament: Pfc. Kevin Prieto, a 4th Infantry Division vehicle mechanic at Fort Carson, Colorado, and 1st Lt. Joshua

Fletcher, a military intelligence officer assigned to the 8th Military Police Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Prieto, a San Francisco native, lost in the closing seconds of his quarter-finals contest with a single head-shot kick while Fletcher was outscored on a protested official’s call when his victory seemed secure.

The lieutenant from Wayne, Michigan, is in his second year as an All-Army competitor. So is team captain Sgt. 1st Class Edward Fourquet, a Fort Bragg-based combat medic from Carthage, New York .

“I have mixed emotions,” said the team’s head coach, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Fennell, a member of the Georgia National Guard and an Army World Class Athlete alumni. “It’s hard to watch from the coach’s chair as some of our more talented athletes suffered tough losses.

“But I’m proud of the Army team,” the Savannah, Georgia native said. “They all fought like warriors.”

Other team members are:

- Spc. Daniel Colon, a cryptologic

network warrior with the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade at Schofield Barracks and a native of Boynton Beach, Florida

- South Carolina National Guard Sgt. Thomas Huskey , a fuels NCO from Beaufort, South Carolina
- 2nd Lt. Ryan Kim of Chino Hills, California, a personnel officer assigned to the 25th Sustainment Brigade at Schofield Barracks
- Spc. Han Lang, an Apache helicopter mechanic with the 6th Cavalry at Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii, originally from Denver.
- Spc. Philip Moses of Pickens, South Carolina, a combat engineer serving with the South Carolina National Guard.
- Fennell was assisted by fellow Army World Class Athlete and former All-Army Taekwondo fighter Maj. Punnarin Koy, executive officer of the Fort Snelling, Minnesota-based 457th Transportation Battalion. He is a native of Cambodia and makes his home in New Brighton, Minnesota.

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“I want to say ‘thank you’ to the men and women that are serving, to the families that serve alongside them,” she said. “Mostly, I want to say ‘thank you’ to my wounded, ill, sick and injured service men and women all over the world. When I came off life support, you sent me messages of encouragement and love and you didn’t even know me. I want to say ‘thank you,’ and I hold you dear to my heart.

I will do everything I can to bring home the gold from Rio, and it will be because of you. We did this, and anything else from here on forward I will consider a testament to your craze, your love and your affection. And I will leave you with this: if you’re struggling, if you’re hurting — whether it’s mental or emotional — if ever you think you’re alone, you’re not. And if ever you think no one cares, I do. Please come join me behind the blocks.”

Marks received a standing ovation after her speech, but just prior to receiving the award, she had expressed doubts that she was worthy of it.

“I was in shock when I received the news, and I called my Dad because I couldn’t

really process it,” she recalled before actually receiving the trophy.

“I said, ‘Dad, I won an ESPY and it’s the Pat Tillman Award. He started ranting and raving and said, ‘Do you know what that is, Baby?’ I knew who Pat Tillman was, but I didn’t know what ESPYS were.”

Her father, James Marks, who turned 66 on the eve of the 2016 ESPY Awards show, served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

“He said to me, ‘I’m always proud of you, baby girl, and I always will be,’” Elizabeth said. “He said, ‘Good job.’ My Dad is the kind of man who I could make him a snowman out of mud and bring it to him and he would be just as excited as me winning a gold medal.”

Marks admitted beforehand that she had little idea what to expect during one of the most exciting nights of her life.

“I don’t know anything about other athletes,” she said. “I know almost nothing about sports. I think that it helps that people are people — we’re all human beings — and I think having genuine encounters is very important.”

At the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, Marks found that she felt right at home with hundreds of the greatest athletes in America.

“All of the athletes were extremely kind. ESPN did a fantastic job of welcoming me and taking care of me and helping me deliver my message,” she said. “It was nice that they received it as well as they did.”

Marks said afterwards that she was honored to be associated with the Pat Tillman Award and all that it represents.

“The Pat Tillman Fund does such amazing things for people — scholarships, support, everything,” she said. “Just to be considered for the Pat Tillman Award, compared to the people who have received it in the past, was just a huge honor.”

Marks is the first active-duty Soldier to receive the prestigious award, but Marks said she is far from being finished.

“Every step along the way has been unexpected and sometimes hard, sometimes beautiful,” she said. “I’m just grateful for all of it. What it led to is just a result of trying hard, caring about what I was doing, and wanting to do it for my military family.”

Marks wishes everyone could receive the same amount of support she has.

“There’s too many people that get stuck after they get hurt, whether it’s mentally, physically or emotionally hurt, and I think the most tragic thing that can happen is for one of our brothers or sisters to get left behind,” said Marks, who wears an Ideo — a prosthetic for her non-sensation left leg.

“I think that it’s our responsibility to continue lifting our brothers and sisters up until not one person is left behind, until the statistic of suicide is reduced, until everyone knows that there’s a family once you become ill, sick or injured — mentally or physically. There is a new chapter to be opened and we welcome them.”

At some point, Marks plans to continue giving back in another way. She would love to coach Paralympians when she’s finished competing.

“My injury was in April of 2010, so technically I’m only six years old by Paralympic standards,” she said.

For now, Marks is ready to go to Rio de Janeiro and take on the world.

“I feel ready and I feel excited,” she concluded. “I’m ready to do it.”

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PLAN A WEEKEND IN CONCORDIA

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PHOTO 1: Concordia, Kansas, features the National Orphan Train Museum. The building is a restored train depot and located next to the functional railroad going through town. The Orphan Train originated from New York in 1854 and ran through 1929. **PHOTO 2:** The Whole Wall Mural, the longest sculpted brick mural in the United States **PHOTO 3:** On the corner of 7th and Broadway Street, is the Cloud County Museum, an original Carnegie Library built in 1908.



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Looking for a small Kansas town with charm, history and activities? Make a weekend getaway to Concordia, Kansas.

Stop by one of the museums in town. On the corner of 7th and Broadway Streets is the Cloud County Museum. The historic building was constructed in 1908 as a Carnegie Library. Another popular display is Charles Blossers' 1928 Lincoln Page bi-plane. There are interactive exhibits for children including a working manual water pump, old school bells and the original county jail cell. There are also two rooms of displays dedicated to prisoners of war. Camp Concordia housed German prisoners in the mid 1940s. At its peak Camp Concordia held 4,027 Prisoners, with a staff of 880 soldiers and 179 civilian employees.

For more information, call 785-243-2866.

Remember reading the Orphan Train Adventure series by Joan Lowry Nixon as a kid? See the history that inspired the series at the National Orphan Train Museum on 3rd Street. The building is a restored train depot and is next to the railroad tracks that still pass through town. The Orphan Train originated from New York in 1854 and ran through 1929. More than 250,000 orphaned children took the train through to new homes in the American West. Exhibits include stories of the children, pets and others involved in the movement.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. On Saturdays the museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For Concordia's art scene, check out the Whole Wall Mural. According to the Cloud County Tourism website, it is the longest sculpted brick mural in the United States and the largest piece of public art in Kansas. The Whole Wall Mural is 140 feet long and was carved in seven separate sections on 6,400 green, unfired bricks. Each unfired brick weighed approximately 26 pounds before it was carved. More than 90 thousand pounds of clay was used building the surface on which the wall was carved.

For more information about Concordia and the surrounding area, visit www.cloudcountytourism.com.



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239-7871	
600 Huebner Road, Irwin Army Medical Hospital	
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Christian Worship Services include: Protestant, Catholic, and Gospel Services. Other Worship Services include: Wiccan.

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

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

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

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